Bolehill & Steeple Grange Improvement Group

Meeting: Wednesday 16th March 2022

Held at the Mens' Institute

Chair: Jackie Batchelor

Secretary: Ann Plant

Present: Councillor Dermot Murphy, David & Jane Hopkinson, Tony & Julie Gillibrand, Frances Edwards, Liz Ormond, Sharon Capel-Evans & David Evans, Sean Barker, Kevin Munnelly, Ian Gutteridge, Paul & Nic Hill, Marvin Harding & Sheila Harding, Heidi Taylor, Jonathan Hopkinson

Apologies: Sandie Weeks, Ann Rhodes, Martin Bennett, Lorelei Jarvis, David Brown, Sally Scott

Item	Notes	Action/Responsible
1. Derbyshire County Councillor Dermot Murphy in attendance	The Chair welcomed our County Councillor to the meeting **i) Flooding of properties on Oakerthorpe Road/The Lanes.** There was a good discussion about this matter which had been drawn to BIG's attention by a resident of The Lanes who has experienced flooding from Oakerthorpe Road for over 4 years. This has been drawn to the attention of the County Council. In addition, flooding elsewhere in Bolehill, Steeple Grange and Wirksworth town, with many shops flooding regularly, was discussed. After much discussion, it was concluded that part of the problem is lack of regular clearing of the gulleys, particularly in autumn/ winter when they become easily blocked. The Group expressed concern that the reactive approach was not a sensible use of resources and Dermot Murphy (DM) undertook to establish if there was a programme of gulley clearing for Bolehill & Steeple Grange. Marvin Harding (MH) offered to provide him with a map with the gulleys marked and Dermot Murphy undertook to visit the area to understand the problem. He will pursue the issues on our behalf in order to bring about a satisfactory conclusion. **ii) Footpath on Oakerthorpe Road to The Malt Shovel.** Despite being reported by Bolehill residents on numerous occasions, the footpath is very overgrown and it's condition underfoot is deteriorating and needs attention. Dermot Murphy will also chase this on our behalf. He suggested residents should report any problems online. https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/transport-roads/roads-traffic/report-a-road-fault/report-a-road-fault.aspx Fix my Street also has a good success rate https://fixmystreet.com Dermot Murphy was thanked for his input and left the meeting, as he had a further meeting to attend.	MH to provide map to DM. DM to raise issues with appropriate County department. DM to contact appropriate County department

2. Minutes of previous meeting held on 16th February 2022 were approved		
3. Updates from previous meeting i) Queen's Platinum Jubilee Picnic	It is proposed that our Queen's Platinum Jubilee Picnic should take place on the Bolehill Playing Fields from 3.00 – 7.00 pm on Sunday 5th June 2022. A small group of residents have volunteered to organise the event, other volunteers welcome, please email chair@biginfo.org.uk An invitation/questionnaire will be distributed to all residents to ascertain people's interest in attending and views. It was noted that the playing field needed cutting by DDDC and this should be included in the Risk Assessment that would be required by DDDC. It was also noted that the climbing frame was still not repaired despite being raised directly with District Council Officers and ward councillor Dawn Greatorex. Jackie Batchelor (JB) & Liz Ormond (LO) are pursuing this. It is hoped that residents would be willing to put up flags and bunting around the village. There is a lady who lives in Wirksworth who makes and sells bunting –house opposite the Wellspring Church on St John's Street.	All residents to note JB/SB/NH/TG/AR to note JB/LO to monitor progress by DDDC All residents to note
ii) Village electric vehicle charging point	Further to discussions at the previous meeting, consideration was given to locations for the provision of public charging points in Bolehill & Steeple Grange. Investigations have been made as to who owns the piece of land on the footpath leading to the Stone Centre from Steeple Grange but without success. Jackie Batchelor (JB) has agreed to email one of the residents who lives nearby. Other locations may be suitable (see previous minutes). The Group asked our Town Councillor Sean Barker (SB) to raise the matter with the Town Council as grants are only accessible by local authorities until March 2023 (see previous minutes). Item to be discussed at next meeting	JB to action SB to action AP to put on next agenda
4. Outstanding items	**i) Seat outside Mens' Institute.** Jackie Batchelor to arrange a meeting with the Institute to discuss this item and other items regarding continued use of the Institute by BIG. Other sites were suggested for this seat and Liz Ormond has agreed to contact the owner of the land near George Mine Barn. It was agreed to discuss again at next meeting **ii) Walk routes on website.** Marvin Harding and Sheila Harding have agreed to look at this.	JB to action LO to action AP to put on next agenda MH & SH to action

	iii) Recreation Ground. It was agreed that accessibility should be improved. It was suggested that the area would be ideal for under 10s football. Jonathan Hopkinson (JH) offered to measure up and speak to Chris Whittle. **iv) Bolehill Road signage.** It has been previously agreed that there was a need for a sign at the bottom of Chapel Hill identifying the properties in Bolehill Road who are accessed via Chapel Hill. Jackie Batchelor reported that she had written to DDDC and is awaiting a response. **v) Ambulance access** still to look at. **vi) Website.** It was agreed that the website needs improving and if anyone has any ideas and would like to help please contact Chair@Biginf.org.uk	JH to action. JB to monitor JB to action All residents
5. Any other business		
Litter Pick	A litter pick is proposed on, hopefully, a day between 25th March to 10th April to coincide with the Keep Britain Tidy 'Great British Spring Clean'. Date to be confirmed.	JB to action
Parker's Piece	It was agreed that this area needed attention, could be location for seat? To be discussed at next meeting	AP to put on next agenda
Building site on Bolehill Road	This site has now been sold. We understand it will be built and marketed under the name 'Ecclesbourne View' but the street name has yet to be decided. Alternatives were discussed but it was agreed that before the Group discusses again that Liz Ormond (LO) should establish whether we are able to influence the choice.	LO to action AP to put on next agenda
Village Calendar for 2023	The theme for next year's calendar is "Now & Then". If anyone has any historical pictures/photographs of Bolehill please contact Marvin Harding on marvinpaul@w3z.co.uk	All residents to note

2022 Meetings:

Tuesday May 24th

Wednesday July 20th

Tuesday September 20th

Wednesday November 16th