Bolehill & Steeple Grange Improvement Group

Meeting: 21 September 2022

Held at The Malt Shovel Public House

Chair: Jackie Batchelor

Secretary: Christine Bell

Present: Jackie Batchelor, Christine Bell, Liz Ormond, Richard Daldorph, Sue Daldorph, Kevin Munnelly, Sandie Weeks, Ken McClennon, Maggie Dowdell, Tim Dowdell, David Schofield

Apologies: Ann Plant, David & Sharon Evans, Christine Saunders, Marvin Harding, Sheila Harding, Rosalind Fleming, Mike Edwards, Frances Edwards, Martin Bennett, Lorelei Jarvis, Dave Brown, Nic & Paul Hill, Sean Barker, Helen Wolf.

Item	Notes	Action/Responsible
1. Minutes of previous meeting held on 20 July 2022 were approved		
2. Summer Picnic	* General good feelings about Summer Picnic with plenty of help volunteered. * JB explained all expenditure from cancelled Jubilee Picnic has been covered by grants but the Summer Picnic had cost BIG £162, which covered the purchase of council licences, additional insurance, hire of games from Toy Library. * It was agreed that there was no advantage in purchasing our own gazebo for future events as there had been sufficient offers of personal gazebos prior to the Summer Picnic.	
3. Future 'BIG' Events	*Service of Remembrance at Memorial in New Road on Sunday 13 November 2022	LO to organise
	*Carol Singing (at bottom of Chapel Hill), hopefully to take place on Friday 16 December 2022, followed by mulled wine in Institute.	JB to contact Ronnie Cotterill to check her availability. KM also offered help in leading singing. JB to contact Institute about availability on 16 December.
	*Quiz, David Schofield has offered to organise a quiz in February 2023.	DS to organise
	*Summer Picnic, there was general support for another Summer Picnic in 2023. JB reminded the meeting that it could possibly coincide with the coronation of King Charles III. Sue Daldorph suggested that a future Summer Picnic could be organised to raise funds for a charity. This may attract larger attendance. JB reminded all that this would involve a change to 'BIG' Constitution which states fund raising is only for village projects.	JB to bring a draft concerning any alterations to Constitution to future meeting.

	*Open Gardens, it was suggested that the Open Gardens should alternate with a Summer Picnic on a year-to-year basis. Concern expressed that there has been a long gap since last gardens event and it would be good to hold the Open Gardens in 2023. Need to discuss further once dates for Coronation are known. It was agreed that to hold one or both events in 2023 would require organisation & more volunteers. Anyone interested in helping with one or both events as well as residents interested in opening their garden, please contact Chair@BIGinfo.org.uk	AP to put on agenda for next meeting. All residents to note & action.
4. 2023 Calendar (MH/SH)	* This year's Theme is "Then and Now". Any historical photographs of village properties or events to be compared with present day view of same. Post note meeting: Calendar price likely to be £7.50 subject to printing quotes.	MH will take the photographs of "present" Bolehill
5. Bolehill & Steeple Grange History Project	* There was a general discussion about this project. Currently the idea is to capture recollections & stories of residents of Bolehill & Steeple Grange. *Interviews with residents who have lived all their life in Bolehill are at present being undertaken. * There was a general discussion about how these stories would be stored, it was generally considered that digitally may be the best option and funding may be required to take this forward. Post meeting: Helen Wolf (HW) has expressed interest in helping with this project.	LO/ AP / HW to meet and take forward.
6. Wildflowers in Bolehill Recreation Ground	*LO raised concerns about whether the wildflower areas are being managed by DDDC. There was a general discussion about how best that BIG should approach this. It was suggested that the long grass area needs clearing and mowing annually to allow wildflowers to establish and given the interest by residents in helping in advance of the Jubilee Picnic was this something that we should do involving Wilder Wirksworth? An alternative view expressed was that as the land was Council owned and maintained that DDDC should take responsibility. It was agreed that DDDC should be contacted in the first instance.	JB to contact DDDC
7. Meeting Secretary	*Ann Plant plans to retire as Meetings Secretary at end of 2022. Replacement needed from January 2023.	Please forward any Interest to JB Chair@Biginfo.org.uk
8. Updates	a) Parker's Piece Seat – village residents to be surveyed on opinions. b) Bolehill Road signage – DDDC have recently visited site. c) Men's Institute – awaiting reply from Institute re use of building by BIG. d) LO noticed improvement on overgrown footpath area near George Mine Barn. Some strimming had been done. TD observed that area around small stile (gate?) at lower end of above footpath has become waterlogged at times. DCC are responsible for this maintenance? e) Noticeboard outside Men's Institute is in poor condition. MH has	JB to action SB to check

	quoted to do work to replace it. Suggestion made that it needs larger dimensions/different backing. Quote agreed at meeting by Treasurer (David Schofield). JB to approach Men's Institute for permission regarding larger noticeboard.	JB to action
9. Any Other Business	a) Police Community Vehicle and officers regularly come to Bolehill, for residents to approach to voice any concerns or comments. The vehicle has in the past parked near Parker's Piece for this purpose. It was felt that this was poorly advertised and therefore poorly attended. Town Councillor Sean Barker attended last visit b) Open Gardens funding, David Schofield (DS) confirmed that £300 has been 'ring fenced' for Open Gardens funding. b) Defibrillator Maintenance Costs, DS advised that £400 remains in the funds originally raised for Defibrillator. However, there are future annual maintenance costs to be considered, e.g., battery deterioration. There are two Defibrillators to maintain – one in red telephone box (bottom of Chapel Hill) and one at Steeple Grange Dental Practice. It was agreed that DS would contact Tony Gillibrand for an estimate of future costs and report back. It was also suggested that further resident training would be helpful (preferably Saturday if possible).	JB to establish how this visit can be publicised better. All to note DS/ TG
10. Next Meeting	*** Wednesday 16 November 2022**	

2022 Meetings:

Wednesday November 16th