Bolehill & Steeple Grange Improvement Group

Meeting: 23.05.2023

Held at the Bolehill Institute

Chair: Jackie Batchelor

Secretary: Helen Wolf (Arrived 19.10)

Present: Ken McClennon, Liz Ormond, Sean Barker, Sue Daldorf, Tim Dowdell, Maggie Dowdell, Marvin Harding, Sheila Harding, David Evans, Jackie Batchelor, Helen Wolf

Apologies: Mike Walsh, Martin Bennett, Lorelei Jarvis, Sandie Weeks, Jackie Carpenter, Kevin Munnelly, Paul Hill, Chris Saunders

Item	Notes	Action/Responsible
1. Minutes of previous meeting held on 15.3.2023 were approved		
2. Open Gardens & Art event	**Sat. 17 – Sun. 18 June 2023**. Fourteen open gardens and three art venues confirmed. **Classic car display.** Ann Plant & Ian Guttridge have offered to host on Sunday. Liz Ormond (LO) knows another classic car owner who may be interested in taking part. **Plant stall.** To take place in garage to 16 Bolehill Road. Plants can be dropped off in the garden of No16 Bolehill Road until the Friday 16 June. Marvin (MH) & Sheila Harding (SH) asked if pots can be donated. Jackie Batchelor (JB) confirmed that pots would be welcome if made of clay. **Refreshments**. John Traynor has offered the use of his field for the refreshments. Ten cakes have been promised so far. A further 12 – 14 will be needed for the whole weekend. A further email will be sent to BIG email mailing list. **Publicity**. The next Community Fayre edition will be published a few days before the event. MH suggested that an ad be sent to the Matlock Mercury and an article with photos was also proposed. Posters are to go up this weekend. **Volunteers.** More are needed for different roles across the weekend and contact Chair@Biginfo.org.uk	 (LO) to follow up. All residents to note. All residents to note request. MH /SH to put together article. All residents to note.
3. Summer Picnic	It was agreed that plans for this event be postponed given that resources of the Group were focused on the Open Gardens & Art event. Those at the meeting were also concerned about the cost implications of using the recreation ground, which will include a DDDC venue fee, a music licence and additional insurance – total cost circa £180. Alternative venues were suggested and will be explored after the Open Gardens event.	

	Discussion by the group included the possibility of holding the picnic at a later date e.g. late August or early September avoiding Wirksworth Art Festival, in September. The decision to proceed or not to be made at the next meeting.	HW to add to agenda for next meeting
4. On-street electric charging points	The meeting was advised of the consultation on Derbyshire County Council's website https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/council/have-your-say/consultation-search/consultation-details/electric-vehicle-charging-in-your-area.aspx This will be live until 31.12.23. Residents are encouraged to take part and nominate appropriate locations in Bolehill (e.g. The Green). Consensus was that as many charging points as possible would be of benefit to Bolehill.	SW to circulate survey link on mailing list. All residents are encouraged to take part in the survey.
5. Parker's Piece coronation Seat	MH has produced designs, and met with Wirksworth Town Clerk, Paul Jennings. WTC have obtained Planning advice from DDDC and work will not require planning permission providing it is provided by or undertaken on behalf of WTC. The Town Council will consider the matter on 5th June. The expectation is that BIG will obtain quotes from suitably qualified contractors and pay for works on behalf of WTC. The ongoing responsibility will be WTC.	MH to follow up in June.
6. Updates from previous meeting	**i). Coronation competition.** A Hudsons' Garden Centre gift voucher was won by a couple on Nan Gell's Hill. **ii) Meeting with The Institute –** David Schofield to action **iii) Defibrillator training** Tony Gillibrand will provide training at a date agreed with BIG. Venue to be arranged. A Saturday morning after The Institute kitchen is updated in autumn was suggested. **iv) Alternative meeting venue for big events.** Lorelei Jarvis to action **v) Greeting Cards.** Proposed to generate income throughout the year instead of the annual calendar. Packs of four and individual blank 'Add your own message' cards are available to sell at the Open Gardens event. Ranges will be increased after that. More scenes are needed, and MH proposed a community competition for winter scenes. **vi) Noticeboard.** To be replaced after the Open Gardens event. **vii) Litter picking.** The April event was well attended. JB reported that she had requests to repeat the event in autumn. October was suggested. It was also suggested that an informal litter pick by residents to take place before the Open Gardens event. **viii) Recreation Ground – Wildflower area.** DDDC have cut grass around play equipment but not two paths. This is thought to be an oversight. JB has contacted DDDC. The DDDC meeting attended by JB and LO mainly covered management of verges and wildflowers. Mowing programmes are different for 30mph zones (6 x pa.) and other areas (1 x pa.) The former may be too often and the	 DS to action JB to contact The Institute. LJ to action MH/SH to action MH to action JB to action All residents to action All residents to note

	latter too infrequent to benefit wildlife. DDDC will carry out a biodiversity pilot study to which Bolehill Recreation Ground has been added. **ix) Open Spaces Survey.** DDDC to carry out a survey of open space usage, probably this summer. Discussion covered what questions should be included (e.g., would an outdoor gym attract users?) and whether paper copies would be provided for hand deliveries.	JB to follow up with DDDC JB/SW to action survey distribution at appropriate time.
7. Any Other Business	**i) War Memorial.** The seam nearest the wreath is letting in water. The step, thought to be of limestone, is also broken. Maintenance is the responsibility of Wirksworth Town Council and Sean Barker (SB) will raise with WTC. **ii) Council election results.** SB has been elected as representative for Bolehill Ward and as Wirksworth Town Mayor. There is still a councillor vacancy for Bolehill Ward which is open to everyone. JB to request a poster for circulation via the mailing list. **iii) FB. No. 5.** Martin Bennett (MB) raised maintenance problems on the Bolehill to Cemetery Lane path. • broken gate handle • Fence demolished by the stream, probably by cattle who converge along the footpath at this point. • Muddiness of bridge The above have been reported to DCC but not addressed. The PROW officer has said it is not his remit. **iv) Drainage.** LO reported a leak near the flats, mainly in the morning, accompanied by a smell of laundry powder and sewage. Ken McLennon (KM) confirmed and said that it had been reported to Platform Housing Association and DCC with no effect. JB advised that this be reported to Severn Trent who will test for the source. KM stated that he had already done this.	SB to raise with WTC. JB to obtain poster. SW to circulate. SB to raise with WTC. All residents are encouraged to report footpath issues to DCC. All affected are encouraged to report to Severn Trent Water

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

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