Bolehill & Steeple Grange Improvement Group

Meeting: Tuesday 10 October 2025
Held at The Institute

Chair: Jackie Batchelor

Secretary: Helen Wolf

Present: Sue Daldorph, Liz Ormond, Martin Bennett, Sean Barker

Apologies: Caroline Ormond

Item	Notes	Action/ Responsible
1. Apologies & Introductions		
2. Minutes of Ordinary Meeting 19 July 2025 were approved.		
3. Community Projects	<u>Say No to Dog Fouling</u> Discuss when Caroline Ormond present. <u>Neighbourhood Watch</u> Sean Barker has spoken to the local Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) about concerns expressed at last meeting about local community safety issues. Further discussion took place about the suggestion of a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in Bolehill. It was agreed that any community safety issues should be raised with our PCSO, local councillor or BIG, and the setting up a Neighbourhood Watch in the village could result in a duplication with the role local councillors and BIG, and therefore, it was agreed that there would be no further action on initiating a Bolehill Neighbourhood watch scheme at this time. <u>Play Equipment</u> Derbyshire Dales District Council (DDDC) undertook some work in the recreation Ground during August/September. This included, cordoning off and planting some willows in the wet area, replacing some matting beneath some play equipment and replacing wooden uprights to the climbing frame with metal ones. However, only three of the willows have survived and the orange accessible swing has been removed. Liz Ormond (LO) also noted that it was particularly slippery around the swings when the ground is wet and posed a falls risk to adults when pushing their children on the swings. Jackie Batchelor (JB) to write to DDDC to ask why the accessible swing has been removed.	HW to add to next agenda No further action JB to action
4. Local Flood Warden	Sean Barker introduced the idea of volunteer local flood wardens in Bolehill. Flood Wardens play a role in identifying potential risks, providing information and being a point of contact for local people. Although most of the village is not at risk of flooding, surface water runoff from higher levels could cause serious damage to some properties, particularly on The Lanes and Nan Gell's Hill. Sally Scott and Steve Thompson were named as possible candidates because of their own experiences and will be approached by Sean Barker (SB) to assess whether either of them might be interested.	SB to action

5. Future events	Autumn Litter Pick To take place on Sunday 16 November at 10.30 am. Jackie Batchelor (JB) to arrange provision of easi-reachers, bags and arrange bag collection. Caroline Ormond (CO) to circulate event details by email. Remembrance Sunday Sharn Stocks (SS) and Liz Ormond (LO) are jointly organising this year's event. To take place at the War Memorial 9/11/2025 at 11.00 am. Others involved include Caroline Ormond (publicity), Paul Hill (putting up poppies), Charlie Cotterill (reading) – other readers to be confirmed, Jonny Rowlett (The Last Post) LO to lay wreath for BIG and Sean Barker for WTC. LO has already bought the wreath, and needs to send details of cost to Treasurer Christmas Carols It was agreed that we would organise the Bolehill Christmas Carols on Friday 19 December with mince pies and mulled wine in the Institute. Jackie B to speak to Chris Saunders, Sheila Harding & Institute.	JB and CO to action LO/SS to action (JB) to action
6. BIG Summer BBQ	A very successful event and thanks were given to John Treanor for the use of his field, Sue and Richard Daldorph for the barbecue, Marvin Harding for arranging the music and everyone who helped to set up and take down the event. The event also proved to be a good venue for the Bolehill History Group display. Feedback was good on the shorter length of event was but as packing up took place when light was failing it was agreed that an earlier month for the event e.g. July would be better. BBQ sales were very good, but a financial loss was made as a result of licence fees.	All to note
7.BIG Bank Account	Currently £4,454. of which £93 is already allocated to the purchase of a wreath for Remembrance Sunday, £50 for annual costs and £300 held back for Open Gardens events and £1,000 contingency leaving approximately £3,000 for community projects The following project ideas were discussed: **Community Project funding** Institute Notice Boad- Martin Bennett (MB) reported that some posters are being removed from The Institute notice board. He suggested that a lockable clear door might prevent this. It was noted that a lockable door would involve those posting notices to make special access arrangements and therefore make the process much more complicated. It was agreed to monitor. Post Office History Book - Liz Ormond's (LO) research is nearing completion, and a draft is approaching its final version. LO has obtained printing costs for: o 50 A5 copies of 28, full colour pages at £96 o 100 A5 copies of 28, full colour pages at £142 LO has contacted Royal Mail for permission to use a photo of a current postman and has been given permission – providing that the sale price of the final publication does not exceed £2.50 per copy. Printing costs and sales proceeds were calculated, and it was proposed that the book be offered for sale at BIG and BHG events and 10 complimentary copies (e.g. for some contributors and former PO owners) etc. It was concluded that printing of the book met community project criteria and would not result in a financial loss to BIG in either instance. BIG therefore agreed to fund printing costs for 50 copies subject to the final draft (including the inclusion of relevant BIG details), being satisfactory to BIG members.	HW to add to next agenda All to note LO to forward draft e-version to JB.
8. BIG Assets Inventory	A draft list of BIG equipment, materials and their current locations was shown to all by Helen Wolf (HW), corrections were made and additional items added.	HW to finalise for next meeting

9. Updates from previous meetings (where possible)	Ragwort pulling **-** too late to pull this year Bolehill History Group **-** Received positive feedback from their talk for Wirksworth Civic Society in September. Next BHG meeting to be arranged. Unsafe Parking - Marvin Harding (MH) not present War Memorial maintenance - Empty wine bottle still found at times. Sean Barker (SB) reported that Wirksworth Town Council (WTC) is awaiting a third quote for repairs Verge Overgrowth on Oakerthorpe Rd. – see item 10 below Speed Limit Signage - Martin Bennett (MB) reported that this will not be considered until proposed local council changes have been completed. Footpaths & Potholes - Some potholes have been filled but not others. Water Issues - The Parker's Piece leak has started again. Martin Bennett to report to Severn Trent. Bolehill Walks – Jackie Batchelor (JB) to ask Sue Bradbury about copies of these. TDP bench – Unsure whether this is still available, but attendees could not think of sites that were suitable and not council owned. JB to raise with Sue Bradbury. BIG Website update **–** Delayed.	No further action HW to add to next agenda. All to note All to note MB and LO to action JB to action JB to action HW to add to next agenda
10. Any Other Business	Sean Barker (SB) gave an update regarding verge cutting in Little Bolehill carried out by the DDDC Clean & Green Team Liz Ormond (LO) said there was some local support for a petition to clear the vegetation overgrowth on Oakerthorpe Rd to be submitted to the Highways Dept. There was some uncertainty about what council action a petition would instigate. LO will check what actions arise from petitions and how many names are needed to trigger them. Martin Bennett (MB) has trimmed some vegetation along the footpath between Bolehill and Cemetery Lane. Liz Ormond reported that ivy is hanging over the wall and pavement at the top of Nan Gell's Hill. LO to report to the Clean and Green Team with accompanying photo(s).	 LO to action All to note LO to action

Meetings in 2025:

Wednesday 19 November

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