



Bestwood Village Parish Council



Date: Tuesday 8th November 2022 at 7pm
At St Mark's Church **Bestwood Village**

PRESENT

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

MINUTES

2022.8 Silence to remember those that have passed
9 **Observed**

2022.9 To receive – Apologies for absence
0 **Apologies were received from Cllr P Newling and Cllr R Ellis, Cllr D Gibbins and Cllr C Barnfather**

2022.9 To receive and consider - Declarations of members' interests and dispensations from non-participation
1 **None**

2022.9 To receive and approve the minutes of Council meeting on 11th October 2022
2 **It was resolved to approve the minutes.**

2022.9 To receive and note - Any update on actions arising from previous Parish Council decisions (not included elsewhere on the agenda)
3 **Cllr J Ashworth reported back to the meeting the positive feedback that had been received in relation to the village history lecturn installed at the entrance to Bestwood Country Park.**

It was agreed to go ahead with the quote for the BMX track resurfacing with Colin Bower & Sons. Katie Gibson to notify the company and book in the work. Action: KG

Cllr J Ashworth informed the meeting that he had contacted the Head of Environment at Nottingham City Council to request a meeting to discuss the parish councils proposal to look for a safe way to provide access to the quarry. Cllr J Ashworth also requested evidence of the risk assessment carried out. No response has yet been received.

Cllr Gee reported that the warm spaces has been started opened at the welfare but had to close on the second day due to last minute volunteer issues. It was suggested that a rota would be a good way to ensure the welfare could remain open for the entire allocated period. Cllr Gee agreed to discuss with Sharon. Action: MG

2022.9 To receive - Parishioners questions/statements (normal duration 15 minutes)
4 **A parishioner informed the meeting that he had spent some time observing the use of the**

141 bus in the village and that numbers using the service had increased both in and out of the village.

Cllr Brown reported that her husband regularly catches this bus and on a number of occasions it had not run to time or even at all.

Some differences of opinion were exchanged which resulted in the Chair reminding everyone that the 141 service was being heavily subsidised by NCC until September 2023 at which time the performance of the operator and demand on this particular service would be assessed and hopefully a way forward identified

2022.9
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To receive reports and discuss;

a) Environment working group Report

No updates were received.

b) Lengthsman Scheme update

Cllr Ashworth informed the meeting that the lengthsman had completed the work on the path as discussed in October's meeting. Cllr Brown raised the issue of unsafe areas of pavement around the village due to piles of sodden leaves. Cllr Ashworth requested that Cllr Brown provide location details and anybody else of any additional areas to the parish clerk to raise as a job with the lengthsman.

Action: KB K

c) S106 meetings held and updates

Cllr. Ashworth told the meeting that the next step for the parish council would be to engage the Parishioners in consultation on two proposed schemes and welcome any additional ideas. A form was circulated prior to the meeting to be distributed to each house along with the Christmas cards from the church to gain public opinion. Cllr J Ashworth asked the clerk to get a quote and turnaround within two weeks to be able to utilise the resource from St Marks for distribution.

It was also agreed to publish a poll with the same public consultation information online.

Action: K

d) Planning applications review

No updates on any planning applications were provided.

e) Update on traffic issues

Despite the success of the event issues of car parking at the fireworks display were raised. It was collectively agreed that this was as a result of the unprecedented popularity of the event due to the cancellation of nearby events and would be unlikely to occur again.

f) Parish Council Storage

The parish clerk reported back the suitability of the storage space at the welfare, its accessibility and its availability would be ideal for the parish council. The clerk stated that commercial quotes were between £72-£100 pcm. Cllr J Ashworth suggested that we offered the welfare a sum of £50pcm preferably in one payment of £600 for the space to be made available from January 2023.

Action: K

g) Christmas Tree lights/event (JP)

Cllr J Pauley updated the meeting on the Christmas lights explaining that they had been ordered based on a cost of £3500 for the 10 lamppost tree lights including installation. Cllr Pauley raised her concern that no entertainment had been booked for the event. Cllr J Ashworth stated that he would ask the boys brigade and report back. A time of 6pm to start with the lights being switched on at 7pm was agreed.

Action: JP JA

2022.9 To receive - Reports from Parish, Borough and County Councillors
6 ***No reports were received due to apologies being received for the meeting.***

2022.8 To agree – the date and place of the next meeting of the Council.
8 ***The next meeting is to be held on January 10thth at St Marks Church, Bestwood, starting at 7pm.***