



Bestwood Village Parish Council



Date: Tuesday 10th January 2023 at 7pm
At St Mark's Church **Bestwood Village**

PRESENT

Cllrs J Ashworth (Chair), P Newling, M Gee, R Davidson, I Hart and 2 members of the public.

MINUTES

2023.01 Silence to remember those that have passed
Observed

2023.02 To receive – Apologies for absence
Apologies were received from Cllr J Pauley, Cllr K Brown and Cllr C Barnfather

2023.03 To receive and consider - Declarations of members' interests and dispensations from non-participation
None

2023.04 To receive and approve the minutes of Council meeting on 08th November 2022
It was resolved to approve the minutes.

2023.05 To receive and note - Any update on actions arising from previous Parish Council decisions (not included elsewhere on the agenda)
Cllr P Newling updated the meeting on the warm spaces. She informed the meeting that the facilities at the welfare were being underutilised and suggested that we asked groups using the centre to try and identify neighbours that they felt would benefit from the services. Cllr newling agreed to print out leaflets and ask the groups to distribute. Katie agreed to put posters in the village noticeboards and contact local gp's serving the parish to put up posters. Action: PN KG

Cllr J Ashworth reported that the communications around the access to the quarry were ongoing, that he had sent information from the public to the county council and he had not yet had any response. It was agreed that he would continue to pursue. Action: JA

Cllr J Ashworth updated the parish council on the state of the Christmas Light display. Though we had good feedback from the parishioners about the light switch on we asked for 6 extra lamppost lights to be installed and all 10 switched on and we only had 5 additional lights installed which were not switched on. This is to be taken up with the suppliers and ensure is reflected in the invoicing. Action KG

2023.06 To receive - Parishioners questions/statements (normal duration 15 minutes)
None were received.

2023.07 To receive reports and discuss;

a) Environment working group Report

Cllr P Newling asked if the council were aware who was responsible for the attenuation pond at the new housing estate and who would be responsible for it's maintenance including the drainage system into Mill Lakes. Cllr M Gee agreed to contact Langridge homes to find out.

Action MG

b) Lengthsman Scheme update

No Updates were received. Cllr J Ashworth reminded the parish council to utilise the scheme wherever we could to improve the parish.

c) S106 meetings held and updates

Katie Gibson presented the results of the public consultation relating to use of the S106 money received from flyers posted to every house to which people were encouraged to reply via a cut off slip, an online poll or email suggestions. Of all the responses allotments were the most popular by far with 28 votes to the second most popular response having 8 votes. This related to the car park extension.

The land at The Square was discussed as a largely underutilised piece of land though it was suggested that the allotments would require fencing and this would change the view of the land requiring consultation with residents neighbouring the square.

Cllr P Newling suggested contacting Nottingham County Council about the possibility of renting the land next to the old school site considering that it had stood empty for so long. Cllr M Gee stated that the old school land had been listed for sale though Cllr P Newling had received no formal notification as legally required as registered as an asset of community value. Cllr P Newling to follow up.

Cllr. Ashworth suggested that although the consultation showed allotments as being by far the most popular public choice, we need to still consider all options before proceeding further. The Chair asked all members to give some thought to this issue prior to discussing next steps at the February meeting.

Action: All members

d) Planning applications review

Cllr Ashworth referred to the recent decision on the property on Leen Close which had been circulated to members, only to say that both immediate neighbours were seeking to challenge the decision to give permission in any way they can.

e) Update on traffic issues

Cllr J Ashworth reported that following a near miss traffic accident as a direct result of overtaking on the humps he had been in touch with the police after suggestion from Nottingham County Council, (Cllr. Barnfather), and informed members that a local police representative would be conducting a speed action review to address safety options. Parish council had been invited to take part and Cllr. Ashworth had indicated that this would be helpful.

f) Parish Council Storage

Katie Gibson updated the group that the storage proposal was presented to the welfare and the

parish council is awaiting formal agreement following consultation of the trustees. Katie to formalise and arrange storage once an agreement has been received.

Action: KG

Cllr P Newling informed the meeting of the levelling up the coalfields scheme that had been emailed and the opportunity for us an ex-mining village to respond to the consultation by the 24th Jan to be able to put forward funding requests for village improvements in the later stages of the levelling up scheme. She asked the councillors to respond to the 14 questions emailed to identify any possible solutions to the scheme.

Action All Cllrs

The upcoming elections were discussed and it was agreed to post online to garner interest for future parish councillor posts as we are aware that there will be positions to fill.

2023.08 To receive - Reports from Parish, Borough and County Councillors

No reports were received from Borough or County councillors due to apologies being received for the meeting. Parish reports

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Action: All councillors Cllr.Ashworth mentioned that it was likely that up to three current councillors would not be seeking re-election in May and we all need to be mindful of the need to seek suitable replacements. The clerk suggested that a suitable notice could be placed on the Facebook Community Page. Action:

All councillors KG

2023.09 To agree – the date and place of the next meeting of the Council.

The next meeting is to be held on February 14th at St Marks Church, Bestwood Village, starting at 7pm.