Bolehill and Steeple Grange Improvement Group

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 27th January 2026 at 7pm

Held at The Institute

Chair: Sean Barker

Secretary: Helen Wolf

Present: Ken McLennon, Caroline Ormond, Liz Ormond, Sheila Harding, Sue Daldorph, Martin Bennett

Apologies: Jackie Batchelor, Lorelei Jarvis, Marvin Harding

1. Meeting opened at 7.01pm by Sean Barker.

2. **Minutes of last AGM** on 14th January 2025 were approved.

3. **Chair's Report**

Jackie Batchelor's (JB) was absent due to illness, so Sean Barker (SB) summarised the Chair's Report (attached).

4. **Treasurer's report**

Sue Daldorph (SD) gave a summary of the 2025 accounts. The biennial Open Gardens (OG) event is BIG's biggest fundraiser and last year's raised a net profit of around £1500. This was a small drop on previous years, however, the event clashed with other local attractions over the same weekend.

A total net income from all sources for the year was £1026.88. Anticipated payments for 2026 are estimated at £730 leaving a relatively health amount of £4079 available, although

A copy of the annual accounts is attached.

5. Communication Officer's Report

Caroline Ormond summarised her first report as Communications officer. An evaluation of interaction by circulation list recipients with BIG emails was generally positive with an overall opening rate of 53%. The best responses were to the summer BBQ information but good levels of interest were also shown for volunteer requests.

The 'Say No to Dog Fouling' project has also involved a communications strategy and it is hoped that Derbyshire Dales District Council will be able to provide statistics to show results of the project early this year.

6. Election of Officers

The current secretary and communications officer will continue their roles in 2026.

Jackie Batchelor's resignation from the post of chair takes immediate effect and all attendees gave a huge vote of thanks to her for all the hard work and commitment she has given to BIG over the past eight years.

Sean Barker was nominated for the post of chair by Martin Bennett. Liz Ormond seconded and he was unanimously elected. Sean Barker gratefully accepted Sheila Harding's offer of support.

Sue Daldorph offered to take on the role of treasurer for one year at the last AGM. No-one has volunteered to take on the post during this period, so she will continue in an acting capacity. Sue Daldorph asked that the treasurer post be considered a vacancy. This was acknowledged by all present.

7. Officer roles for 2026:

a. Chair – Sean Barker

b. Secretary – Helen Wolf

c. Treasurer – Vacancy. Sue Daldorph will continue in post until a replacement can be found.

d. Communications Officer – Caroline Ormond

8. Meeting closed at 7.40pm.