



Bestwood Village Parish Council



Date: Tuesday 10th October 2023 at 7pm
At St Mark's Church Bestwood Village

Present; Cllrs J Ashworth (Chair), C Brown, R Davidson,
L Newcombe, R White, I Hart
County Councillor C Barnfather
Borough Councillor R Ellis
12 members of the public
Clerk – Louise Turgoose

MINUTES

FULL 2023.118.	Silence to remember those that have passed Observed
FULL 2023.119.	To receive apologies for absence None
FULL 2023.120.	To receive and consider - Declarations of members' interests and dispensations from non-participation None
FULL 2023.121.	To resolve to amend Standing Orders as agreed at September meeting reference District and County participation Resolved
FULL 2023.122.	To receive and approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 12 th Sept 2023 113. "Disciplinary" to be changed to "Financial Risk" Accepted (RD/LH)
FULL 2023.123.	To receive and note - Any update on actions arising from previous Parish Council decisions (not included elsewhere on the agenda) Lawnmower has been delivered
FULL 2023.124.	To receive reports from a) County Councillor <i>Update on last meeting ref;</i> <i>Drains on School Walk</i> School - unable to provide update. First bidder has dropped out and second bidder is currently in talks. Information is commercially sensitive so there is not much available, but it is believed to be some sort of education provider.

Cllr J Ashworth advised that the Parish Council has received other information. HEB Surveyors tells the Parish Council that they have received 11 bids. A bid hoping to provide a medical centre has been rejected because NCC is only accepting bids of £500,000 or over.

***Cllr J Ashworth to share this information with County Cllr C Barnfather.
Cllr C Barnfather to gather as much information as possible.***

Northern Way - Officers have met with residents who live at the top of Park Road. There is some responsibility by the residents, but Severn Trent has also been contacted regarding their new fresh water pipe installation. Severn Trent has a statutory right to do this, but they have not yet determined the exact route of the pipe through the park. Nottinghamshire County Council have requested this avoids any sites of ecological interest, new planting etc. When a definitive plan has been determined, this will be open to comment. This will most probably involve a route under Northern Way but any scheme will need to include remedial works. No timeline is available at the moment.

Cllr L Newcombe left the meeting 19.19 returned 19.21.

Speed Data - Raw data is not available to be given due to the 85% average required. Cllr L Newcombe advised that this was requested in order to create pictorial charts to help residents understand the information and trends. Cllr C Barnfather advised that he would look in to getting information regarding volume of vehicles, but that it is unlikely that this will show the type of vehicle or concerns such as poor driving

b) Borough Councillors

Sewage - Pleased that due to encouragement from all parties, a rapid response was organised by Severn Trent. This sewage outflow was determined as being due to heavy rainfall and a fat blockage running on the service road at Park Road. Once cleared, this was again checked and found to be building up again. Cllr R Ellis encouraged residents not to dispose of cooking fat or other potentially blocking materials down the drains, and instead put this in the general waste.

Warm and Welcoming Spaces - The Welfare plans to open again as a Warm and Welcoming space on the 17th from 10-3 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. The Welfare are on the look-out for donations towards this. Emmanuel will also be reopening over the whole of the winter. This will involve a sit-down menu rather than a takeaway service which will start on the 24th.

c) Parish Councillors

None

FULL 2023.125.

To receive - Parishioners questions/statements (normal duration 15 minutes)
Drainage - has a review ever been conducted in the village to check the suitability of drainage following the expansion of the village over the last 30

years?

Cllr C Barnfather advised that this is reviewed whenever a new planning application is submitted, and Severn Trent are asked to comment on the suitability during every consultation period.

Cllr L Newcombe asked if these consultations are available to the public. Cllr R Ellis advised that these are available on the planning portal.

Whitelife group is also working in conjunction with this by way of clearing Mill Lakes.

Pipeline - Whitelife group is also concerned about the pipe planned to run through the park and wants to be kept up to date with any development on this.

Speed Bumps - There is scientific proof that the bumps are increasing pollution and resident wishes this noted. Cllr C Barnfather advised that various meetings have taken place

School - Resident wants to note that the process was made difficult, with no access to the building allowed and the information being changed regularly. Resident was advised that no medical/GP practice has come forward, but that this is now clearly false. Resident feels the process has not been transparent.

Cllr C Barnfather advised that the process has been long following consultation with the community after this building was registered as an asset of community value.

Resident advised that the restrictions put in place by Nottinghamshire County Council made the process of creating a business plan difficult.

Cllr C Barnfather requested the resident give him the details of this issue and the officer involved and her will chase this up.

Cllr L Newcombe asked if the framework of this bid process was public information. Cllr C Barnfather advised that he is unable to answer as he does not have this information but advised Cllr L Newcombe to email this request to him.

Miners Welfare Grant Application - Application has been submitted. New policy states that only one grant can be applied for per year, but they request that this is match funded as a public event.

The Welfare is unhappy with the backlash of the traffic management last year and the parking issue. Cllr C Brown asked if advertisement could include encouragement to walk or use public transport. The Welfare advised that this was due to the cancellation of other shows and visitors from outside the village and they are concerned that this will be repeated with the cancellation of other shows in the area.

Resident commented that this would have caused issues if there was an emergency.

Cllr J Ashworth advised that the organisers advise the police and fire service know. The Welfare advised that they do not have enough volunteers to

marshal the event.

FULL 2023.126. To approve payments for the month (as e-mailed to Councillors to pay)

14-Sep-23	Gedling Borough Council	Xmas Lights 2022	£1026.00
14-Sep-23	Susan Stack	Email Transfer	£39.90
14-Sep-23	Jonathan Noon	Goal Post Install	£43.13
25-Sep-23	Hugo Fox	Website	£11.99
30-Sep-23	Unity Trust	Bank Charges	£18.00

Cllr L Newcombe requests that the website provision is reviewed on a future agenda. Cllrs C Brown and L Newcombe to investigate this.

Approved (JA/IH)

FULL 2023.127. To receive and –

- Approve the accounts April-September

Cllr J Ashworth advised that the play area is over budget due to several breakages recently.

(JA/IH)

- Sign bank statement July-September

Signed

- Amend budgets

Defibrillator from £400 to £1000

Play area repairs from £2000 to £6000

Christmas Lights amended

Approved amendments (JA/RD)

Set budget for community consultation 2024

Any other items

Cllr C Brown reported that this will be advised in November following investigation

FULL 2023.128. To receive any update on – Section 106 Consultation Training Event – (CB)
Section 106 training attended by multiple councillors and was difficult to understand. Councillors attending advised that Section 106 was open to interpretation and is very complex.

FULL 2023.129. To receive update on – Council Facebook account and management of content (LT)
Clerk advised that the facebook account is now under sole control of the Clerk and that Cllrs can send requests for content to the Clerk for review.
Cllr L Newcombe requested that ‘fat bergs’ and their prevention be posted.

FULL 2023.130. To decide on –

- Grant application received from Bestwood Colliery FC (pitch fees) for £2,400 (LT)

Cllr J Ashworth advised that the Council want to be supportive and treat this application as start-up fees for the club in its new format. This does mean it will be a one-off grant.

Cllr C Brown offered support for the volunteers running this club and praised their aims of encouraging girls in to the sport as well as providing

a group for all children in the village.

Grant approved as long as the requested information is submitted. Clerk to write to applicant advising of requirements.

(JA/CB)

- Grant application received from Bestwood Miners Welfare (fireworks) for £600

Cllr J Ashworth advised that the grant would need to be spent on the fireworks, and if this is not to go ahead the money will need to be returned.

Cllr L Newcombe advised that the Welfare have requested funding via a grant, but that perhaps the Warm Hubs is a better use of the Grant Application process.

Cllr C Brown asked if there was any way in which this could be supported outside of the Grant scheme.

Cllr R Ellis requested that this be revisited.

Cllr J Ashworth and Cllr I Hart advised that this was standard practice

Clerk suggested that future events be a joint venture between the organising group and the Council, therefore allowing split costs to be under the events budget rather than grants (JA/RD)

FULL 2023.131.	To receive update on community consultation 2024 (CB/LN/RW) <i>Cllr C Brown advised that the Council hopes to complete a consultation in the spring of 2024 to better understand how residents would like the Parish Council to better serve the community. Cll C Brown. L Newcombe and R Davidson will put forward a proposal at the November meeting when this has been discussed.</i>
FULL 2023.132.	To delegate authority to Councillors Brown and Newcombe to investigate Cloud storage options/document sharing systems for referral back to Full Council <i>Approved (JA/IH)</i>
FULL 2023.133.	To delegate authority to Councillors Brown and Newcombe to investigate alternative policy solutions for authentication by NALC before referral back to Full Council <i>Cllr L Newcombe advised that policies are being reviewed and updated but this will take a long time (JA/IH)</i>
FULL 2023.134.	To receive update on replacement of 3 planters outside school and applicable quotes (IH/JA) <i>Cllr J Ashworth advised that quotes have been circulated prior to the meeting. Recycled Plastic Planters authorised for purchase (JA/RD)</i>
FULL 2023.135.	To develop a policy on how the Council handles queries on planning applications and responses on behalf of the Parish Council (LN)

Delegated to Cllrs L Newcombe and C Brown under item FULL 2023.113

- FULL 2023.136. To receive reports and discuss;
- a) Environment working group Report
Cllr I Hart advised that plants have been purchased and planted up and the new ones will be planted when available.
There has been a lot of vandalism on these plants but thanks all the people who have been watering and caring for them.
Cllr L Newcombe advised that this could be squirrels.
 - b) Lengthsman Scheme update – high level vegetation (JA)
Cllr J Ashworth reported Lengthsman requested to look at the drain on School Walk, but it does not appear to have yet been done.
Cllr I Hart advised that other drains in the village have been done, and Cllr C Barnfather is to chase this up. Cllr R Ellis has advised that this should be on the work schedule shortly.
 - c) S106 Monies – Projects & Consultation
Cllr L Newcombe advised that Cllr C Brown and L Newcombe met with an officer of Gedling Borough Council who explained S106 and CIL. CIL is 0 rate payable in Bestwood Village. S106 is collected from the developer and given to the Parish Council on an application basis. £200,000 roughly will hopefully be available for capital expenditure. Funds are more easily accessible for Council owned lands, but that is not to say that funding cannot be used towards privately owned land providing it is for public gain. This will be advised by consultation with the public.
Cllr C Brown advised that there is no formal process for application, but that this is relationship based and developing these relationships will aid in future applications. Conversations are set to continue with the Gedling Borough Council officer in January.
 - d) Planning applications review -*To discuss and make formal representations on behalf of the Council for applications received since the last Full Council meeting*
Stables application comments to be forwarded to the Clerk for sending to the Planning Department
 - e) Update on traffic issues
No update available
 - f) Storage room for Council property
 - *New storage option (JN)***No update available**
 - *Update on Welfare storage (JA)***Unable to provide update until alternative option is also available to compare**
 - g) Playground inspections and repair
Swing to be repaired
 - h) Christmas lights;
 - *Purchase and installation (LN)***Lights ordered and will be installed early November but not switched on until the Switch On Event. These will be on a solar trigger which will turn on daily when light levels allow. Cllr R Davidson to**

accompany electrician and Welfare to be advised when access is required.

**- Arrangements for 2023 event – Planners and Doers
Nov 26th, switch on 6pm.**

i) Community events

- Any other events

Halloween Event being organised by a community group, starting at the Welfare.

FULL 2023.137. To agree the date and time of the next meeting (Tuesday 14th November 2023)
Agreed

FULL 2023.138. Exclusion of public and press – To resolve that in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, Section 1, the public and representatives of press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting, during the consideration of the following items of business, on the ground that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be considered
Resolved

FULL 2023.139. Finance background check and formal signing of contract for Clerk
**Check ongoing
Contract signed**