



Bestwood Village Parish Council

Date: Tuesday 18th May 2021 at 7pm

Venue: St Mark's Church, School Walk
Bestwood Village



Annual Parish Meeting

Present

Councillors:

Portia Newling	Chair
Jack Ashworth	Vice Chair
Marlene Gee	
Ian Hart	
J Pauley	

MINUTES

APM 001	Welcome by the Chairman <i>Cllr Newling welcomed everyone to the meeting</i>
APM 002	To receive - Apologies for absence <i>None</i>
APM 003	To receive and approve - Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on 11 th May 2020 <i>It was resolved to receive and approve the minutes</i>
APM 004	<p>To receive - The Chairman's report for the year <i>After an unusual year, Bestwood Village Parish Council can feel proud of its progress. Despite difficulties we have continued to meet on schedule and to carry our responsibilities and a little bit more! We have come to grips with a new way of working via zoom, though we are glad to be able to meet in person once more. This year saw the raising of Parish Council profiles as a result of the video clip showing clerk Jackie Weaver's handling of difficult meetings. Hopefully the renewed interest in local governance will be maintained, and we will have plenty of candidates ready to stand at the next election!</i></p> <p><i>When the impact of Coronavirus and lockdowns first became apparent, we quickly established a procedure to support individuals needing help. We publicised it, distributing leaflets to every house in the village, and thanks to community support were able to shop and collect prescriptions for those in need. Councillors helped with organisation, shopping and delivery, and soon people has established regular networks of support that continued throughout the emergency. This year saw the establishment of St Alban's Community Kitchen (StACK) and we have distributed meals every week, and sometimes twice a week, ever since.</i></p> <p><i>The Old School/New Future project paused for lockdown, as all consultation activities needed to stop. We registered the school as an asset of community interest, and have declared an intention to bid when the school is marketed.</i></p>

	<p><i>We have begun the process of establishing a new website, with most content now in place. We await some technical work about domains and email servers before we switch. In partnership with this we have established a parish council Facebook page, which is a more professional way of sharing information than relying on individual councillors to share items.</i></p> <p><i>There have been ongoing challenges concerning antisocial behaviour and highways concerns- both seem to be ever with us! We have however arranged for the bus shelter leaks to be mended, and a bench and noticeboard fitted where it is absent.</i></p> <p><i>Councillors have undergone training about community businesses, discussed GDPR, and held site meetings about Christmas lights, interactive speed signs and the state of our highways, among other things. We have contributed to meetings with Gedling Borough Council concerning the best use of S106 money. Several projects are under consideration- everything takes time and needs consultation and exploration.</i></p> <p><i>We plan to hold a village meeting when restrictions are lifted, to celebrate our ability to come together and to reward the hard work of individual residents and their contribution to community life. We very much look forward to this celebration!</i></p> <p><i>I cannot conclude without thanking the other councillors for their work this year, and especially our Clerk Sue whose efficiency and good humour allows us to serve our community, keeping us both organised and legal!</i></p>
APM 005	Parish Business None present
APM 006	To note - Date of next meeting - Tuesday 10th May 2022 Noted