



Bestwood Village Parish Council



Date: Tuesday 14th November 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, J Noone
County Councillor C Barnfather
6 members of the public
Clerk – Louise Turgoose

AGENDA

FULL 2023.140.	Silence to remember those that have passed <i>Noted</i>
FULL 2023.141.	To receive apologies for absence <i>Cllr Rachael Ellis</i>
FULL 2023.142.	To receive and consider - Declarations of members' interests and dispensations from non-participation <i>None</i>
FULL 2023.143.	To receive and approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 10 th October 2023 <i>"Grant Application for Bestwood Miners Welfare was approved in full" Approved</i>
FULL 2023.144.	To receive and note - Any update on actions arising from previous Parish Council decisions (not included elsewhere on the agenda) a) Parishioners Questions <i>Cllr Newcombe Reports - We have followed up on the availability of drainage assessments for new developments and can confirm that they are available on the Gedling Borough Council planning portal. For example a series of documents relating the initial inspection of foul water infrastructure around the Westhouse Farm development and the acceptance of the proposed plans by STW. These documents should all publicly</i>

available on the relevant planning applications. Planning falls into the remit of the Borough Council who are the appropriate organisation to assist with any further questions.

b) FULL2023.125 - Old School Building (LN)

Cllr Newcombe Reports - We have also followed up on the available of an evaluation criteria for the sale of the old school building. Nottinghamshire County Council have confirmed that the County Council will undertake its due diligence in looking at the sustainability of bids in terms of use, funding, planning, level of offer, governance, deliverability etc in seeking to ensure that the Council meets its best consideration obligations in selecting the preferred offer. The decision as to the purchaser of this site falls to the Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Asset Management, Councillor Keith Girling. The details of the bids will remain confidential, but it is possible that the Parish Council will be able to obtain a redacted confirmation of bids received. The sale of this building under the remit of the County Council who are the appropriate organisation to assist with any further questions.

FULL 2023.145.

To receive reports from

a) County Councillor

Old School Building -

The sale of the Old School Building was finalised 13.11.2023. It is to be a national education provider, mainly for children with educational health plans. They hope to open in Sept 2024 and will provide places for 40 children. Public details are limited at the moment. There should be no changes to the outer fabric of the building and no change of use permissions required.

The New School/Upper School is still scheduled for residential development at the moment.

A document/announcement will be published in due course. Councillor Claire Brown said the Council welcomes this news.

Flooding -

Flooding was a Nottinghamshire wide problem and Cllr Barnfarther encouraged any residents affected by internal flooding to contact the County Council so that the Flood Resilience team may get in touch with them directly.

Cllr Hart advised that the main issue was with children being

trapped outside of the village and that this is very troubling. Cllr Hart also raised the issue of the path through Mill Lakes to Butlers Hill Tram Stop being flooded which is not receding and is emitting worrying smells.

Cllr Barnfather to contact the Rights of Way team to resolve. Cllr Davidson asked when the gulleys and drainage system will be cleaned out at the exit of the village at the end of Park Road?

Cllr Barnfather reported that he has been advised they have been cleared and that this is most likely just debris from the roads not being swept. The drain at the end of School Walk was not cleared and he has chased this up and will again.

b) Borough Councillors

None present

c) Parish Councillors

Nothing to report

FULL 2023.146.

To receive - Parishioners questions/statements (normal duration 15 minutes)

Resident is pleased to hear about the Old School. Resident also reported potholes near the stables at the end of the unadopted road.

Cllr Barnfather reported that this is not in the remit of the County Council and it is the responsibility of the home-owners. A site meeting is to be held with the County Council to find out what can be done and whether this will be affected by the Severn Trent Water works. Negotiations underway to see if Severn Trent will repair this during their works

Resident asked if this footpath would be closed until it repaired.

Cllr Barnfather advised that this is not likely to happen.

Cllr Ashworth noted that the County Council use this to access the Park to maintain it, and does this not constitute a responsibility to maintain it.

Cllr Barnfather said no.

Cllr Brown asked if there was a timeline.

Cllr Barnfather said no.

Resident spoke regarding a planning application for Ivy Dene. It appeared clear to the residents that cllrs had not been provided with all of the information and they wanted to assist and

provide the information if possible.

Cllr Ashworth advised that the planning application documents are now available to the Councillors.

Residents advised that this application has been heavily edited following the prior refusal to fulfil all the suggestions and requirements of the previous refusal.

Rendering was advised by the planning dept to have a 'neutral appearance', despite this being opposed of the initial notice.

These contradictions have been very confusing for the resident.

Residents reported that they have tried to collaborate with the Gedling planning dept and officer but this has not been forthcoming.

The only reason the residents are putting in for permission is to help preserve and maintain the house, and that they did not purchase it with the intention of changing the 'look' that they fell in love with. A variety of issues with surveyors and contractors has lead the residents to this point and they want to protect the history of the home whilst rectifying the severe subsidence and neglect the house has suffered.

Cllr Ashworth stated that the Council sympathises with the residents and is supportive of the residents aims to preserve the building but reiterated that the Council's sway with the planning department is minimal.

Resident asked if BVPC could get in touch with the Whitelife group who is speaking with Severn Trent regarding sewerage overflow.

Resident asked if allotments were to be made available in the near future?

Cllr Newcombe reported that a consultation will take place in the new year and hopefully this will provide an indication of the need for them.

Cllr Ashworth reported that the problem with providing allotments is finding available land.

Resident asked if the unused land at the Welfare was available. Councillors advised this has been previously looked in to.

Several residents noted that many children and families struggled to get home during the flooding and that the school

buses dropped children off on a 40 mph road with no footpath in the dark.

FULL 2023.147.

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

02.10.2023	Louise Turgoose	Mobile Phone	13.99
02.10.2023	Susan Stack	Pay (September)	180.00
02.10.2023	Louise Turgoose	Pay (September)	99.32
02.10.2023	Susan Stack	Miles and print	9.05
02.10.2023	HMRC	Tax	69.80
19.10.2023	Gedling Borough Council	Play equipment inspection	89.05
19.10.2023	Countrywide	Grounds Maintenance	160.00
19.10.2023	Lighting and Illumination	Christmas Lights	2968.80
19.10.2023	Leisure Bench	Planters x3	699.60
25.10.2023	Hugo Fox	Website	11.99
30.10.2023	Lighting and Illumination	Christmas Lights	4074.00
31.10.2023	Susan Stack	Pay (October)	180.00
31.10.2023	Louise Turgoose	Pay (October)	229.24
31.10.2023	HMRC	Tax	102.20
Awaiting auth.	Louise Turgoose	Mobile Phone	13.99
Awaiting auth.	Royal British Legion	Lamp Post Poppies	50.00

**Cllr Newcombe asked for clarification on the difference between Countrywide and the Lengthsmen Scheme.
Cllr Ashworth explained the differences in service.
Approved (JA/IH)**

FULL 2023.148.

To decide on – retrospective support for Halloween trail (JA)
**Cllr Ashworth advised that this cannot be considered a grant in retrospect.
The matter was discussed at length and it was proposed to pay for the advertising of the event at a total of £67 (JA/RD).**

FULL 2023.149.

To decide on – Council postal address provision (LN)
**Cllr Newcombe - The Council does not currently have a postal address and the Clerk's address has been used previously. A PO Box would protect the Clerks address and provide an address for residents to post items to.
Cllr Noone asked if the Church address could be used as a postal address. Cllr Ashworth advised that this would require a Faculty. Cllr Ashworth to investigate the option of having a postbox at the Church or using the Church address as the Parish Council**

	<i>postal address.</i>
FULL 2023.150.	To decide on – Update of council name and postal address on bank account <i>Clerk Louise Turgoose to be added to the bank mandate (RD/JN)</i>
FULL 2023.151.	To decide on - Alternative website provision (LN) <i>Alternative providers sourced by Cllr Newcombe. Cllr Newcombe reported that the website could do with a revamp and this could be a good opportunity to do this.</i> <i>Clerk reported that more than 5 pages are probably going to be required.</i> <i>Discussion to be deferred until 2024 as part of the public consultation.</i>
FULL 2023.152.	To decide on - distribution of Christmas card to all households in the village including ‘hello’ from the Council, including a potential competition for the design, to be delivered by volunteers (LN) <i>Cllr Newcombe has looked in to printing costs, which will be roughly £170+VAT for 1000, and there are 1098 homes in the village. This will include a leaflet of ‘What’s On’ inside the card. These will possibly be delivered by volunteers.</i> <i>£350 budget to be delegated to Clerk and Cllr Newcombe to print cards/leaflets and Cllr Newcombe to organise leaflet and distribution with local volunteers and groups. (JA/CB)</i> <i>Cllr Noone noted that no envelopes would halve the wastage and possible cost.</i> <i>Cllr Newcombe advised that this may cause an issue with any inserts.</i>
FULL 2023.153.	To decide on - RCAN Membership renewal <i>Cllr Ashworth declared an interest in this item.</i> <i>Clerk to send an email to all Councillors explaining what they do and what is included in a membership.</i> <i>Membership renewal approved (CB/RW)</i>
FULL 2023.154.	To decide on - List of dates for submission of agenda items and grant applications <i>Dates confirmed as correct and list to be published on the Website and Facebook Page.</i>

FULL 2023.155.	<p>To receive update on - Community consultation 2024 (CB/LN/RW)</p> <p><i>Cllr Brown presented a proposal for the consultation. This consultation has the aim of assessing demand for services in BV and encouraging community engagement and feedback. Public consultation to be launched Feb-April 2024 (online, offline and in-person opportunities). Includes satisfaction rating, possible improvements and shared values of village. Guided discussions will also take place with the village's groups, service providers and volunteer organisations. A village fun day and consultation event would assist in getting the views of younger residents and families who may not otherwise respond and build connections with residents. Aim is for a minimum of 250 responses plus group/organisation consultations. The Parish Council will then be able to present a strong case for all future plans, for example inclusivity of the play equipment etc. This data will assist with future funding bids, including but not limited to S106, and will also help with budget planning and events management.</i></p> <p><i>January - Preparation works</i> <i>February - Consultation launched</i> <i>March - Meetings with groups</i> <i>April School Holidays - Family Fun/Consultation Day</i> <i>July - Data reviewed and report presented</i></p> <p><i>Proposal created by cllrs CB, LN and RW praised by other Councillors.</i></p>
FULL 2023.156.	<p>To receive update on - Cloud storage options/document sharing systems (CB/LN)</p> <p><i>Cllr Newcombe reported that this will cost £2 per user per month.</i></p> <p><i>Cllr Brown to provide assistance to councillors if required. Councillor/Clerk WhatsApp group to be created for general announcements and updates.</i></p>

	Approved (JA/IH)
FULL 2023.157.	To receive update on - Replacement of 3 planters outside school (JA) Planters expected to be delivered in the next week. Update to come up at the next meeting.
FULL 2023.158.	To receive update on - S106 Monies, Projects & Consultation (LN) Miscommunication has taken place regarding MUGA Plans, and this has been raised with the relevant parties. Clerk to ask NALC if Cllrs are able to temporarily fill potholes on the unadopted road.
FULL 2023.159.	To receive reports and discuss - Environment working group report Nothing to report
FULL 2023.160.	To receive reports and discuss - Lengthsman Scheme update regarding high level vegetation (JA) Vegetation has been cut back. Leaves near drains to be raised with lengthsman.
FULL 2023.161.	To review and respond to - Planning applications requiring formal representations on behalf of the Council for applications received since the last Full Council meeting Having received and read the submission by Gary Quibell dated 11th October 2023 presented to Gedling Planning, Bestwood Village Parish Council fully supports the amended planning application. We believe this will have a positive impact on the conservation area by reinstating this building to a habitable state.
FULL 2023.162.	To receive update on traffic issues None
FULL 2023.163.	To receive update on - Storage room for Council property – New storage option (JN) Storage option to be investigated W/C 14.11.23 – Update on Welfare storage (JA)

	<p>Welfare storage option is now available for use</p> <p><i>Storage to be provided by Cllr Noone and to be ready by Jan 2024. Cllr Ashworth to advise the Welfare.</i></p>
FULL 2023.164.	<p>To receive update on - Playground inspections and repair (JA)</p> <p><i>A new seat for the swing has been fitted and an invoice is to follow.</i></p>
FULL 2023.165.	<p>To receive update on - Christmas;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Purchase and installation of lights (LN)</i> <p><i>Lamp post lights are arranged to switch on at dusk on the date of the light switch on.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Electrician meeting to test (LN/RD)</i> <p><i>Electrician has not yet been to test the system. JN/RD to arrange testing as soon as possible.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Arrangements for 2023 event – (LN and Planners and Doers)</i> <p>Snow Machine - 2 hour manned snow party booked.</p> <p>Clerk to send email to detail what evidence is needed to provide £50 electricity contribution from the Christmas Event Budget (JA/LN)</p> <p>Choir, band and other entertainment to take place throughout the day.</p> <p>Santa there from 3pm.</p> <p>Cllr Newcombe and Clerk delegated a budget of £100 to purchase mince Pies (JA/RW)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Selection boxes</i> <p>Cadbury Bulk Order of 216 boxes for £252 (JA/RW)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Parish Council information stall for 25th November</i> <p>Councillors to attend, but cannot provide a stall.</p>
FULL 2023.166.	<p>To receive update on - Community events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Any other events</i> <p><i>None</i></p>
FULL 2023.167.	<p>Items for future agenda -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>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)</i>

	<p>- To receive update on alternative policy solutions for authentication by NALC before referral back to Full Council (CB/LN)</p> <p>Noted</p>
FULL 2023.168.	<p>To agree the date and time of the next meeting (Tuesday 9th January 2024)</p> <p>Noted</p>
FULL 2023.169.	<p>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</p> <p>Approved</p>
FULL 2023.170.	<p>To approve - Local Government Services Pay Agreement as of April 2023</p> <p>Approved (JA/CB)</p>
FULL 2023.171.	<p>To receive update on - Finance background check of Clerk</p> <p>Check not yet returned. Clerk to chase.</p>