Bolehill & Steeple Grange Improvement Group

Meeting: 15.03.2023

Held at the Bolehill Men's Institute

Chair: Jackie Batchelor

Secretary: Helen Wolf

Present: Andrew Dunlop, Sandie Weekes, Ken McClennon, Paul Hill, Liz Ormond, Sean Barker, Marvin Harding, Sheila Harding

Apologies: Sharon Capel-Evans, Dave Evans, Chris Saunders, Rosalind Fleming, Nic Hill

Item	Notes	Action/Responsible
1. Minutes of previous meeting held on 17.1.2023 were approved		
2. Open Gardens	Open gardens planned for weekend of 17 & 18 June. Initial expressions of interest requested by 19 March. Marvin Harding (MH) has designed a poster which has been delivered to all local residents. A minimum of twelve open gardens is needed to make the event viable. The decision to proceed or not will be made at the next Open Gardens meeting on 30 March. *Post meeting note: There are nine residents expressing interest in opening their garden plus two possibles.* Also see **Bolehill Art** under AOB.	Sandie Weekes (SW) to send out a further email to the circulation list All residents to note Jackie Batchelor (JB) to email those who have expressed an interest but not confirmed.
3. Summer Picnic	Possible event date of the 9 or 16 July. The choice will depend on availability of musicians. JB has spoken to Mike Walsh and is awaiting a response. *Post meeting note: Summer Picnic now proposed for 9 July. Any other musicians interested in taking part to email chair@biginfo.org.uk*	All residents to note date. JB to follow up
4. Coronation Ideas	The Coronation is on Sat. 6 May 2023, Monday 8 May is a bank holiday and the proposed date for the celebratory event. It was agreed that: • Bunting will be put up before the BH weekend. • A Dress your Garden / house competition for local residents is planned. Three people needed to judge gardens. • Bench at Parkers Piece to be erected if possible in commemoration of Coronation bench. JB said that funds are available for suitable Coronation events/projects from DCC. Sandie Weekes (SW) suggested that the bench (discussed at previous meetings) being considered for Bolehill could mark the coronation and therefore be suitable for whole or part funding. Wirksworth Town Council require street furniture to be supplied by TDP who make recycled plastic furniture which they can engrave. A quote is to be sought from them by MH.	JB to check grant availability & deadlines. JB and Sean Barker (SB) to work on Garden competition arrangements. MH to contact TDP and then WTC to progress idea

5. Litter Picking	It was agreed to carry out a litter pick on Sunday 16 April. Meet at the defibrillator in Bolehill Road at 10.30 am, full bags to be returned to grass verge at corner of Nan Gell's Hill & Oakerthorpe Road. Bring your own gloves and litter picker if you have one. Sandie Weeks has some DDDC pink bags we can use. Ken McClennon (KM) raised concern about the lack of local litter bins. During discussion it was suggested that most bins (excluding the litter bins on the playing field) are for dog waste bags. To be discussed further.	All residents to note. JB to contact the Town Council about borrowing litter pickers. JB to contact the District Council for extra bags & to collect bin bags after session.
6. Updates from previous meetings	i) **Bolehill History Group.** A new address has been created via the website history@biginfo.org.uk. Two oral history reports are now on the website. An article about BHG's project is in the new edition of Community Fayre. Liz Ormond and Christine Saunders plan to do two more oral histories and nine more are to be recorded. **ii) Recreation Ground.** DDC will discuss wildflower management at a meeting to be attended by JB and LO on 21 March **iii) Warmer Wirksworth.** JB applied for a grant to cover heating costs at The Coach house for Sunday morning Warm Space sessions. A grant of £260 has been awarded to BIG to recompense the owner and cover other costs such as teas, coffees etc. A survey to evaluate the initiative's impact will be carried out. **iv) Bolehill Road Signage.** The sign is in place and worded as requested including recognition of Chapel Hill as a place. **v) Parker's Piece - Also see Item 5**. Pruning needs to take place on Thursday 23 March. Led by Marvin Harding, who will bring a van, and LO. All welcome. **vi) Greetings Cards.** An ongoing project. Marvin and Sheila Harding proposed a first set of four – should be possible to have them ready for the Open Garden event. Other sets could build up over time and include photos and artwork. MH has had a quote for printing costs and suggested that the sale price could be around £5 a set. They could be sold at other venues, including Wirksworth Heritage Centre. **vii) Noticeboard.** MH to make this to be put up during the spring. **viii) Deferred to next meeting** • Meeting with Institute (DS) • Defibrillator Training (RD/ AG) • Alternative Venue for BIG activities (LJ)	Liz Ormond (LO)/Ann Plant(AP)/Helen Wolf (HW) to meet next week JB and LO to attend and report to next meeting. JB to action LO/MH to action MH/SH to progress MH to progress HW to add to agenda
7. Any other Business	**i) DCC Electric Charging Points in Lamp Posts.** Sean Barker (SB) reported that DCC plan to install 1,000 charging points by 2025, 500 to be for areas where there is no off-road parking. These will be in a) public parking spaces b) on lamp posts. To be discussed at a forthcoming meeting. SB asked where they might be sited in Bolehill. Suggestions included: • Bolehill Road • Little Bolehill,	JB/SB to check practicalities of suggested positions. SB to follow up with DCC

	• bottom of Oakerthorpe Rd. • top of Chapel Hill • The Lanes Ken McLennon (KM) pointed out possible safety issues with trailing leads from lamp posts and it was agreed that the siting of lamp posts could be important.	
	ii) Wilder Wirksworth. Holding a fundraiser to buy some land off Summer Lane for a Community wildlife space. £120,000 is needed by 24 March and BIG has been approached to support the campaign by displaying posters.	All residents to note & JB/LO to print, laminate and erect posters ASAP.
	iii) DDDC consultation on parking permits. A consultation of users is being held and BIG will forward the link to the mailing list.	All residents to note & SW to forward link.
	iv) Planning Application for former WI site. Liz Ormond (LO) reported that an application for a 5-house development is now on DDC's planning portal.	All residents to note.
	v) Council elections. SB advised that District and town council elections take place in May. Forms to nominate oneself as a candidate are available on each council's website or from the Town Hall.	All residents to note.
	SB reminded all that photo ID must be shown at polling stations such as passports, Gold Cards and drivers' licences.	All residents to note.
	v) Bolehill Art. Andrew Dunlop asked whether another Bolehill Art Trail could be held. Discussion of some of the reasons it was dropped from the Wirksworth Festival ensued. Sheila Harding (SH) suggested that some artists' studios could be opened as part of the Open Gardens event and this could increase potential participants. Open Gardens emails will therefore be amended to encourage artists' participation.	SW/JB to action
	vi) High Sheriff's Inauguration. SB advised that Theresa Peltier, a Wirksworth resident, will be inaugurated as the new High Sheriff of Derbyshire, on 5 April.	All residents to note

2023 Meetings:
Tuesday 23rd May
Wednesday 26th July
Tuesday 19th September
Wednesday 15th November

All meetings to be at Bolehill Men's Institute @ 7pm unless varied nearer the time.