



Bestwood Village Parish Council



Date: Tuesday 9th January 2024 at 7pm
At St Mark's Church Bestwood Village

Present;

J Ashworth (Chair) C Brown, R Davidson, L Newcombe, R White, J Noone

County Cllr C Barnfather

Borough Cllr R Ellis (arrived at item 6b)

15 members of the public

Minuting Clerk – Susan Stack

MINUTES

- FULL 2024.1.** Silence to remember those that have passed
Observed
- FULL 2024.2.** To receive apologies for absence
I Hart
- FULL 2024.3.** To receive and consider - Declarations of members' interests and dispensations from non-participation
None
- FULL 2024.4.** To receive and approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 14th November 2023
Grant application on page 1 to be Item 2023.130 to include the word "Grant"
It was resolved to receive and approve the minutes
- FULL 2024.5.** To receive and note - Any update on actions arising from previous Parish Council decisions (not included elsewhere on the agenda)
2023.145 – Drainage due to be done refers to Park Rd/Moor Rd end (done) and School Walk – chased up
Clerk contacting NALC – Have we got an answer – LT to report to Cllrs
FUL2023.161; Comments submitted to Gedling Planning
Noted

FULL 2024.6.

To receive reports from

a) County Councillor

Cllr Barnfather reported on Flooding:

Moor Rd Dip – Historically this area flooded. It worked for a period of time. North end of Moor Road was also improved which ran the water on to a tributary. Run off from the agricultural land fills the ditches and silts up pipes. Storm Babette in October we had a different sort of flooding, ie heavy water in short space of time OR sustained rain over a long period leading to the same effect.

October Storm was the former and last weeks flood was the latter.

Heavy rain flooding reported to CB Tuesday and he contacted VIA and 2.5 days of pumping from Fire Service and County Council we were unable to clear the water due to water having nowhere to go.

Highways pumped out at Mill Place yesterday (8th) with objective of finding drain channels to clear but they were too deep to access so tried to clear exit routes.

After all day pumping today half of the water has been dispersed but there is concern over additional run off from “City” side running back in.

Engineers are back tomorrow to try and improve it further. There is a hope that access to the drainage channels may be achieved by the end of day.

Goosedale access route was made safe as of Wednesday evening. Standing water has created pot holes that people have reported on social media but not the VIA website – CB has done this and an Inspector has been out and holes ringed with a 24hr repair time.

Longer term we need to analyse the causes and investigate potential prevention measures – C Barnfather will be pushing to identify the cause(s) and potential solution.

BVPC residents are being asked for photographs and reports via the Parish Council to assist in the investigation. Clerk to publicise request for info and take details from social media and send to Cllr Barnfather.

Senior engineers, Planning department etc. will be asked to meet with Cllr Barnfather when this current workload has calmed down.

Cllr Noone suggested raised walkways in low lying areas and levelling of the dip to raise it's height.

Ashfield manager was called out by Cllr Barnfather ref Butler's Hill before Christmas and the highways have found some drains that need remedial work to try to improve the situation.

Toilets in the Country park (not being locked) is being investigated.

b) Borough Councillors

Cllr R Ellis reported that the County Council are doing their best. An update from Gedling officers is that they are there to support and stand available for County if they need it. Priority is homes that have been flooded, sandbags etc.

No other report but will be available after the meeting if anyone wants to chat.

c) Parish Councillors

Christmas cards were delivered, 3 designs. Selection boxes went well. The Council donated for Santa to give away but there was a charge made to see Santa – the charge went to the Christmas lunch.

Christmas lights, some initial issues but very efficient in responding to call outs. Thanks given to Cllr Newcombe for all her efforts.

FULL 2024.7.

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

Dog mess on the Country Park, near the shops and local road, is getting excessive.

Cars are parking both sides of Lancaster Rd/Park Road area – would yellow lines help? Cllr Barnfather reported that it costs £5k to put in lines and general violations are enforceable only by the police. PC Dennis wants to do surgery's in each parish and so this may be an issue to refer to him.

Pathway to the tram was reported to Notts CC by a resident and the feedback they received was that there was no problem. Cllr Barnfather offered to liaise with the resident if they wanted to and invited an e-mail.

FULL 2024.8. To approve payments for the month (as e-mailed to Councillors to pay)

20-Nov-23	Mousy Bouncy	Snow Machine	-£375.00
27-Nov-23	Louise Turgoose	Cadbury Selection Boxes	-£258.95
27-Nov-23	Direct Debit (Gocardless)	Hugofoxltd-Brhc5Xe	-£11.99
27-Nov-23	C L Hart	Planters	-£31.35
30-Nov-23	Louise Turgoose	Pay Bvpc	-£401.64
30-Nov-23	HMRC	Tax and NI	-£100.40
05-Dec-23	Janis Pauley	Halloween Printing	-£67.00
08-Dec-23	Countrywide Ground	545585	-£160.00
08-Dec-23	C L Hart	Planters	-£76.97
08-Dec-23	Bestwood Colliery Football Club	Grant Bestwood Vpc	-£2,400.00
22-Dec-23	Louise Turgoose	Phone Contract 6369469	-£13.99
22-Dec-23	Louise Turgoose	Phone Contract 8095425	-£13.99
22-Dec-23	Susan Stack	Zoho Workspace	-£124.08
29-Dec-23	Susan Stack	Pay Bvpc	-£90.10
29-Dec-23	Louise Turgoose	Pay Bvpc	-£304.25
29-Dec-23	HMRC	Tax and NI	-£98.40
27-Dec-12	Direct Debit (Gocardless)	Hugofoxltd-Brhc5Xe	-£11.99
31-Dec-23	Bank Charges	Bank Charges	-£18.00

It was resolved to approve the payments

FULL 2024.9. To receive and approve the accounts (with budget comparisons) for April-Dec 2023

It was resolved to receive and approve the accounts

FULL 2024.10. To sign the bank statement as at 31st December

The Chairman signed the bank statement

- FULL 2024.11.** To make any changes to the budget required for the current (2023/24) year
None required
- FULL 2024.12.** To discuss and agree the budget for 2024/25 year
The final budget was agreed with total income £3,300 outgoings £35,720
- FULL 2024.13.** To set the precept for 2024/25, sign the application and send to Gedling BC
It was resolved to set a precept of £20,000
- FULL 2024.14.** To decide on – Council postal address provision (JA)
The school have agreed to act as a postal address and Cllr Ashworth will collect post. Thanks were given to the school for their assistance.
- FULL 2024.15.** To receive update on – Update of council name and postal address on bank account (JA)
Paperwork was completed in November – Cllr Ashworth to chase
- FULL 2024.16.** To receive update on - Community consultation 2024 (CB/LN/RW)
Comments have been taken account of and contact has been made with Jenny at RCAN who provided some excellent advice. A meeting is planned for later January to discuss further but it will be worth a small delay to get RCAN's input. Cllrs Brown, White, and Newcombe were given authority to spend up to £3,000 (budget set) on graphic design etc.
- FULL 2024.17.** To receive update on - Cloud storage options/document sharing systems (LT)
Clerk to send invites for document sharing etc
- FULL 2024.18.** To receive update on - Replacement of 3 planters outside school (JA)
Been installed along with assistance with a member of the public. They have been planted up.
- FULL 2024.19.** To receive reports and discuss - Environment working group report
No further report

- FULL 2024.20.** To review and respond to - Planning applications requiring formal representations on behalf of the Council for applications received since the last Full Council meeting
Cllr Newcombe reported that revised policy is a work in progress
- FULL 2024.21.** To receive update on - traffic issues
Camera information – Cllr Newcombe has put in a freedom of information request to obtain the data and has received it on a personal level.
Remove from future agenda
- FULL 2024.22.** To receive update on - Storage room for Council property (JA/JN)
John Noone has provided storage and everything has been moved. Clerk needs to ensure insurance company is advised.
Remove from future agenda.
- FULL 2024.23.** To receive update on grants and donations;
Christmas - Selection boxes and mince pies
 -Letter to organiser congratulating on success and requesting information (JA)
Draft letter regarding the Christmas event to which the Council made donations – add that it was “successful in community terms” and send
Community Garden - £1500
 -Letter to grant recipient requesting confirmation of use/earmarking
Draft letter agreed to be sent with offer that “two Councillors, Cllr White, Newcombe are willing to attend any meeting”. Cllr Ellis will raise the issue at a Trustee’s meeting on 10th January.
- FULL 2024.24.** To note items arising from correspondence
 - Tree planting on Park Road by Gedling Borough Council.
 - Severn Trent planned reinforcement water mains work. Drop-in sessions to be arranged with the community.
Noted
- FULL 2024.25.** To discuss and approve next steps on - reinstating community newsletter

-When?
-Format? Hard copy, online, both?
-Size? A4 or A5?
-How many pages?
-Delegate Clerk and/or (minimum) 2 Councillors to create draft for approval.

Free Mailchimp address for electronic distribution

A4 hardcopies to be put in key locations

Initial copy to include a paper copy of the consultation

Content and production – Clerk, Cllr Brown (editing), Cllr

Ashworth. Follow previous layout. Cllrs to send potential

topics to Cllr Newcombe. Page numbers to be decided based on articles submitted. Estimated distribution date end of February.

FULL 2024.26. To approve - provisional meeting dates for 2024.
-2nd Tuesday of every month, discounting August and December.

Noted

FULL 2024.27. 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 2024.28. To agree - the date and time of the next meeting (Tuesday 13th February 2024)

FULL 2024.29. 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

Resolved

FULL 2024.30. To note - the end of the Clerk's probationary period
The Council agreed that the Clerk has passed her probation.