Bolehill & Steeple Grange Improvement Group

Meeting: Tuesday 6 May 2025

Held at The Institute

Chair: Jackie Batchelor

Secretary: Liz Ormond

Present: Sheila Harding, Marvin Harding

Apologies: Sean Barker, Martin Bennett, Sue Daldorph, Caroline Ormond, Helen Wolf

Item	Notes	Action/ Responsible
1. Apologies & Comments As we lacked the five attendees needed to be quorate, the meeting confined business to reporting information and made no key decisions**.**		
2. Minutes of Ordinary Meeting 19th March 2025 were noted.		
3. Open Gardens 2025	The event is going ahead during the weekend of 14-15 June. At least 15 gardens are taking part across Bolehill & Steeple Grange. Entry fee of £5 to include a hot drink. Payment by cash or by hopefully phone using Sum Up, Sue Daldorph is organising this Publicity is being organised using banners at strategic locations, posters, an article in Community Fayre, BIG emails, Facebook and national Open Gardens website. Refreshments to include hot drinks, bacon butties and cakes will be for sale on John & Hannah Treanor's field. Gazebos, tables & chairs needed. The Institute, St Mary's Church and various local residents are loaning tables and chairs for weekend for refreshments and plant sales The Institute will permit access to their WCs for volunteers with public facilities bring provided in various gardens (TBC) **Donations of Cakes needed please – contact Chair@Biginfo.org.uk** Plant sales at 16 Bolehill Road – **Donations of plants needed – contact Chair@biginfo.org.uk** Tony Gillibrand lending A boards to help with publicity during the weekend itself. **More volunteers needed for weekend – contact Chair@Biginfo.org.uk**	OG committee to action All residents to note & action.
4. Summer BBQ 2025	A date of August 31st (the weekend after August BH) was suggested at the last meeting, subject to John Treanor's agreement. Decision about whether we will proceed or not to be made after Open Gardens event.	JB to action HW to add to next agenda
5.BIG Bank Account	Currently £3,000 of which £1,005 is already allocated to ongoing expenses.	HW to add to next agenda
6. Better Derbyshire Dales Fund (BDDF) Grant	The purchase of a feather flag was agreed at the last meeting and for it to bear the BIG logo was approved at the same time. Jackie Carpenter (JC) has provided a design. This item will cost £164. 60 and will amount to an overspend of £61.83. Those at the meeting considered the quote from Event	

	Branding UK was the best value subject to final agreement by the Treasurer, Sue Daldorph (SD), as soon as possible. Feather flag to be bought for use at Open Gardens event if possible. An article referring to the Better Derbyshire Dales Fund award has been submitted to the June edition of Community Fayre.	HW/SD to action All to note
7. BIG Storage	An inventory of BIG belongings is needed and should include their current locations. HW has offered to do this.	HW to action
8. Footpath 5.	Martin Bennett has written to Derbyshire County Council about the path from Cemetery Lane to Bolehill Road and the impact of cattle on the path as they access the stream.	HW to add to next agenda
9. Updates from previous meetings (where possible)	**Quiz** - Huw Randall has offered to organise this and autumn 2025 was suggested**.** **Garage Sale** - Liz Ormond will lead on this during 2026. **Holiday Let Vehicles** A vehicle was recently blocked in on Chapel Lane. Marvin Harding (MH) will design a 'No Parking' sign and obtain a quote for a company to make it. **Spring Litter Pick** – Very successful. A third litter pick was suggested but as litter quantities have been very manageable with just two picks per year, it was thought that an additional one was not necessary. **Bolehill History Group (BHG)** – The Bolehill Pubs exhibition at Wirksworth Library was successful and a date for a talk by the group to Wirksworth Civic Society has been agreed for 10.9.25. An article including recent and forthcoming BHG events will be in the June edition of Community Fayre. **A website update –** Upgrade on current operating system by Richard Daldorph to Joomla 5 postponed from April to September 2025 **Parker's Piece Risk assessment -** Wirksworth Town Council does not undertake risk assessments for outdoor furniture and no further action by BIG is needed. **BIG mailing list** - Query as to whether everyone is receiving emails who has signed up for them. **Speed Limit Signage** – MB not present **War Memorial Maintenance** – Sean Barker not present.	HW to add to next agenda. MH to action All to note All to note RD to action No further action CO to note HW to add both items to next agenda
10. Any Other Business	Hilary Bull, a new resident, has contacted Severn Trent about standing water in front of her property on Bolehill Road. Liz Ormond and Phil Simmons also reported standing water on Bolehill Road in January and were told it was ground water. Whatever its source, they have asked for a channel to carry water over the road. Liz Ormond to contact Severn Trent and report the company's findings to local residents.	LO to action HW to add to next agenda

Meetings in 2025:

Wednesday 15 July
Tuesday 9 September
Wednesday 19 November

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