Bolehill & Steeple Grange Improvement Group

Meeting: Wednesday 13th November 2019

Chair: Jackie Batchelor

Secretary: Ann Plant

Present: Sean Barker, Martin Bennett, Liz Ormond, Nigel Pratley, Ian Gutteridge, Marvin Harding, Toby Bennett, Hugo Lane

Apologies: Dave Brown, Sandie Weeks, Nic Hill, Paul Hill, Sheila Harding, David Ainley

Minutes approved of previous meeting held on 17th September 2019.

Item	Notes	Action/Responsible
Updates from previous meetings		
Seat outside Men's Institute	JB & LO went to see TDP Ltd (recycled plastic furniture) of Wirksworth and the only seat that would work is the Trail Bench seat which can be adapted to accommodate uneven ground. TDP visited the site and the best place for the bench would be on the lower side of the steps. Cost of £260 including engraving and an anchor kit. The Institute said that in principle they are happy with the bench but there is a problem with the roof which will need repairing and suggested waiting until after work complete. TDP have agreed to hold the price until 2020. It was suggested given the uncertain timescales, that we should ask the Institute Committee if the bench could be put in place until work is started on the roof and then moved during works.	JB
Village calendar	MH reported that the 2020 calendar design is complete, and that he has sent for a sample calendar. It was agreed to sell the calendars at £5 each but before ordering we needed assurance that there was sufficient interest to cover BIG costs. It was agreed that Marvin would try to get commitments to buy a calendar from enough residents to be close to break even and then would discuss financial commitment with BIG Treasurer before ordering for 2020. **Please contact Marvin Harding via bigsec@yahoo.co.uk if you would like to order a Bolehill calendar**.	MH to action
Pop Up Pub 5th October	The event was very successful. There was £47 worth of beer/prosecco left and this will be used as part of the stock for the next Pop Up Pub on 20th December. After setup costs which included the licence a small profit of £25 was made, which will pay for the Licence next time. A big thank you to Nic & Paul Hill for organising the Pub Up Pub and the small group of volunteers that helped clean beforehand and tidy up afterwards.	
Remembrance Day 10th November	Many thanks to Liz Ormond for organising our event, to Nick Payne for standing in as bugler at short notice, the WI for cleaning the Memorial, and those residents who took part. MH remarked that the Memorial is in need of a bit of attention structurally, particularly the steps which are crumbling. This is the responsibility of the Town Council and SB will raise the problem with the Town Clerk. A discussion took place regarding the poppies on the lampposts. It was agreed that they would be used until they begin to look scruffy but no more would be purchased, as it was thought that purchasing single use plastic was not sustainable.	SB to raise with Town Council

To note from previous meetings		
Chapel Hill	It was noted that local residents have cleared the leaves on Chapel Hill, not the Council. Does the Council have a policy?	SB to check with DDDC
Mount Cook	A group of residents (17) met with CEO and other personnel at Mount Cook on 11 November. SB to double check with Mount Cook they know about our offer to publicise any future meeting they may hold via the Bigsec mailing list.	SB to contact Mount Cook
Mirror on The Lanes	LO has spoken to Irene Ratcliffe, Derbyshire County Councillor and they do not advocate mirrors as they tend to confuse and dazzle motorists. If any resident has a problem, you can put something on your land, or neighbour's land, with their permission.	No further action
New Items		
Street Lighting	A local resident had expressed concern regarding light pollution from street lamps as they had been informed that the LED replacement lights would not go off at midnight. It would appear that those that went off at midnight previously still did and they each have a sign on. Most attendees felt there was less light pollution from the LED lights but if any residents have any particular problems in the future BIG will support them in raising the issue with DCC.	No further action
Steeple Grange telephone box	BT has informed the Town Council that the Steeple Grange Telephone Box is no longer required and that there is an option for the community to adopt it for £1. Following consultation via BIG Sec mailing list there was limited response from residents, comments received included ~ please remove it or use it as an information centre for posters & leaflets, old black and white pictures, library etc. The general consensus of opinion at the meeting was that it is not in the right place for community use and that the telephone box should go.	SB to inform Town Council
Parker's Piece parking area	Following concerns expressed about the parking area being used by non-residents , SB had produced a discussion paper identifying a number of options. As there was a limited number of people at the meeting, it was agreed that the paper would be circulated and anyone with views on the subject contact Sean Barker via bigsec@yahoo.co.uk and if appropriate we would discuss again.	JB to circulate paper via mailing list
Christmas Carols and Pop up Pub	To take place on **20th December**. Carol singing to commence at 6.30pm at the defibrillator – **all welcome** . We are looking for any singers with a good voice to come forward and help Caroline (Barker) lead the singing. LO to ask Caroline (Eyre) if she would be willing to do the swags again for the telephone box and JB to see if any children would like to decorate it also. **Pop Up Pub to commence at 7.00 pm** Volunteers required for this – please contact Nic Hill via bigsec@yahoo.co.uk if you would like to help.	LO & JB to action
Playing Field ideas	A number of ideas have been put forward by residents for making better use of the Playing fields including wildflower meadow, community orchard, allotments, & outdoor gym. It was also thought the playing field could have better signage, with a sign at both entrances because not everyone knows about it. It also needs better drainage.	JB to contact individuals to see if willing to form a sub group
Tree planting	MB suggested that tree planting helps soak up excess water. Various ideas put forward for ground on corner of Nan Gell's Hill and Oakerthorpe Road. MB to contact District Council to see if tree planting would be possible.	MB to action
Garage sale 2020	Due to VE Day celebrations next year there is no Bank Holiday	LO to action

	Monday (May Day) when the garage sale usually takes place. The Bank holiday has been moved from Monday 4th May to Friday 8th May. It was agreed that the garage sale would take place on Sunday 10th May instead.	
Any other business		
"Community Fayre"	Currently there are only a small number of the "Community Fayre" paper delivered for the village, predominantly in Bolehill Road. More can be ordered if there are volunteers to deliver to the rest of the village. Please contact Bigsec@yahoo.co.uk if you can deliver in your part of Bolehill or Steeple Grange.	All residents to consider
Footpath from Bolehill into Wirksworth	MB pointed out that the footpath is very wet and muddy at, in particular, its junction with Cemetery Lane. Sean Barker to raise with Town Clerk.	SB to contact Town Clerk
Actions outstanding from previous meetings		
Sign for defibrillator	Need to speak to Dental Practice	JB/LO
Open Gardens 2020	Planning of event yet to commence	JB
Men's Institute Donation	Need to action for 2019 and then 2020	DS
New Road Sign	Awaiting response from resident	LO
Historic Photos	Project needs starting	SH/JB

2020 Meetings:

Tuesday 21st January: AGM & normal meeting
Wednesday 18th March
Tuesday 19th May
Wednesday 15th July
Tuesday 15th September
Wednesday 18th November