**Bolehill & Steeple Grange Improvement Group**

**Ordinary Meeting Wednesday 20th March 2024**

**Bolehill Mens' Institute**

**Chair:** Jackie Batchelor

**Secretary:** Ann Plant

**Present:** Sharon Capel-Evans, Marvin Harding, Liz Ormond, Sandie Weeks, Lorelei Jarvis, Ken McLennan

**Apologies:** Sean Barker, Kevin Munnelly, Sue Daldorph, Martin Bennett, Helen Wolf, Sheila Harding, David Schofield

| Item | Notes | Action/Responsible |
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| **1. Introductions and apologies** | | |
| **2. Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 17th January 2024 were approved** | | |
| **3. Open Gardens 8th & 9th June** | Twelve gardens are needed to make it viable. A village leaflet drop is to take place over the next few days. Marvin Harding (MH) agreed to put together a notice for Sandie Weeks (SW) to send out via the mailing list as soon as possible and then again on the 03.04.24.<br>Anyone wishing to open their garden should contact Sharon Capel-Evans by 7th April on home@ziz-designs.co.uk or text 07490127527.<br>Volunteers are also required for the weekend, and anyone interested should contact chair@biginfo.org.uk in the first instance.<br>**Options for how visitors pay on the day.** Sue Daldorph has researched this and both "Zettle" and "Sum Up" can be used for payment either by machine or smart phone. The commission is 2.5%. David Schofield (Treasurer) and those at meeting agreed that Sue should investigate further. | SW & MH to note.<br><br>All to note<br><br>Sue D to action |
| **4. Summer Picnic** | This is on hold as it depends on John Treanor's field being available. Sue Daldorph (SD) has agreed to speak to him. The Playing Field was suggested as an alternative but was discounted, given the DDDC licence costs. | SD to action and discuss at next meeting |
| **5. Footpaths & Potholes** | **Chapel Hill Beech Nut shells.** The tree shedding the beech nut shells was the one that came down in the storm and so negates any further action to be taken.<br>**Oakerthorpe Road between Sough Lane and Stoney Hill.** Martin Bennett (MB) reported this to DCC on 15.03.24 [Other residents have also notified DCC]. Vegetation is continuing to cover and obstruct the limestone footway. An acknowledgement email has been received and has been given FS-Case-Number-596034694. It would be advantageous if as many people as possible could report this serious safety concern to DCC Highways.<br>**Potholes.** Pothole on Bolehill Road outside the Institute. MB reports that this is a Health & Safety issue and has been for the last 18 months. There appears to be a water leak at the top of the 3m rut. Although this could be a Severn Trent Water problem, it is for DCC to enforce the repair. He will send a copy of his report to Wirksworth Town Council and will diarise further contact.<br>**Footpath FP5 -** MB has requested fingerposts at both end of footpath. There remains the issue of the broken pedestrian gate & collapsed | All to note & action.<br><br>MB and all to note. |

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| | footway resulting in a lot of mud by the gate. The meeting was unsure who was responsible.<br>Attention was also drawn to the 'quagmire' at the Cemetery Lane end of the railway bridge. Wirksworth Town Council have in the past cleared the area. Sean Barker to pursue on behalf of BIG | <br><br>SB to action and discuss at next meeting |
| **6. Parker's Piece Seat** | It was agreed that subject to approval by Wirksworth Town Council and the costs reduced by approx. 50% by the use of volunteers that the scheme previously submitted by Marvin Harding (MH) should proceed. Marvin is hoping to start work on 15 April 2024. Two volunteers are needed to help him with this task. Volunteers will be covered by the insurance taken out by Marvin. Anyone interested should contact Marvin at marvinpaul@w32.co.uk.<br>MH will speak to Paul Jennings, Wirksworth Town Clerk again to confirm details although he was quite amenable when they last spoke. Everyone agreed OK to take this forward and MH to pass costings to David Schofield (DS). | All to note<br><br>Volunteers needed<br><br>MH to action<br><br>MH/DS to action |
| **7. Updates from previous meetings** | **BIG History Group (BHG).** LO and AP reported that the Group had been offered a space at the Steeple Grange Light Railway Gala Day in the Spring/Summer (no date confirmed yet) for a pop-up exhibition. The Group have visited the site and measured for a gazebo and agreed this would work. MH offered to do the publicity for this.<br>The Group have also booked the exhibition wall at Wirksworth Library for the month of April 2025. The Group continue to research, collect information and obtain oral histories.<br>**Poster Frames.** Further to Steve Tantum's (ST) offer of providing frames for BIG signage, JB has looked at permissions given majority of area is in a conservation area. Signs need to be put up 28 days before an event and taken down 14 days after the event. JB to speak to ST again.<br>**Meeting with Institute.** David Schofield to arrange.<br>**War Memorial Maintenance.** The Town Council are still looking for funding to do the work.<br>**Ecclesbourne Valley Railway Lights.** Lorelei Jarvis (LJ) has spoken to Neil Ferguson-Lee and has sent him photographs of the two big bright lights. He has agreed that either a shade could be used, or they could be pointed downwards to alleviate the glare.<br>**Old Post Office Building on Nan Gell's Hill.** JB has looked at any planning exemptions that might be required for the building to be used as a community space and the answer is none. As it is thought that the building is not big enough for this use, it was agreed that no further action should be taken.<br>**Litter Pick.** Thank you to everyone who took part. A good number of bags of rubbish were collected and DDDC have taken it away. Another litter pick will be planned for October. | MH to note<br><br>JB to action and discuss at next meeting<br><br>DS to action |
| **8. Any other Business** | **Extending 30 mph speed limit.** MB has written to DCC suggesting that the 30-mph speed limit should be extended from Oakerthorpe Road back to the Bolehill sign near the footpath to Barrell Edge.<br>**Electric Vehicle Charging Points.** MB has written to DCC on the 15-03-24 regarding EVCP in Bolehill. Any resident wishing to register their interest in on street EVCP near them should do so before before 31 December 2024 to Sustainable.travel@derbyshire.gov.uk.<br>Details to be sent out to mailing list. | All to note<br><br>JB/SW to action<br>SW to note |

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| | **Garage Sale.** Bank Holiday Monday May 6th 2024 9.00 am to 1.00 pm There are five garages taking part so far and following the recent leaflet drop, it is hoped there will be more to add. Please contact land1@uwclub.net to declare an interest.<br>**Weeds on Bolehill Road.** It is noted that the cobbled area on Bolehill Road is full of weeds. It was agreed a working party would be organised for Sunday 19th May and a request for volunteers will be circulated via the mailing list.<br>**Wall down at end of The Lanes.** Part of a wall has fallen down at the end of The Lanes at the junction with Bolehill Road. | All to note<br><br>JB to action<br><br>LO to establish who is responsible and report back. |

**2024 Meetings:**
Tuesday 14 May
Wednesday 17 July
Tuesday 17 September
Wednesday 20 November