Bolehill & Steeple Grange Improvement Group

Meeting: Wednesday 15 November 2023

Held at The Institute

Chair: Jackie Batchelor

Secretary: Helen Wolf

Present: Sandie Weekes, Rose Nash, Sue Daldorph, Julie Bilous, Sean Barker, Ken McLennon

Apologies: David Schofield Marvin Harding, Sheila Harding, Steve Maskrey, Martin Bennett, Lorelei Jarvis

Item	Notes	Action/Responsible
1. Apologies and introductions Introductions were made for the benefit of new attendees		
2. Minutes of previous meeting held on 19 September 2023 were approved		
3. Bolehill Recreation Ground Survey Outcomes	Those at the meeting considered that the survey results and the subsequent discussions (at this and previous meetings), have pointed to four priorities for improvement: a. Improvement of the play area – e.g., play equipment, ensure grass is cut more often, add a fence to create dog free area. b. Picnic area – Provide more seating/picnic bench. c. Signage at entrances especially from Nan Gell's Hill d. Wildlife areas and community orchard - To extend the wild flower areas and initiate fruit tree planting. Jackie Batchelor (JB) will pass on comments from this and the previous meeting to DDDC.	All to note JB to action
4. Parker's Piece Seat Update	We are still awaiting quote from Steve Maskrey (SM) for proposed works. Marvin Harding (MH) will also send in quote. Both quotes should be sent to Chair@Biginfo.org.uk	SM & MH to submit quotes asap. HW/JB to add to next agenda
5. Future BIG projects	To discuss at next meeting	HW/JB to add to next agenda
6. Remembrance Sunday	Around 50 people attended. A big thank you was given to Liz Ormond (LO) who organised the event. A reminder was made that BIG will reimburse payment for the wreath.	All to note LO to submit wreath invoice to Treasurer
7. Christmas Carols Event	Options of **either** the 15th **or** the 22nd were presented. Attendees' first choice was the 15th, although this will depend on the availability of a suitable venue for post event mince pies and mulled wine.	All to note JB to action
8. Updates	**DDDC Clean & Green Walk Sean** Barker (SB) attended the walk but advised that there was insufficient time to visit Bolehill. He hopes a further meeting with DDDC councillors can be arranged. He will in meantime raise issue with the council re cleaning of fallen leaves etc.	All to note SB to action

	Oakerthorpe Footway – JB has reported the lack of maintenance to footway between Sough Lane and Stoney Hill to DCC as hazard and is awaiting a response**.**	JB to report back.
	Footpath No.5 – JB has contacted DDCC to request 'No Dog fouling' signs. DCCC responded that no-one had reported fouling as a problem. JB to ask what actions would be taken if a problem was reported.	JB to action
	Meeting with The Institute – For next meeting	DS to action
	Defibrillator Maintenance – Funding is only available for new equipment. JB contacted Derbyshire Dales Council Voluntary Services (DDDCVS) some advice. They will do some research and get back to BIG	For next meeting JB to action
	Defibrillator Training - some training for the general public at Stone Centre was arranged but we were not aware until too late to publicise.	
	BIG History Group (BHG) HW advised that with the recent addition of Jackie Carpenter, the group now has four members. Marvin Harding has designed a new logo for the group. As discussed at previous BIG meeting the group are pursuing the idea of an exhibition in 2024. Before doing so the intention is to meet with Gordon Collins at Wirksworth Heritage Centre, and then the group intend holding a mind mapping session to bring together ideas for content and presentation. Personal memories of Bolehill will be the main focus of the exhibition which could also include materials (i.e. doorstep photos) from the Millennium project	All to note BHG to confirm at future meeting.
	Litter Pick – Nine people collected 14/15 bags and reported that the village was a little less messy. It was noted that this could be a result of litter picking twice a year. It was agreed that another litter pick would be held next spring.	JB to organise in March/April 2024
	War Memorial Maintenance – SB reported that the Town Council had commissioned a structural survey, and the report shows that several repairs (e.g., gutters, roof etc.) are needed and will be costly. A grant will be needed for which Wirksworth Town Council will apply.	All to note
	Chapel Hill Wall Collapse – The tree has been retained and the wall rebuilt with a lintel to bridge the roots.	All to note
	Ecclesbourne Valley Railway Lights – To discuss at next meeting that Lorelei Jarvis (LJ) is present	To discuss at next meeting
9. Any Other Business.	**National Stone Centre talk** – HW advised of a presentation of the development plans organised by Wirksworth Civic Society to take place at Wellspring Church on 16 November at 7pm.	All to note
	Abandoned vehicle– Although a notice warning that the van would be removed after a given date, it remains on the road near Bolehill Croft despite the deadline having passed. The notice has also been torn off. JB advised residents to report this again to Derbyshire District Council.	All to note and report to DDDC if vehicle not removed.
	Open Gardens – To be held on the weekend of 8/9 June 2024. John Treanor has offered his field for the refreshments and has advised that there will be toilets available too. The Open Gardens working party to meet early February. More volunteers will be needed for next year's event	Volunteers help organise to contact chair@biginfo.org.uk

Meetings in 2024:

Wednesday 17 January (to include AGM)
Wednesday 20 March
Tuesday 14 May
Wednesday 17 July
Tuesday 17 September
Wednesday 20 November

All meetings to be at **Bolehill Institute at 7pm** unless varied nearer the time.