Bolehill & Steeple Grange Improvement Group

Meeting: 26 July 2023

Held at the Bolehill Institute

Chair: Jackie Batchelor

Secretary: Helen Wolf

Present: Steve Maskrey, Sean Barker, Sue Daldorph, Liz Ormond, Wanda Zabocki, Ken McClennon, Martin Bennett, Jackie Batchelor (Chair), Helen Wolf (minutes)

Apologies: Lorelei Jarvis

Item	Notes	Action/Responsible
1. Minutes of previous meeting held on 25 May 2023 were approved		
2. Open Gardens Accounts and Review	Held on Sat. 17 – Sun. 18 June 2023. **Accounts** Total income £2,295.89 Total expenditure £593.98 Net Income £1,701.91 The money raised exceeded the amount needed for defibrillator maintenance over the next two years. The remainder will go towards future projects and other BIG costs. The income included cash donations of £154.19 from visitors, garden owners, and artists who sold work during the weekend. The biggest single expenditure was insurance, however, as a multi-event annual policy it provides cover for other events and working parties and is therefore vital. **Post event review** The organisers of the Open Gardens weekend have carried out a post event Review: **Positives** • Inclusion of artwork. • Classic car display on Sunday. • Refreshment including location & donation of cakes. • Toilets provided by garden owners across the village rather than single venue. **Less positive and suggested amendments** • Maps not always followed well by visitors – more signage needed. • Need to start organising earlier, with a bigger steering group - in January? • More volunteers are needed across the weekend, especially at entry points and refreshments tent. Martin Bennet (MB) suggested an early leaflet drop, followed up personal contact. • More garden owners needed on Steeple Grange. It was agreed that we would hold an Open Gardens with artists event in 2024 rather than wait until 2025 as originally mooted. The weekend of 8/9 June 2024 was agreed.	All residents to note . All to note All residents to note

3. Social Events	<u>Pop Up Pub & BBQ</u> A family friendly pop-up pub and barbecue was suggested for 2 September subject to availability of John Traynor's field and volunteers to help organise the event. It would be for Bolehill and Steeple Grange residents and friends (non-residents by invitation of locals only) Richard Daldorph (RD) has confirmed that he is happy to take lead in organising event including applying for the alcohol licence. Given the venue size, JB suggested for up to 75 attendees. Bottle and cans are preferred as they can be sold on if not consumed by the end of the event. Liz Ormond (LO) advised that the Bolehill Institute have agreed that their toilets can be used for the event. If children's games are needed it was suggested that we may be able to hire from Belper Toy Library. JB to check with RD and then Sharon Capel Evans (SE)	RD to action All residents to note. JB to liaise with RD & SE
4. Parker's Piece Seat Update	MH not present. SB reported that Wirksworth Town Council are happy with plans in principle. Discuss at next meeting.	MH to follow up HW to add to next agenda
5. Future BIG Projects	JB asked all to consider what we need or want to achieve as a group and discuss at the next meeting.	All residents to consider. HW to add to next agenda
6. Steeple Grange Defibrillator Update	There are problems with the battery of the Steeple Grange Defibrillator and is temporarily unavailable. Tony Gillibrand is liaising with Community Heartbeat to resolve. Emergency services etc. have been advised that it is out of commission. Update needed for next meeting.	All residents to note. HW to add to next agenda
7. Name for new development on Bolehill Road	It was agreed at a previous meeting that we would be proactive and suggest a road name for the new development. Local residents had been asked to suggest names which were considered at the meeting. Bage Mine Close was considered by those at the meeting to be the best of those suggested. The final decision would be made by DDDC.	Liz Ormond (LO) to advise WTC in first instance.
8. Bolehill Recreation Ground	<u>Survey</u> – JB reminded all that the survey ends on 31.7.2023. Email reminder to be sent out to mailing list. <u>Ragwort removal</u> - There is a lot of ragwort in the Recreation Ground, this is a good time, in insect life cycles, to pull plants before seeds have set and discourage species domination. It was agreed to do so on Sunday 30 July at 2pm. All are advised to wear good gloves. JB to confirm whether DDDC will collect the bagged items or whether a trip to the recycling centre is needed. Bags will be provided accordingly. **Post Meeting note:** Five people helped remove the ragwort and 14 bags were filled for collection by DDDC. It took just short of an hour.	Sandie Weekes (SW) to action JB to ask SW to email mailing list ASAP. JB to contact DDDC.
9. Updates from previous meeting	**i) Meeting with The Institute –** For next meeting **ii) Defibrillator training** – No date yet **iii) Alternative meeting venue for big events. For next meeting** **iv) Noticeboard.** In progress, update needed for next meeting. Post Meeting Update: Noticeboard in place. Thank you for Marvin for doing the work.	David Schofield to action JB to liaise with Institute & TG Lorelei Jarvis to action Marvin Harding (MH) to action

	v) Greeting Cards. To discuss at next meeting	MH/SH to action
	vi) Litter picking. Date of Sun, 22 October 2023 at 10.30 agreed, when vegetation will be less dense.	JB to action
	vii) War Memorial maintenance. LO found a stone in the memorial that had fallen from the roof. Steve Maskrey (SM) has visited and concluded that the seals have gone, and gutters deteriorated but that effective repairs can be made. Historic England have been contacted. Following their reply Wirksworth Town council will then organise the repair.	Steve Maskrey (SM)/Sean Barker (SB) to monitor progress and report to next meeting.
	viii) Footpath No. 5 Last year Martin Bennett (MB) reported rutted channels near the top of the path when they were around 4cm deep. Severn Trent Water visited twice but no action was taken despite chlorine present in the water sample. The holes are now increasing in size and MB suggested contacting Highways. The catch on the gate into the pasture has been removed by someone. The PROW dept. at DCC will not replace the fence or repair the footpath because the responsibility lies with the owner. The pasture is rented from an absentee landowner, and this complicates matters.	All residents to note and encouraged to report issues to Severn Trent, Highways and PROW depts.
7. Any Other Business	**(i) Chapel Hill stone wall collapse** MB advised that tree roots have led to the collapse of a wall on Chapel Hill. It is understood that until the tree and roots are removed the wall cannot be stabilised. Sean Barker (SB) reported that a planning request to fell the tree was submitted last week.	
	ii) Further water leak on Bolehill Road. MB reported that the road tarmac is deteriorating. Liz Ormond (LO) and Ken McLennon (KM) reiterated that the leak and smells occur at similar times of day whatever the weather. MB suggested reporting this to Highways at DCC.	All residents to note and are encouraged to report issues to Highways.
	iii) Warmer Wirksworth JB reported on the meeting she attended. It will run again next winter and involve the same church venues and offers, Wirksworth Library, Wirksworth Heritage Centre, and Feather Star for parents and toddlers. It is hoped that transport (a minibus) will be provided (subject to funding) one day a week (probably Wednesday). In the event that another lead partner could not be found, it was agreed, subject to discussion with Treasurer, that BIG could do so.	All to take note. JB to check with DS if required.
	i**v) EV charging** DCC is running a survey to request site nominations. JB to arrange for link to survey to be circulated.	JB/SW to email survey link to mailing list.
	v) DDDC/WTC meeting - SM and SB advised that there was to be a meeting between WTC & DDDC councillors and asked for matters to be raised. <u>Recreation Ground</u> • A Nan Gell's Hill resident had already asked for overgrown bushes in the corner of the recreation ground to be cut back. • A land drain on the playing field is broken. • A 'Warning Children' sign on Nan Gells Hill & Steeple Grange was suggested. <u>Road junction with Cromford Hill adjacent to the Cemetery</u> Whilst this in in Cromford Parish it affects Bolehill residents using junction • Sue Daldorph (SD) said the verge needs to be cut back further to improve the visibility splay and therefore road safety.	

	• Liz Ormond (LO) said the gritstone blocks were moved some time ago and now need to be put back on the verge. • The speed limit is unrestricted despite conditions! <u>Chapel Hill</u> • Leaf collection needs to be carried out early in autumn and before residents remind DDDC.	SB/SM to raise all points at meeting

2023 Meetings:
Tuesday 19th September
Wednesday 15th November

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