



# Bestwood Village Parish Council

**Date:** Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at 7pm

**Venue:** Via Zoom internet platform



**Councillors Present:**

Portia Newling                      Chair  
Jack Ashworth                      Vice Chair  
Dave Braithwaite  
Kay Brown  
Marlene Gee  
Ian Hart  
Jan Pauley

**Borough Councillors**

Rachel Ellis  
Des Gibbins

**Guest**

Seb Wilkins GBC

## MINUTES

2020.075	Welcome by the Chairman
2020.076	Silence to remember those who have passed <b><i>The Councillors remembered</i></b>
2020.077	To receive - Apologies for absence  To ACCEPT apologies received from D Braithwaite until further notice from attending Council meetings to ongoing family commitments <b><i>It was resolved to receive and accept apologies from D Braithwaite</i></b>
2020.078	To receive and consider - Declarations of members' interests and dispensations from non-participation <b><i>None</i></b>
2020.079	To receive and approve - Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9 <sup>th</sup> June 2020 <b><i>It was resolved to receive and approve the minutes</i></b>
2020.080	To receive and approve – Income and expenditure account to 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2020 and note the Bank reconciliation to statement. <b><i>It was resolved to receive and approve the accounts</i></b>
2020.081	To receive and note - Any update on actions arising from previous Parish Council decisions (not included elsewhere on the agenda) <b><i>None</i></b>

2020.082	<p>To receive - Parishioners questions/statements (normal duration 15 minutes)</p> <p><b>Item 10I – was discussed as Seb was in attendance who gave a presentation of the planned amendments to the boundaries for the conservation area. A copy of the presentation will be sent to the Council. Suggested that the Miners Welfare be made aware of the consultation.</b></p> <p><b>Councillors asked questions regarding the consideration of surrounding areas and the design of anything that is developed there.</b></p> <p><b>There are three “green” areas not just two (area derelict next to Football Ground) – being looked into by Seb.</b></p>
2020.083	<p>To receive - Reports from Parish, Borough and County Councillors</p> <p><b>Ian West has done an excellent job since taking over at the Welfare. The stage has gone and other improvements are under way. Good Covid procedures and an excellent outdoor space so things are going to be looking much better. He would like to sponsor an extra bin on the lakes and Gedling have been contacted by Des and is awaiting a response.</b></p> <p><b>Replacement Dog waste bin near school walk is being chased up.</b></p> <p><b>Car parking around the Park Run – Ian may be willing to open up on a Saturday to facilitate extra parking (and teas/coffees for sale). It was agreed that the Parish Council could donate if asked to in return for allowing Dynamo House to have sole tea/coffee rights.</b></p> <p><b>Rachel reported that green fencing is being put up around the football pitch.</b></p> <p><b>Park and Ride (A60 Redhill roundabout) and petition – Proposal includes widening Bestwood Lodge Drive – There is no funding for that bit as it is a separate project.</b></p> <p><b>S106 £300,000 due to be used in the village and despite best efforts meetings are being delayed/deferred. Rachel to speak to Borough officers.</b></p> <p><b>Basic running costs are low at the Council and we need to be looking at projects that need our support for Councillors to think about in the future</b></p> <p><b>Storage – Portia is enquiring at local venues to see if there is any storage available locally for Council assets.</b></p>
2020.084	<p>To receive reports and discuss;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Hawthorne School working group and use of balance of funding remaining  <b>Letter has been written. Balance of grant has been allocated and paperwork completed. Fudge order cannot be fulfilled and so it was resolved to re-allocate to purchasing sweets at £2 per household. Further funding is available from the same source and perhaps a bus shelter/carport type canopy may be possible with/without picnic benches to help promote outdoor meeting. Will bring to next meeting for discussion. Public consultation will be needed. Size and location? Possibly two on the Square, size possibly 2m by 4m to hold six chairs.</b></li> <li>b) Environment working group Report including project costings. (Robert, Cllrs Ashworth and Gee)  <b>1 bench and 3 planters in place. 2<sup>nd</sup> bench being delivered next week. 3<sup>rd</sup> Bench will be the slatted bench to be a Buddy Bench at the school. Progressed really well and is being funded from the grant not Parish Council funds. Possible name for the group Beautiful Bestwood being considered. Jan’s name will be added to the group. Jack to chase up rubbish lady, Portia to speak to Ian about duplication and Jan to source free seeds.</b></li> <li>c) Lengthsman Scheme update  <b>No updates or outstanding work</b></li> </ul>

	<p>d) Planning applications review <b>Letter of support for windows at the Clock Tower to be written by the Clerk. 9 houses on the Paviers, access concerns to Moor Road (via service road) and loss of local parking – Councillors will comment as individuals.</b></p> <p>e) Traffic Issues <b>Meeting on Thursday NottsCC, City CCI and Jack regarding re a consistent approach to speeding on Moor road between the two authorities. Jack to get speed trolley ready to use</b></p> <p>f) Greater Nottingham Strategic plan <b>Noted</b></p> <p>g) Road Signs Audit results <b>No action undertaken. Jan to allocate areas</b></p> <p>h) Repair to Playground equipment <b>Swings are being repaired to save £1,500 from Proludic</b></p> <p>i) Donation to BestwoodNHSWalk (PN) <b>It was agreed to donate £34 via Portia</b></p> <p>j) Possible funding from causes.coop.uk (JA) <b>No action</b></p> <p>k) Bus Shelter upgrade (PN) <b>A bench is being put in. Notice board will be out if from the school fund grant. Anti vandal paint needs re-doing after the leaking roof has been fixed. Some further cutting back may be needed but due to height it may not be possible for Lengthsman to do. Interactive bus timetables would be appreciated on the bus stops since timetables changed, but 'phone apps are available that are more reliable. It may come under S106 funding.</b></p> <p>l) Gedling Borough Council consultation on the draft Bestwood Conservation Area appraisal (GBC) Seb Wilkins will be presenting on this from GBC <b>Item 10I – was discussed as Seb was in attendance who gave a presentation of the planned amendments to the boundaries for the conservation area. A copy of the presentation will be sent to the Council. Suggested that the Miners Welfare be made aware of the consultation. Councillors asked questions regarding the consideration of surrounding areas and the design of anything that is developed there. There are three “green” areas not just two (area derelict next to Football Ground) – being looked into by Seb.</b></p> <p>m) Consultation by the Committee on Standards in Public Life on Model Code of Conduct (GBC) <b>Noted</b></p>
2020.085	<p>To discuss – Grant applications and updates <b>The Clerk reported that funding sources and bid writing opportunities had been forwarded to the Miners Welfare to assist them in future funding but that no request for additional help had been received.</b></p>
2020.086	<p>To discuss – Delegation of Council decisions IF URGENT over the summer recess to Chairman and Vice Chairman with a requirement to consult other Councillors by e-mail on spending in excess of £250 and the majority agreeing. <b>It was resolved that Chair and Vice chair, in agreement would have delegated authority until the September Full Council meeting.</b></p>

2020.087	<p>To review;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Updated Fixed asset register <b><i>Councillors to review and advise any changes</i></b></li> <li>b) Financial Risk Assessment <b><i>Changes agreed</i></b></li> <li>c) Financial Regulations <b><i>Changes agreed</i></b></li> <li>d) Submission to Unity Bank to add J Pauley and K Brown <b><i>Documentation being sent shortly</i></b></li> </ul>
2020.088	<p>To discuss/approve;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Clerks hours and expenses from April to June 2020 <b><i>Agreed</i></b></li> <li>b) Review of Clerks hours worked per month/meeting <b><i>Agreed</i></b></li> <li>c) Purchase of office 365 for Clerk's own laptop including use of OneDrive for routine file backup <b><i>Done</i></b></li> <li>d) Storage for Council documentation and portable assets <b><i>Being researched by Portia</i></b></li> </ul>
2020.089	<p>To note – Date of next meeting –Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September. Venue/medium to be decided by the Clerk based on Government advice at the time <b><i>Noted</i></b></p>