Bolehill & Steeple Grange Improvement Group

Meeting 17th January 2023

Held at the Mens' Institute

Chair: Jackie Batchelor

Secretary: Ann Plant

Present: Sandie Weeks, Sean Barker, Sue Daldorph, Martin Bennett, Lorelei Jarvis, Helen Wolf, Liz Ormond, Sharon Capel-Evans, David Evans, Marvin Harding, Sheila Harding, David Schofield, Miny Schofield

Apologies: Kevin Munnelly, Richard Daldorph, Frances Edwards

Item	Notes	Action/Responsible
1. Minutes of previous meeting held on 16th November 2022 were approved		
2. Open Gardens	It was agreed that a meeting of volunteers needed to be held by early February, JB to arrange. The following people agreed to help: Jackie Batchelor, Sue Daldorph, David Schofield, Marvin Harding and Sharon Capel- Evans. Further volunteers will be required to help, and anyone interested should contact chair@biginfo.org.uk	JB to action All residents
3. Summer Picnic	It was agreed this should take place before the schools break up for their summer holidays, either 9th or 16th July. We need to confirm by next meeting. We are OK for gazebos. Musicians would be required, and Jackie Batchelor (JB) agreed to email Mike to see if he & others are available on the 9th or 16th July. Sean Barker (SB) agreed to do a risk assessment when required. Jackie Batchelor (JB) agreed to sort out permission to use recreation ground from DDDC when dates agreed. Sandie Weeks (SW) also suggested Beatwirks Samba Band for the music. Sandie Weeks agreed to establish if they were interested. The games used for last year's picnic have gone back to the toy library and some are held at various homes. Volunteers will be required to help, and anyone interested should contact chair@biginfo.org.uk.	 JB to action SB to action. JB to action. SW to action All residents
4. Coronation Celebrations	It was agreed that we would put up street bunting for the King's Coronation and to hold a 'Dress your House or Garden' competition to celebrate the event. Details to be agreed at next meeting. Any ideas to chair@biginfo.org.uk	 All residents
5. Recreation Ground	As agreed at a meeting in September Jackie Batchelor, Sue Daldorph and Liz Ormond met with David Martin who is a Clean & Green Supervisor with the DDDC in early January to ascertain how DDDC were managing the 'wild' areas in the Recreation Ground. It was a positive meeting, and the outcome was that the DDDC are keen to establish a trial area to encourage wildflowers. The agreed area is adjacent to the playing pitch and will be cut in March/April with a second cut in October. BIG agreed to do a "Ragwort pull" in July and nearer the time will send out a request for	 JB to action

	helpers on the day. After some discussion it was thought to establish wildflowers, further action was needed to weaken the grass growth by sowing yellow rattle after the October cut. It was also suggested that a survey of wildflowers should be undertaken each year to establish success.	JB to email DDDC
6. Warmer Wirksworth	More publicity is planned for Warmer Wirksworth, where Community Groups share their warm spaces. Volunteers are needed for 9.15 am to 12.30pm on a Sunday from 19th February at The Coach House, Crown Yard, Wirksworth, please contact chair@biginfo.org.uk Helen Wolf, David & Miny Schofield and Liz Ormond offered to help.	All residents
7. Updates from previous meetings	**<u>Village Calendar</u>** Instead of doing another calendar, Marvin and Sheila Harding suggested producing Bolehill Greetings' cards using residents' photographs/artwork. They could be sold in packs. It was thought that this might be a more sustainable way to raise funds and can be sold all through the year, e.g. from the Heritage Centre and at BIG events. A general discussion took place, and the opinion was that this was a good idea. MH & SH to look at costs to produce these and report back to next meeting. **<u>Christmas Carols</u>** It was a very successful evening. Thank you to everyone involved. The mulled wine and mince pies went down very well. **<u>Parker's Piece Seat</u>** Siting of the proposed seat was discussed, and it was agreed to investigate further whether a suitable seat could be installed on Parker's Piece as no other site has been identified, and a seat in this area would benefit many people. It was agreed that the first step would be to prune the bushes and remove some of the periwinkle and then produce a measured drawing for further discussion. Marvin Harding &Liz Ormond agreed to take this forward. **<u>Electric Charging Points</u>** Sean Barker reported that the District Council have gone quiet. If there are any residents who are keen to see Electric Charging Points in this area, then please write to Derbyshire Dales District Council for the attention of either Peter Slack, Mike Ratcliffe or Dawn Greatorex to hopefully push this matter forward. **<u>Bolehill Road Signage</u>** Sign has been agreed by DDDC as previously reported and we are now awaiting it's installation on the wall of Sundial Cottage but are unsure about when this will happen. Lorelei Jarvis (LJ) agreed to talk to owner and will report back. **<u>Notice board outside the Institute</u>** Marvin Harding advised that he was waiting for warmer weather and then he would replace the Bolehill noticeboard on the Institute. There was a consensus that a meeting between representatives of the Institute & BIG would be beneficial. David Schofield agreed to progress this.	MH & SH to action MH & LO to action All residents. LJ to action MH to action DS to action.

	<u>Defibrillator Training</u> It was unclear whether any progress had been made in organising this. At previous meeting Richard Daldorph (RD) said he would organise a booking system on the website to enable residents to book in advance for the defibrillator training. Sue Daldorph (SD) to ask Richard if he has spoken to Tony Gillibrand (TG) about organising this.	SD to action RD/ TG to action
8. Any other business	a) Lorelei Jarvis suggested that Richard Walker's workshop on Nan Gell's Hill may be suitable as an alternative venue for BIG to hold meetings/social events. She agreed to make enquiries and report back. b) Sheila Harding reports that a press release is due for Community Fayre – the deadline is in a couple of weeks and is looking for suggestions. An article about history project was suggested for either this or a future Community Fayre. If any resident has some ideas, please contact her via info@biginfo.org.uk. c) U3A performers – The Red Lion project (history of coaching inn in 19th Century). It was agreed that BIG would write a letter of support for the funding bid. d) Sean Barker brought up the problem of subsidence, flooding, and blocked drainage. He is in discussion with the County Council as it is a highways issue. Martin Bennett also expressed a willingness to help resolve any specific issues. If any resident has any specific areas of concern please contact either S.barker@wirksworthtowncouncil.gov.uk or M.bennett@wirksworthtowncouncil.gov.uk	LJ to action SH/LO to discuss. All residents SH/JB to action All residents

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