



Bestwood Village Parish Council



Date: Tuesday 14th March 2023 at 7.22pm
At St Mark's Church Bestwood Village

Present; Cllrs J Ashworth (Chair), I Hart, R Davidson, M Gee, P Newling, K Brown
16 members of the public
PC Steve Dennis (Jubilee station) and colleague

MINUTES

2023.025 Silence to remember those that have passed
Observed

2023.026 To receive apologies for absence
County Cllr Barnfather, Cllr Ellis

2023.027 To receive and consider - Declarations of members' interests and dispensations from non-participation
None

2023.028 To receive and approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 14th February 2023
It was resolved to receive and approve the minutes (KB/MG)

2023.029 To receive and note - Any update on actions arising from previous Parish Council decisions (not included elsewhere on the agenda)
2023.014 - Insurance company has been informed of event on the square and agreed
Notices on parking have been put up on lamp posts and facebook Newsletter has been issued on all mediums
2023.021 - Gedling inspector has been out to inspect playground and repairs agreed. BMX track is being done this week
2023.022 - No action taken re grant funding for Coronation events

2023.030 To receive - Parishioners questions/statements (normal duration 15 minutes)
(Taken after Item 12e) Update requested on Old School site - County Councillor has previously reported that it is being actively marketed. The Parish Council have been advised under the Asset of Community Value order but although this was publicised not enough volunteers to take on putting a bid together came forward. Opportunity ends March 21st.

Dog bins are in a poor state - reported to Borough Council who do not have

any new units available to replace them. Policy it to install “normal” bins instead.

2023.031 To receive reports from

- a) County Councillor
None present
- b) Borough Councillors
None present
- c) Parish Councillors
None

2023.032 To receive and approve

- a) Cashbook summary of transactions since last report
Presented and signed
- b) Donation in memory of local resident from Chairmans’ allowance
It was resolved to donate £50 (PN/IH)
- c) Invoices received for authorisation
Clerk reported that some have been sent via e-mail and another payment run will be done shortly so please submit receipt urgently

2023.033 To appoint Mr S Arundel as internal auditor for 2022/23 year

Resolved to appoint (JA/MG)

2023.034 To discuss – Items relating to Clerks role and management

- a) Clerks Calendar
Resolved to accept (KB/PN)
- b) Job Description (including monthly checklist of tasks)
Amend open date to 1st May close date 1st June (RD/PN)
- c) Councillors’ management of Clerk’s work
It was resolved to appoint the responsibility to the role of Vice Clerk. (JA/MG)
- d) Handover, training and mentoring arrangements
Locum Clerk to stay on for 2 months to do training of new Clerk (JA/IH)
- e) Timetable for advertising and appointment
See b) above

2023.035 To receive reports and discuss;

Cllr Newling left at this point

- a) Environment working group Report
No report
- b) Lengthsman Scheme update
Recovering from sickness and returning to light work. Job requests to Cllr Ashworth please
- c) S106 Monies – Projects & Consultation.
Cllr Barnfather was to action – Cllr Ashworth to remind him.

d) Planning applications review

Nothing to report

e) Update on traffic issues

(Taken after item 4 of the agenda with an invitation to members of the public to take part). Background is a number of near misses caused on Moor Road where motorists have been overtaking slower moving vehicles . Two Police representatives in attendance.

- **PC Steve Dennis can only find a few complaints recorded and to be able to take it further he needs to be able to evidence 40/50 reports to get any action from the County Council.**
- **He is aware of individual vehicles and a picture submitted will be acted on personally.**
- **Cars are pulling on the kerb (especially where there are double white lines) - if less than 5MPH that is acceptable.**
- **A vehicle has to be left in a dangerous position (obscuring view or not leaving width of a mobility scooter) for action to be taken.**
- **Reports with photographs ca to local Council ASB team or via the Parish Council e-mail for submission to PC Dennis (as BVPC know which Council is responsible for the location involved).**
- **The behaviour is linked with the cushions are creating a hazard rather than alleviating them. Wider vehicles can drive over them and are frustrated by those who can't.**
- **Technology has moved on and Speed cameras are thought to be the way forward but the Police need to get evidence (via 101 or similar) to be able to fight on behalf of the residents.**
- **It is unlikely that the humps will go (£500,000 plus based on County prices) to remove the pads that will then create potential road surface issues in the future.**
- **A request for more police (high profile) to set speed traps in the area was made and PC Dennis said that plain clothes officers are in the area on various other projects. It was reported that police vehicles driving through the area do not appear to be stopping offenders that they see.**
- **Resolved that the Parish Council will act as liaison for residents to report incidents (JA/PN). Cllr Ashworth has contact details.**
- **Off Road Vehicles are creating a problem within the Country park. Their behaviour is intimidating as well as creating damage and general ASB. Police are not allowed to chase vehicles on the park. The Off Road Team is very small and has a huge area to cover. Resources are increasing and the more reports made will help get resources. There are boundary issues involved within the park area itself. Similarly Mill lakes is also in a different area.**

- **Regular events are being planned in Papplewick (Griffin's Head) which may affect Bestwood Village and create more traffic. Requested assistance in reporting any bad driving to help stop the events taking place.**
- **Request for high vis policing take place (ie on foot) however officers need to be near their vehicles to react swiftly to callouts. Linked to undercover work taking place High Vis will jeopardise evidence collection. When possible patrols will increase.**

f) Storage room for Council property
Still having difficulty getting access to Welfare room since November. Cllr Ashworth will have one last try.

Action JA

g) Playground inspections and repair
Minuted earlier

h) Christmas lights, invoice dispute
Awaiting response to complaint

i) Community events

Council still to advertise a total £2,000 fund available to local groups for events. PN/KB to make up poster for facebook.

Action KB/PN

2023.036 To agree the date and time of the next meeting (11th April 7pm)
Noted (advance apologies MG)