Bolehill & Steeple Grange Improvement Group

Meeting: Wednesday 24th May 2022

Held at the Mens' Institute

Chair: Jackie Batchelor

Secretary: Ann Plant

Present: Sean Barker, Liz Ormond, Frances Edwards, Paul Hill, Charlie Cotterill, Andrew Dunlop, Sally Scott, David Evans, Sharon Capel-Evans

Apologies: Kevin Munnelly, Richard Daldorph, Nic Hill, Sandie Weeks, Ros Fleming, Martin Bennett, Tony & Julie Gillibrand

Item	Notes	Action/Responsible
1. Minutes of previous meeting held on 16th March 2022 were approved		
2. Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations	**The Bolehill & Steeple Grange Queen's Platinum Jubilee Picnic going ahead on Sunday June 5th from 3.00 pm to 7.00 pm.** Consent has been given from DDDC to use the Playing Fields (off Nan Gell's Hill). Posters have gone up around the village and flyers will be posted through letterboxes. The Town Council have posted information on Facebook. We have received £250 from the DCC Community Leadership Team. A further £250 could be available from Wirksworth Town Council depending on how much we spend. To date we have spent £101. Further known expenditure i.e. not yet paid at time of BIG meeting amounts to £110 plus events insurance. The subgroup is meeting again on 30 May to finalise arrangements and expenditure. A licence application for music has been submitted. There are three sets of resident musicians/singers who are happy to perform at the event. Outdoor games for adults and children have been acquired. Bunting has been made by Sally Scott & Frances Edwards for the Playing Field. Bunting purchased by BIG for Village to be erected by 30 May. Liz Ormond (LO) is to supply her school bell for the day. The District Council have cut the grass but not taken it away. Jackie Batchelor (JB) has written again asking that the arisings be removed before the picnic. Help may be needed from volunteers over bank holiday to make pitch area of playing field suitable for the picnic. Anyone wishing to help on the day to put things in place would be very much appreciated. Please arrive on the playing fields at 10.00 am on 5 June.	LO to note JB to monitor & action if required. All residents to note

The Meeting moved outside for the next three items		
3. Parker's Piece and seat outside Mens' Institute	Land at **Parker's Piece** was discussed as an option to place the seat as opposed to outside the Men's Institute (see previous minutes). The shrubbery would need to be cut and a base put down and it was agreed that this would be a suitable site. As the land is owned by Wirksworth Town Council Sean Barker (SB) agreed to discuss with Town Clerk on behalf of BIG	SB to action
4. Electric Vehicle Charging Point (EVCP)	Further discussions took place as to suitable sites **for Electric Vehicle Charging Points (EVCPs)** • A space near to the Telephone Box/Defibrillator was discussed as electricity is already in place in this area. • Piece of land on the footpath leading to the Stone Centre from Steeple Grange. We understand from local resident that land is owned by a mixture of County & District Councils and Tarmac. Jackie Batchelor (JB) agreed to try and clarify ownership Sean Barker (SB) to raise the matter of EVCPs with the Town Clerk on behalf of BIG.	JB & SB to action
5. Drainage and Flooding Problems	Sean Barker (SB) is collecting details of **drainage & flooding problems** for discussion by the Town Council. All residents to send details of issues in Bolehill & Steeple Grange to Sean Barker asap.	All residents to action
6. Building site on Bolehill Road	**Street names** were discussed again for this development. Liz Ormond (LO) has contacted the owner / developer of the site and has agreed to pass on suggestions to him. Jackie Batchelor (JB) advised that the Town Clerk had told her that the Town Council will be consulted on the name and BIG could also pass views onto him. The meeting agreed that a local or name relevant to the history of the site (Bage Mine) would be preferable. A popular choice at the meeting was “Miner's Hill” & “Hillock View”. If any local resident has further ideas, please contact Liz Ormond (LO) via info@biginfo.org.uk	LO to action
7. Outstanding items	**i) Walk routes on website.** Marvin Harding and Sheila Harding have agreed to look at this. **ii) Recreation Ground**. Jackie Batchelor (JB) has written again to the District Council regarding the Climbing frame that has been out of use pending repairs for over 8 months. **NB** Since meeting we have been told by DDDC that the net for the climbing frame will be replaced before our Jubilee Picnic, but it will need to be shut again to replace the legs. **iii) Bolehill Road signage.** Jackie Batchelor (JB) has written to DDDC regarding the need for a road sign at the bottom of Chapel Hill identifying the properties in Bolehill Road who are accessed via Chapel Hill. JB to contact DDDC for an update. **iv) Ambulance access** still to look at. **v) 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	MH & SH to action JB to action JB to action Deferred

8. Any other business		
Nan Gell's Hill Road sign	The Nan Gell's Hill Road sign fell of the wall recently. Liz Ormond undertook to report to the appropriate council if not fixed.	LO to action
Money received from Town Council for Open Gardens	Mike Edwards has asked for clarification as to why the £300 we received from the Town Council for Open Gardens was not ring-fenced in the end of year accounts for future 'Open Gardens', as previously agreed. David Schofield (DS) to clarify.	DS to clarify for Mike
Garage Sale	This year's garage sale was a successful day and raised the sum of £116.50 for BIG funds. Thank you to Liz Ormond for organising this popular event.	
Constitution, Insurance & other related matters	Jackie Batchelor (JB) advised the Group that in light of comments from DDDC officers about the level of public liability insurance that BIG has, that she and David Schofield (DS) had agreed to raise the amount to £5m for this year. However, they both felt that we should understand better our liabilities as a Group for future village activities. Wirksworth Town Council advised that we contact Derbyshire Dales Council for Voluntary Services (DDCVS) for assistance. Jackie Batchelor (JB) has made initial contact and will take this further and report back to next meeting.	JB to action.

2022 Meetings:

Wednesday July 20th

Tuesday September 20th

Wednesday November 16th