

Burton Community Association General Committee Meeting on the 8th July 2019 (7.45pm) at The Old House at Home

Present

Paula Coyle (Chair)(PC), Cynthia Walsh (CW), Judith Bird (JB), James Towers (JT), Al Caie (AC)(Treasurer) & Chris Bennett (Secretary)(CB)

1. Apologies for absence: James Pearse, Missy Sell & Jamie Sell
2. Notes of previous meeting on 3rd June 2019 – Proposed by PC and seconded by JT – Notes approved
3. Actions

Action			
03.09.18/7	CB	Look at the safety issues for residents following the recent road traffic collision on the triangle – raise this with newly formed Road Safety & Crime Prevention Group	On-going
14.01.19/1	JT	Apply for a Costco card as principal user and add MS & PC as additional users	On-going
29.04.19/3	JP	Research options for providing shade at the play area	On-going
03.06.19/1	CB	Seek approval from trustees to purchase replacement footpath lights	Completed
03.06.19/2	CB	Circulate a copy of the Parish Plan 2011 to review suggestions for future BCA projects	Completed
03.06.19/3	CB	Liaise with MS and arrange first aid training for village children	Completed

Updates

Action 03.09.18/7 – CB reported this remains on-going. The item was discussed at the Area Transport Group meeting on the 25th June.

CB reported he had not attended the meeting and was replaced by Cllr. Minney who accompanied Cllr. Kerr. The issue raised was discussed at the meeting and it was graded as a Priority 1. CB was informed the proposal to make changes to the road markings was favourable and most likely to be approved. The move of the speed limit signs required a formal assessment and an application to a Magistrates court, at a cost of £2,750. Recommendation is to hold this and eventually submit with others to share the costs, which might take a year or so to progress.

Action 14.01.19/1 – JT reported he had not yet visited Costco store to complete the procedure.

Action 29.04.19/3 – CB reported on behalf of JP, who provided some details via email on a possible solution. However in the absence of JP suggested this action be discussed at the next meeting.

Action 03.06.19/1 – CB reported he had obtained approval from trustees to purchase x6 footpath lights and batteries to approx. cost of £80. CB also confirmed the lights had been purchased and a decision was made to delay installation for a few months.

Action 03.06.19/2 – CB reported he had circulated a copy of the 2011 Parish Plan to members via email, requesting they consider options for future BCA projects.

Action 03.06.19/3 – CB reported a training session for 5 children took place on the 30th June, delivered by MS & CB. The children and parents were very appreciative of the time and effort provided.

4. Treasurer's report – AC reported he had produced in advance of the meeting and circulated to members a financial spreadsheet and report for the end of June 2019. AC invited members to comment on the figures provided. CB asked for clarification on the figure of £800 as committed expenditure that had been listed as prizes for the lottery, CB thought the prize money for the next 6 months would be £700 including the June draw. The total forecasted for the 12 months if the membership remains the same is expected to be £1,300

- Current total bank balance is £5,873.70p

5. Health & Safety – CB stated there were no reports or incidents to consider. CB also mentioned the road traffic cones and road signs used when working near the highway are stored in the shed within the church grounds. CB also commented the key for the equipment could be obtained from either AC or CB.

6. Group updates:

- a. Events – PC reported the group had not yet had a meeting and would arrange a suitable date soon.
JB suggested once the date had been agreed to we should consider asking other residents to come along.

Action 08.07.19/1 – PC to arrange an events group meeting

CB also asked we look at alternative times/dates for any future quiz events to encourage more participation. JB responded by confirming this would be discussed.

- b. Community Safety & Crime Prevention (CSCP) + CSW

- Community speed Watch – JB reported we hadn't done very much Speed Watch activity and the latest volunteers had yet to be trained by the Police. AC asked if Lesley and Joyce had received information from the Police yet? JB was unsure and would check.

c. Village Appearance

- Update on the meeting held on 19th June 2019 – CB reported a meeting took place with a small number of the group. CB referred to the draft minutes of the meeting and in summary the points discussed were:
 - A discussion took place regarding the supply of additional protective equipment such as, hi.vis jackets, gloves and goggles. Jane Knowland from the group was going to look into this with her contacts. It might be that the group come back to trustees and ask for some funding if they need to.
 - CB informed the group the licence from Wiltshire Council had not yet been received although a verbal agreement had been given.
 - The main theme of the meeting was to agree some form of structured plan to ensure the maintenance of the village planting at all sites. We were still looking for views from some of the members who didn't attend the meeting before we know which direction to take. Jane Knowland had volunteered to produce a form of seasonal calendar that would cover the general tasks dependent on the time of year, etc.
 - A problem with blocked drains in Church Hill was discussed linked with the problem of surface water flowing around the gullies due to poor siting. CB confirmed he had now raised this with NPC and they had already visited the area with Wiltshire Council highways.
 - An increase in dog fouling around public areas had increased and CB was asked to produce an article for the next bugle newsletter.

7. Report on other activities

a. Play Area

- Future annual safety checks provided by Play Inspection Company AC reported he had received an invitation from the company who had provided the last inspection to sign up to a future inspection at the same price. AC had already sent the details to members by email for information. AC confirmed the last inspection was considered to be a thorough job and we had addressed issues raised, also it might prove useful to have the same company come along having already seen the site.

Action 08.07.19/2 – AC to seek approval from trustees and agree the use of Play Inspection Company for next play area annual inspection.

- b. Future BCA projects – PC asked if anyone had looked at the Parish Plan to support ideas for future projects. A number of members confirmed they had not read the document and needed more time to check content. PC reported she had spoken to a resident who would like us to look at environmental issues around the village. JT suggested we could look at the disposal of ‘black plastic’ material, maybe arrange disposal. Also a general discussion included issues such as ‘air quality’ and links this with car share opportunities. Members should also consider if these points are considered to be meeting objectives agreed for our charitable purposes.

CB reported he had read the parish plan and had produced some bulleted points which may have an impact on future projects, these included:

- 158 households (61%) of the Parish responded – we don’t know how many from Burton only.
- Separate questionnaire to children, 21 responded
- Housing & Planning – Open spaces incorporated into future housing developers contributions to be spent locally

AC asked if we knew what had happened to the contributions from the development at 1 & 2 Nettleton Road? Members confirmed they were unaware of the use of such contributions.

Action 08.07.19/3 – CB to contact NPC and make enquiries about the use of this levy.

- 21% of respondents stated they would be willing to take part in community projects such as tidying up the village.
- Maintain effective Neighbourhood Watch Scheme
- Use of the ‘Bobby van’ charitable trust – CB suggested this might be useful for some of our residents and we could look into this.

Action 08.07.19/4 – CW to make contact with the trust and obtain details on what they offer

- Set up a Community Speed Watch team – which had been done
- Move the 30mph speed limit on Hillside
- Improve footpath access across field which bypasses Hillside
- 60% of respondents consider the condition of road verges and ditches were un-satisfactory
- Flooding problems in Nettleton Road/Church Hill junction, rainwater leads to icing.

Action 08.07.19/5 – CB to report water problems to NPC

- A large number of respondents consider ‘walking’ is one of the most popular pastimes for parishioners.
- Nearly two thirds of respondents in Burton would like a children’s play

area

- About a third of Parish respondents would like a recreation area.
- About a third of respondents would like a village hall.
- Use of village link
- **Action 08.07.19/6 – JT to place an article on ‘village link’ in the next edition of the Bugle newsletter.**

A general conversation took place about these points and how they may be linked to future BCA projects.

PC raised a point regarding the condition of the bridleway that leads from Marsh lane towards Littleton Drew. If this were in better condition then perhaps more residents would use this to walk to Acton Turville, thus avoiding the dangers of walking up Hillside that doesn't have a suitable path.

Action 08.07.19/7 – CB to raise this point with NPC and/or Cotswold Wardens

AC raised the point that when considering the recreational area suggestion, the BCA needs to be careful not to get involved in 'planning issues'.

c. Lottery club membership update – CB reported we currently have 48 members of the club, down by 2 from last year. We have 38 members signed up for 12 months and 10 members for 6 months. If those 10 members sign up for a further 6 months then the total collected will be $48 \times £60 = £2,880$. Of that total £1,300 will be allocated to prize money and £20 to pay for licence renewal. The remaining amount of £1,560 would be available for BCA funds.

8. Any other business

- a. Acton Turville (AT) tennis court – CB reported that following the invitation from AT Parish Council a total of 7 burton families have registered an interest in making use of the facility. CB went on to say that AT Parish Council had appointed a member to take on the tennis court issue and it was being discussed tonight. ATPC will contact CB when more details are known.
- b. Waitrose Green token scheme – CB reported he had received an invitation from Waitrose to attend a cheque presentation and he had asked members for support to attend. Following a brief discussion members proposed we contact Waitrose with options of 20th or 21st July
Action 08.7.19/8 – CB to contact Waitrose with suggested dates for presentation.

Meeting closed – 9.15pm

Next meeting - General Committee – 9th September 2019 (1945hrs)