



Bestwood Village Parish Council

Date: Tuesday 9th June 2020 at 7pm

Venue: Via Zoom internet platform



Present;

Councillors:
Portia Newling
Jack Ashworth
Kay Brown
Marlene Gee
Ian Hart
Jan Pauley
County Cllr C Barnfather
Borough Cllr Rachael Ellis
Robert of the Environmental
working group

Chair
Vice Chair

MINUTES

2020.060	Welcome by the Chairman <i>Cllr Newling welcomed everyone</i>
2020.061	Silence to remember those who have passed <i>The Council remembered</i>
2020.062	To receive - Apologies for absence <i>D Braithwaite</i> <i>D Gibbons</i>
2020.063	To receive and consider - Declarations of members' interests and dispensations from non-participation <i>None</i>
2020.064	To receive and approve - Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12 th May 2020 <i>It was resolved to receive and approve the minutes with the change that £500 was granted to Bestwood Village Bowls club not £300 minuted. (PN/JA)</i>
2020.065	To receive and approve – The Internal Auditor's report on 2019/20 year <i>It was resolved to receive and approve the report. It was further resolved to appoint Barrie Woodcock for 2020/21 year (MG/JA)</i>
2020.066	To receive and note - Any update on actions arising from previous Parish Council decisions (not included elsewhere on the agenda) <i>None</i>
2020.067	To receive - Parishioners questions/statements (normal duration 15 minutes) <i>None</i>

2020.068	<p>To receive - Reports from Parish, Borough and County Councillors</p> <p><i>Cllr Barnfather reported;</i></p> <p><i>The bulk of the County Council work of late has been Covid related with emphasis on adult social care. He has been concerned with PPE supplies for the care homes. Highways issues are being promoted while the roads are quieter.</i></p> <p><i>Cllr Ellis reported on the overgrown pathway and could the Lengthsman be asked to cut it back. Similar with some steps up to May's Avenue. The ward walk was successful and following that they may be doing some walking surgeries. Gedling are doing the same as previous report in helping people. The small business grant scheme is on a short time scale and help in getting the word out was requested.</i></p> <p><i>Marlene reported on overhanging trees and bushes on Moor Road obstructing the footpath. The owner was approached (by recollection) but they have not done anything. Ian chased them last year but facebook reported that it may be done next week.</i></p> <p><i>Portia reported that there had been a complaint about the general tidiness of the village which was replied to and referred to the Borough Councillor. We are on the list for a sweeper lorry visit.</i></p>
2020.069	<p>To receive reports and discuss;</p> <p>a) Hawthorne School working group</p> <p><i>There is no group currently working on this after various things happened before the lockdown began. While we have a group interested from a junior ice hockey club Notts CC report that it is only available to the Parish Council to take over the building. There is a report that has been done but it is not very accessible. We also have the statistics and some funds left in the account. We could decide to continue and as a Parish Council and come up with a plan – we would be the sole contact and be in control of the project. We do not have any basic work on a business plan and there is a lot of work to be done. Views are;</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>• The Ice Hockey seems to be a very loose proposal at the moment.</i> <i>• We do not have the level of money needed and should be left as it is for (hopefully) a builder to convert. The County Council will sell to a reasonable offer.</i> <i>• Concerns over costs but will offer help to the Ice Hockey if possible.</i> <i>• Not convinced as to the feasibility (economically the Notts CC will need the income) and the most we can hope for is a sympathetic conversion. We need a whole stakeholder meeting to thrash it out. Section 106 may help if we can get it.</i> <i>• Notts CC have no intention to do anything other than sell both sites for as much as possible</i> <p><i>It was resolved that the Parish Council is unable to take the project any further at this time. (PN/JA) Portia will draft a response for Councillors to agree.</i></p> <p>b) Environment working group (Robert, Cllrs Ashworth and Gee)</p> <p><i>Robert reported that the appearance of the village for residents and visitors is spoiled by rubbish accumulation. Lots of litter-picking has taken place and needs to continue. When the school re-opens the children need to be engaged by a project "Let's talk about Rubbish"</i></p> <p><i>Three good quality planters have been recovered and Marlene is working on them to be re-sited elsewhere in the village, near the new school.</i></p> <p><i>Jack proposed that the area where the school footpath is could be improved with</i></p>

	<p><i>benches to compliment the planters and he has got two cast iron bench ends but needs some hardwood rails (£145). A new bench would be about £450. So in total for £750 we could improve this area. Wildflower/insect friendly plants would be an added bonus. Jack reported that Notts CC do not have any problems with these being located on their land. It was agreed to get a detailed budget for the next meeting. It was suggested that the working group adopt a name to help raise the profile in the area.</i></p> <p>c) Lengthsman Scheme (renewed for 2020/21 year) <i>Noted that the agreement has been renewed. It was agreed that the items mentioned above in the agenda be undertaken and clearing the path between the Church and Hill Road and trimming the tree by the bus shelter. Jack reported that the system is working well.</i></p> <p>d) Planning applications review <i>All plans had been dealt with on arrival</i></p> <p>e) Traffic Issues <i>Speed cushions on Kings park- there had been e-mail communications about when the work is due to re-start.</i></p> <p>f) Road Signs <i>Bowden Avenue has been subject to traffic trying to get to the lakes and ideally signage would help to stop this. A home made sign is working in the meantime. Suggested that a Road Sign Audit take place to identify old signs not needed any more and new ones needed for the next meeting. Gateway sign - contractor is progressing.</i></p> <p>g) Repair to Playground equipment <i>Report that cost of repair to swings £1,500 was rejected. Gedling will see if they can find an alternative solution. On hold, one swing removed.</i></p>
2020.070	<p>To discuss – Grant application from Bestwood Miners Welfare (deferred from May meeting) Comments;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>There is a need for new gates and fencing but concerns about the long term use for this field to make it worthwhile for spending</i> • <i>Disappointed at lack of funding from the landowners but support reluctantly.</i> • <i>It needs doing but should be done in keeping with conservation plan</i> • <i>Needs to be done, potentially offer half of amount</i> • <i>We need to adapt current form, however it is the type of thing that the Parish Council is there to help. Future projects and the payback in accessibility to the community need to taken on board.</i> <p><i>It was resolved to give half of the amount subject to wording concerning community availability and how any future grants be progressed more effectively. (JA/MG)</i></p>
2020.071	<p>To review; The Council’s Financial Risk Assessment (defer to Confidential items) Clerk to review based on matters arising in confidential items The Council’s Standing Orders (on website)</p>

	<p>The Council's Financial Regulations (on website) The updated Council's Grant Application form (amended version attached) <i>It was resolved to adopt the new form (PN/JA)</i> Publication Scheme suggest fees for paper copies be increased from 50p/sheet <i>It was resolved that the price be the same PLUS postage (PN/KB)</i> The Council's Fixed Asset Register (attached -needs updating for 2019/20 year) <i>Remove old laptop from list and destroy hard drive</i> <i>Two drawer metal filing cabinet had been donated to church.</i> <i>Two drawer lockable filing cabinet is still in use.</i> <i>Grit bins need adding.</i> <i>Councillors to update the list</i> Safeguarding Policy (on website) Equality and Diversity Policy (on website) Data Protection and Privacy Policy (on website) Complaints Policy and Procedure (on website) Persistent and vexatious complainants (on website) Grievance procedure (on website) Disciplinary procedure (on website) Members' Code of Conduct (Gedling BC's suggested policy adopted 2019) Councillor Co Option policy Adopted Jan 2020 (on website) Press and media policy (on website) <i>The Clerk will pass around the policy file when the Council can meet in person for comments</i></p>
2020.072	<p>To note - The Insurance for 2020/21 (Fixed contract) has been renewed <i>Noted</i></p>
2020.073	<p>To note – Date of next meeting –Tuesday 14th July. Venue/medium to be decided by the Clerk based on Government advice at the time <i>Noted</i></p>
2020.074	<p>CONFIDENTIAL ITEM To discuss arrangements for doing Council work on Laptop, Associated programs (Office suite) Council e-mail installed on mobile telephone, Data security and backup storage etc and revisit the Financial RA as a result <i>It was agreed that the Clerk purchase Office 365 via Cal and arrange for it to be installed on her personal machine that has a BVPC specific user set up and start using cloud backup. Clerk will produce report of hours worked over recent weeks for next meeting.</i> <i>Reported that the Council now has a PAYG mobile number 07708 663342 and this handset has been loaded with the Council e-mail by Cal so that response times are quicker.</i></p>

