

Bestwood Village Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at St. Mark's Church, School Walk, Bestwood Village on 11th September 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

Membership Councillors:
Portia Newling Chair
Jack Ashworth Vice Chair
A Frank Beckwith
Dave Braithwaite
Marlene Gee
Janis Pauley
A Sandra Stanford-Barclay

Councillors Absent are marked 'A'

Also in Attendance

Gary Long Locum Clerk to the Council
Susan Stack Guest Clerk to the Council
5 members of the public

MINUTES

2018/132	Apologies for absence C Barnfather (Notts CC), F Beckwith, Sandra Stanford-Barclay
2018/133	Declarations of members' interests and dispensations from non-participation None
2018/134	Appointment of clerk (encl.) It was resolved that Susan Stack be appointed as Clerk with immediate effect (PN/JA) Details to be agreed with the Chair and she be added to the Bank Account. Gary Long will continue to carry out work during the changeover
2018/135	To receive and approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th June 2018 (encl.) Amendments - Leen Close not Lane Close, Braithwaite not Braithewaite It was resolved to receive and approve the minutes (PN/JA)
2018/136	To receive and note any update on actions arising from previous Parish Council decisions (encl.) Road Closures – 2018.21. We are being notified just at the wrong e-mail address Jan to send address to Clerk e-mail for it to be changed. Action list – two items are a work in progress for the Chairman, the remainder being done 2018.025 – Cllr Ashworth confirmed that the maintenance will have to be taken on by the

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2018/137	<p>To note the change of provider and start time (from 7.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.) of the training session on 9th October</p> <p>Noted</p>
2018/138	<p>To receive parishioners questions/statements</p> <p>Comment that resident had enjoyed the gym and an e-mail had been received appreciating the installation.</p> <p>When walking around the lakes the speed of lorries on Moor Road is horrendous. The road humps are not slowing the larger vehicles. Reply – we have a speed indicator that needs attention (a new battery) that could be deployed if it were fixed. Notts CC have the ability to install a device to count the number of lorries. The amount of traffic is such that there is a delay in being able to cross the road, especially in mobility scooters. Could we have a weight limit imposed with access only? This may be difficult while the school is being built.</p> <p>Has Risk Assessment been done on the new gym equipment/Zip-wire? Reply - We worked with a reputable firm and there is an instruction board and advice notice on site.</p> <p>Playground in the park – It is a large amount of money to spend. Reply - Councillors will take into account during discussions.</p> <p>Clerk appointment, should the post have been advertised? Councillors will look into it.</p>
2018/139	<p>Reports from Parish, Borough and County Councillors</p> <p>Cllr Barnfather continues to work on our behalf</p> <p>1. Zip wire and gym update (Cllr Ashworth) Has been completed, some snagging has been done (e.g. the gate) and everything is in order. Invoice received and paid. Guarantees are in place. It will be inspected in the normal manner and plans to train people on the gym equipment are being organized. It was resolved that the return of VAT goes into General Reserve</p> <p>2. Proposed parish boundary change (Cllr Ashworth) Moor Road Ashfield/Gedling Boundary causes problems with statistics. The MP tried to do something to resolve the anomaly but was not successful. Cllr Ashworth suggests that we ask the Ashfield properties if they would like to come into Gedling. Progress is being made. Stories in the press about sweeping changes that may negate action being needed.</p> <p>3. Update on new school/housing development (Cllr Ashworth) No update</p> <p>4. Update on GP service for village (Cllr Pauley) Two surgeries have been spoken to and both have closed their lists due to building in Hucknall. They are asking about location and funding for a new facility. Cllr Pauley has got information includes both sides of the road but also included Papplewick, who do not have a surgery. She approached Killarney Park but while they support it they have their own transport and are nearer to Arnold than Bestwood Village.</p> <p>5. Other The paperwork from Bestwood St Albans Council has been between the two new Councils but there is still work to be done on the last filing cabinet, and we need to deliver some to archive and store the remainder at the Chairman's home.</p>

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	<p>Resurfacing complete on Yeoman avenue and Cllr Ashworth thanked resident John for his support in getting it done.</p> <p>The Youth Shelter has created a litter problem as the nearest dual use bin was used for dog mess and so kids would not put litter in it. A new bin for litter only (from Gedling BC) has been installed.</p>
2018/140	<p>Budget Preparation 2018/19: To consider a report on the preparation of a budget for 2018/19 (encl.)</p> <p>It was suggested that November changes are brought forward, January the new budget be agreed and anticipated that a 3.5% increase will be needed for 2019. Report accepted and approved.</p>
2018/141	<p>Annual Risk Assessment: To consider a draft of the Annual Risk Assessment (encl.)</p> <p>Councillors were asked to study the document and send any comments to the Clerks and Chairman's e-mail for approval at the next meeting. Clerk Gary noted that some items that are on the report as being done are not.</p>
2018/142	<p>Policies: to consider 3 policies which are referred to in the clerks contract (as it currently stands) and have not yet been adopted</p> <p>1.Sickness Absence Policy (encl)</p> <p>2.Health and Safety Working at Home Policy (encl.)</p> <p>3.Equal Opportunity Policies (encl.)</p> <p>It was resolved to adopt all of the policies subject to item 9 of Equal Opportunity Policies – Remove word “monthly”. (PN/JP)</p>
2018/143	<p>School Building Legacy: To consider views and comments to be represented to Nottinghamshire County Council regarding the future use of the current school building.</p> <p>Cllrs Newling, Ashworth and Gee are attending a meeting with Notts CC to discuss on Thursday current week, including what they may have in mind for it. Having lost the social club in its old form space is short. Concern raised as to who will take the ideas forward and be responsible for planning and taking on heavy responsibilities for Council buildings.</p>
2018/144	<p>Use of grants budget: To consider any suggestions for the use of the grants budget and how the availability might be publicised</p> <p>£5,000 has been set aside for grants. Possible projects are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas tree festivities £500 • Bonfire night fireworks £300 • Graveyard maintenance £TBA subject to ability to support • British Legion poppies £100 • Village flowers and compost has its own budget • Other village foliage projects £TBA • Lunch Club Christmas lunch £TBA <p>Agreed to promote applications by notices on boards and website before going to social media. No awards made.</p>
2018/145	<p>Andy's Adventure Playground: To consider making a donation towards Andy's</p>

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	<p>Adventure Playground</p> <p>It was resolved to donate £500 to the project payable when the project goes ahead. Clerk to advise applicant.(PN/JA)</p> <p>The Council needs to approve a grants policy (next agenda) and include that representatives should attend the Council meeting at which the grant is discussed. The Council appreciated that it appears expensive but this is standard across the suppliers with groundworks being a large percentage of the total costs.</p>
2018/146	<p>Use of Notice Boards: To consider a proposal to change the use of one of the Parish Council notice boards.</p> <p>Park Road notice board is difficult for Chairman to maintain. Needs a new frontage. Clerk to contact Malcolm Lane. Cllr Ashworth to measure up. Cllr Gee will update this notice board. Cllr Ashworth is getting a price for amending wording on the four existing notice boards. Clerk to ask for comparative quote from Malcolm Lane.</p>
2018/147	<p>Community Centre: To consider issues relating to the booking of the Community Centre and decide on action to be taken, if any</p> <p>There has been difficulty in hosting events. Deferred to next meeting.</p>
2018/148	<p>Road Humps: To consider if the Parish Council should, once again, raise the issue of replacement of the road humps with an alternative, how this might be done and who might take a lead</p> <p>Humps are not working for ALL traffic. It continues to be an annoyance to residents. Notts CC do not want to remove them to avoid spending money. They do slow down traffic when traffic is coming in the other direction. An access only weight limit may be an option. Two humps are being moved. Has the road sunk leaving the humps too high? Could they be rubber topped to cut down noise? Should we ask Notts CC to survey the level and types of vehicle? Do we need a refuse or crossing? Agreed that Cllr Pauley will pursue the installation of monitoring bar to provide data for the above possible suggestions.</p>
2018/149	<p>To note the date, time and place of the next Parish Council meeting: Tuesday 13th November 2018, 7.30 p.m. at Killarney Park Social Club, Squires Drive Killarney Park, Lamins Lane, Nottingham, NG6 8NR</p> <p>Noted. The Chairman thanked the members of the public for attending and their support.</p>
2018/150	<p>Exclusion of the Press and Public</p> <p>That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted the public and press be temporarily excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item in accordance with Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and they are asked to withdraw</p> <p>Resolved</p>
2018/151	<p>Clerk handover items</p> <p>In response to the public query the Council considered that having had previous history and knowledge of the Village and been locum clerk for six months that Susan Stack be appointed to the role as she had these important qualities at this time. Clerk Gary</p>

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	<p>provided a list of duties and these were agreed. Susan Stack suggested that she work for three months on a free trial basis to give all parties the opportunity to define what level of service is required longer term. This was agreed.</p>
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