Bolehill & Steeple Grange Improvement Group

Meeting: Wednesday 16th February 2022

Held at the Mens' Institute

Chair: Jackie Batchelor

Secretary: Ann Plant

Present: Frances Edwards, David Schofield, Liz Ormond, Tony & Julie Gillibrand, Sean Barker, Martin Bennett, Ann Rhodes

Apologies: Rosalind Fleming, Nic and Paul Hill, Marvin Harding & Sheila Harding, Kevin Munnelly, Sandie Weeks

Item	Notes	Action/Responsible
1. Minutes of previous meeting held on 17th November 2021 were approved.		
2. Social Events Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations and Open Gardens	The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations are due to take place nationally over the bank holiday 2nd to 5th June 2022 and the Sunday 5th for street parties etc. The Open Gardens weekend was agreed at the November meeting for the 11th/12th June 2022. However, it was agreed that as the two events would be only one week apart, the Open Gardens Weekend should be postponed to 2023. A discussion took place as to the various options available to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee locally. It was agreed that a BIG organised picnic/party should take place on the Bolehill Playing Fields and that residents should be encouraged to bring their own food and drink, chair/blanket etc. BIG would arrange if possible for hiring of a portaloo for the day. Whilst it would be acceptable to the DDDC for our event to include music, BYO drink & have games on the playing fields with no change to the BIG event insurance, a Pop-up Pub, Bouncy Castle & BBQs would incur additional licences & insurance costs for BIG. It was agreed not to include such activities. **Jackie Batchelor** agreed to pursue discussions with DDDC with respect to consents & risk assessments. **Sean Barker, Tony Gillibrand & Nic Hill** have all offered to help with the organisation of the event. **More volunteers needed** – if anyone else is interested in lending a hand, then please contact Jackie Batchelor on Chair@Biginfo.org.uk	All residents to note JB/SB/TG/NH All residents to note

3. Village electric vehicle charging point	A discussion was held as to whether it would be a good idea for public electric vehicle charging point(s) to be installed in Bolehill and/or Steeple Grange. The Government is currently offering grant funding to Local Authorities for both on street & council owned car park public electric vehicle charging points, the scheme ends in March 2023 It was agreed that given the number of properties without private off-street parking in both Bolehill & Steeple Grange that this would, in principle, be worth exploring with the Town Council in the first instance. An initial discussion was held as to the feasibility of doing so & suggestions included for instance land off Steeple Grange, Parkers Piece & Bolehill Road near Old Telephone Box. **Sean Barker** agreed to raise matter with Wirksworth Town Council. **Liz Ormond** agreed to try & find out who owned the land off Steeple Grange.	SB & LO to action AP to add to March agenda
4. Next Door App	Some residents have received a letter regarding this App and are worried that it is a scam. It appears to be a genuine forum for sharing information, like Facebook, and there is a local Wirksworth Group, and several residents are known to have joined. It was agreed that individuals should make their own decision as whether to join.	All residents to note
5. Updates from previous meeting. **(i) leaf clearing**	Leaf clearing in the area is the District Council's responsibility as part of their street sweeping responsibilities. The current leaf clearing schedule includes in our area, parts of Cromford Road, Oakerthorpe Road, New Road, Nan Gell's Hill, Stoney Hill, and Bolehill Road near the Old Chapel & School House. This takes place between late October and late December as part of a district wide programme. If anyone is concerned that there are other areas of significant leaf fall that should be included, please contact Chair@Biginfo.org.uk If during the autumn anyone has issues or concerns these can also be reported on the District Council's website https://selfserve.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/renderform.aspx?t=119&k=85BFD0B768385085DE640A308C046436060AF706 or Fix My Street has a very good success rate https://www.fixmystreet.com	All residents to note
(ii) County Councillor visit	**County Councillor Dermot Murphy** will be attending the next BIG meeting on the 16th March. He has currently been asked to investigate: • The condition of the footpath on Oakerthorpe Road leading to the Malt Shovel and • flooding of properties on The Lanes from water from Oakerthorpe Road. If anyone has any other matters to raise, please contact Chair@Biginfo.org.uk and/or come to the March meeting at The Mens Institute	All residents to note AP to add to March Agenda

6. Outstanding items	Seat outside Mens' Institute (JB) Oakerthorpe Road footway (see 5(ii) above) Walk routes on website (MH/SH/RD) Recreation Ground (JB/LO) Bolehill Road signage (JB/LO) Ambulance access (JB) Website (all residents)	AP to add to March Agenda
7. Any other business		
Garage Sale	The garage sale is to take place on Monday 2nd May 2022. Further details to follow.	Liz Ormond

2022 Meetings:

Wednesday March 16th

Tuesday May 24th

Wednesday July 20th

Tuesday September 20th

Wednesday November 16th