



Bestwood Village Parish Council



Date: Tuesday 13th February 2024 at 7pm
At St Mark's Church Bestwood Village

Present;

J Ashworth (Chair) C Brown, R Davidson, L Newcombe, I Hart

5 members of the public

Clerk – Louise Turgoose

MINUTES

- FULL 2024.31. Silence to remember those that have passed
Observed
- FULL 2024.32. To receive apologies for absence
Councillor Robert White
Councillor Johnathon Noone
County Councillor Chris Barnfather
Borough Councillor Rachael Ellis
- FULL 2024.33. To receive and consider - Declarations of members' interests and dispensations from non-participation
IH - Friends of bestwood country park (member)
JA - Hawthorne PTA (governor)
- FULL 2024.34. To receive and approve - Minutes of the Council meeting held on 9th January 2023
JA requested page numbers be added to pages.
Numbers updated with 'FULL 2024' numbering system.
Approved (CB/RD)
- FULL 2024.35. To receive and note - Any update on actions arising from previous Parish Council decisions (not included elsewhere on the agenda)
Bestwood Country Park Development Group Meeting attended by JA and IH. Cllr Barnfather advised that Group Meeting that the lane to country park is not the responsibility of anyone. No ownership determined of the road/track/path/bridleway. Severn

Trent are considering if remedial works will be carried out at the time of the pipeline.

- FULL 2024.36. To receive reports from
- a) County Councillor
None present
 - b) Borough Councillors
None present
 - c) Parish Councillors
CB - Concerns for safety of walking in the dark over the bridge at Moor Road. Who is responsible?
IH - Railway
CB to look in to further

IH - Flooding of the path to Butlers Hill is an ongoing issue. Via and Park Rangers are aware. There appear to be problems with the sewer network, and is originating from private land. Cllr Barnfather updated IH that he is chasing this with Via on a regular basis. Environment Agency are aware. Drainage manhole cover is also overflowing due to a suspected collapsed culvert, which is currently under investigation.

- FULL 2024.37. To receive - Parishioners questions/statements (normal duration 15 minutes)
- Resident asked if Environment Agency have documented the sewage, chemicals etc. at Butlers Hill flowing in to Mill Lakes?***
IH - It was reported by the park rangers and is under investigation.

Resident reported that a residential property at the bottom of Lancaster Road and Park Road has not had the bins emptied for several weeks and black bags are piled up.
LN - Gedling Borough have a 'missed bin' reporting system on the website and asked if this has been used.
Resident did not know that this was available.
RD to ask the resident of the house if the Parish Council can assist.
Clerk to report to Borough Councillor to raise the issue with the Gedling street team.

Resident asked when minutes will be available on the website. Clerk advised that the minutes are uploaded to the website after the meeting at which they are approved. November has been published, and January will be uploaded after this meeting.

Resident asked how many signatures are required for the removal of the humps on Moor Road. Councillors pointed the resident to County Council Highways.

FULL 2024.38. To approve - payments for the month (as e-mailed to Councillors to pay)

01-Jan-24	Countrywide ground	550330	-£160.00
19-Jan-24	LOUISE TURGOOSE	PHONE CONTRACT	-£13.99
31-Jan-24	LOUISE TURGOOSE	PAY BVPC	-£304.25
31-Jan-24	HMRC	475PP01409936	-£76.20
28-Jan-24	Hugo Fox	Website 4173	-£11.99
28-Jan-24	Gedling Borough Council	408301168	-£89.05
05-Feb-24	Countrywide ground	540747	-£160.00
05-Feb-24	Notts ALC subs	INV 3079	-£468.34

Approved (JA/IH)

FULL 2024.39. To receive update on – Update of council name and postal address on bank account (LT)

Clerk now has updated access to the bank account

FULL 2024.40. To receive reports and discuss - Environment working group report

None

JA requested this item be removed as a regular item and Clerk will be advised if the group has a report

FULL 2024.41. To review and respond to - Planning applications requiring formal representations on behalf of the Council for applications received since the last Full Council meeting

None

- FULL 2024.42. To receive update on - Lengthsman scheme (JA)
JA - 68.5 hours remaining until March 2024. Ball Court requires cleaning and has been submitted.
IH - Grass area outside the school requires tidying up.
CB - Asked if the hours carry over and if they are paid.
JA - Hours do not carry over, and it is not a paid-for service.
- FULL 2024.43. To receive update on - Community consultation 2024 (CB/LN/RW)
CB - Request for volunteers was circulated on Facebook and 7 volunteers have tested the consultation and offered to help. Had a meeting with Jenny at RCAN. Suggested testing the consultation which has been done.
16th-17th March for distribution and web address/QR code.
Paper consultation will be delivered to homes for returning to the school and welfare. Online consultation will take place.
Volunteers will meeting with consultees if they require help completing the consultation in a mutual location or via the telephone.
Groups will be consulted with by CB and LN. Request to go out on Facebook asking for people to make Cllrs aware of the groups so that they might be consulted.
Easter event to double up as a consultation event.
Distributed to the whole village - Ashfield and Gedling.
- FULL 2024.44. To resolve - Easter consultation event (LN)
Report has been circulated to all Councillors. Easter event to double up as a consultation event.
'Easter Weekend' 1st April in conjunction with the local community organisers group.
Parish Council to provide funding and be joint organisers of the event.
JA advised that lessons had been learned following the Christmas Event and funding must be monitored.
All Parish Council funded items cannot be spent on chargeable items.
Budget of £1000 delegated to Cllrs LN, CB and RW (JA/IH)
- FULL 2024.45. To receive update on grants and donations;
Christmas - Selection boxes and mince pies
-Update from organisers received

Updated noted

Community Garden - £1500

-Update from organisers received

Clerk to contact Miners Welfare to re-offer the help and input of Robert White in the hopes of getting this organised by the end of summer.

Clerk to contact NALC to check if terms may be set on a grant already given.

Bestwood Colliery Football Club

- Update from organisers received

Update noted

FULL 2024.46. To resolve - Grant applications as listed below;

-Hawthorne School PTA £900.04

JA did not take part in the discussion

Discussion held in to the possible public feeling of funding of a school.

Approved grant of £900.04 under the provision that the banking arrangements meet the criteria specified in the grant policy and that it is noted to the applicant that this funding is a one off grant only. (CB/IH)

-Friends of Bestwood Country Park £430

IH did not take part in the discussion

Approved grant of a maximum of £430 under the provision that Council funds will fund free activities or facilities only, excluding chargeable items such as the ice cream van. Parish Council to pay invoices directly if sent to the Clerk ahead of payment.

(CB/JA)

FULL 2024.47. To discuss and resolve - Future steps to encourage mitigation of Moor Road flooding and letter to Nottinghamshire County Council
Letter distributed to all Councillors.

Second paragraph to be amended to include environmental impact such as traffic etc.

'Stranded children' to be expanded upon for clarification.

Second to last paragraph to be amended to read 'attached' rather than 'if required'.

Explanatory videos to be sent via email using Workdrive.

Cllr Barnfather to be copied in.

(CB/LN)

- FULL 2024.48. To resolve - The purchase of road signage to read “no access through Bestwood Village” or similar for future road closures (such as flooding)
Item to be deferred to March Full Council to allow time to investigate practicalities.
- FULL 2024.49. To note - Items arising from correspondence
***Millbank Place lighting raised under correspondence
IH advised that this is outside of the Parish boundary and is an ongoing issue. Ashfield District Council is responsible for this issue.
Clerk to request contact address for Morris Homes and write to Morris Homes to request these are repaired, despite it being outside of our remit.***
- FULL 2024.50. To review - Draft 1 of community newsletter and advise of any alterations required
***Back page to include contact details, and information on what the Parish Council covers, educating residents as much as possible on the role of the Parish Council and Councillors.
All Councillors to have a Bio in the Newsletter.
To be sent in conjunction with the consultation.
Draft to be added to the Workdrive for comment.
Double sided A3 folded (4 A4 pages) with an insert for the consultation. CB to retrieve quotes.***
- FULL 2024.51. Items for future agenda -
- To receive update on alternative website provision (LN)
- To receive update on creation of a policy on how the Council handles queries on planning applications and responses on behalf of the Parish Council (LN)
- To receive update on alternative policy solutions for authentication by NALC before referral back to Full Council (CB/LN)
Noted
- FULL 2024.52. To agree - The date and time of the next meeting (Tuesday 12th March 2024)
Agreed

- FULL 2024.53. **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
- FULL 2024.54. To note - Update on Clerk qualification status
Coursework sent for adjudication and results expected within the next 3 months.