

Bestwood Village Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Killarney Park Social Club, Squires Drive
Killarney Park, Lamins Lane, Nottingham, NG6 8NR on 13th November 2018

Membership Councillors:
Portia Newling Chair
Jack Ashworth Vice Chair
Frank Beckwith
Dave Braithwaite
Marlene Gee
A Janis Pauley
Sandra Stanford-Barclay

Councillors Absent are marked 'A'

Also in Attendance

C Barnfather Borough and County Councillor
Susan Stack Clerk to the Council
12 members of the public

There was a Welcome from Chairman and explanation of the format that the Council has to legally follow. Residents were encouraged to take part at item 5

2018.152 Apologies for absence

(Borough) Cllr Tammy Bissett , Jan Pauley

2018.153 Declarations of members' interests and dispensations from non-participation

Jack Ashworth, Portia Newling and Dave Braithwaite– Item 17 Grant application for St Marks

Dave Braithwaite – Keepers Close access road

2018.154 To receive and approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th September 2018

It was resolved to receive and approve the minutes

2018.155 To receive and note any update on actions arising from previous Parish Council decisions

Filing cabinet has been emptied. Some boxes need to go to Nottinghamshire archive and some to remain at Chairman's house. Enquired at School for storage space which is being investigated.

2018.156 To receive parishioners questions/statements

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Parking notices, Sandra Stanford-Barclay explained the current situation regarding the un-adopted road. Cllr. Barnfather said that County will not adopt land that is not up to a certain specification.

Street lighting - Cllr Barnfather reported that it is private land. Portia Newling to contact highways for comparison figures as they are based on the number of properties. Sandra Stanford-Barclay to bring list of Killarney Park items together for investigation.

2018.157 Reports from Parish, Borough and County Councillors including on Local Government re-organisation

Portia Newling and Jack Ashworth attended the Re-organisation meeting that was a pre-consultation considering a three to two tier system of local government. There was a lot of unrest due to the non inclusion of the City Council. The general opinion is that it progress to the next stage. If a two tier system were adopted then the Parish Council's will still exist (subject to any City boundary changes). Cllr Barnfather explained in more detail about the current and possible future set up.

Cllr Bissett has passed on a message that she has set aside money for the Christmas tree group and the family group at Church.

The School ground has been officially cut. Opening date set at September 2019.

Approval has been given for a hotel at the Lakeside which will help with its wedding functions.

2018.158 To receive and accept the Accounts for six months ended 30th September 2018

It was resolved to receive and accept the Accounts. The Chairman reported that the balance is at 2018 not 2016

2018.159 To receive the External Auditors final report for year ended 31st March 2018

It was resolved to receive the report.

2018.160 To agree Invoices to be paid (GL/SS)

Noted that Election and Wreath invoices have been agreed. Donation of £100 confirmed for wreaths.

2018.161 To receive and discuss Bestwood Village and Killarney Park plan

Chairman explained that the initial plan grid was completed and comments and opinions were invited. The Council now needs to draw up a plan based on this. A Working Party was agreed to progress to the next stage with members of Marlene Gee, Jan Pauley, and Sandra Stanford-Barclay to take forward and present at January meeting. It was suggested that to include how the Parish can assist in communication between parties within Killarney Park will be beneficial.

2018.162 To discuss Brief silence in memory of past parishioners

It was agreed that a ten second standing silence be introduced.

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2018.163 To discuss Risk Assessments

Items for changing;

RECORDS LOSS THROUGH THEFT, FIRE,DAMAGE, CORRUPTION

The Clerk and Dave Braithwaite to investigate the data storage and security that the website can provide. Parish Council records – It was agreed to purchase a suitable metal cabinet as required. Clerk to update Risk Assessments accordingly.

FINANCIAL LOSS THROUGH THEFT OR DISHONESTY

Clerk to check Fidelity clause with Insurance policy when available and update Risk Assessment accordingly

Subject to agreement at next meeting S137 power will be replaced with Power of General Competence.

Risk Assessment to be reviewed annually in May

2018.164 Grit supplies

Authority was delegated to Jack Ashworth, Dave Braithwaite and Sandra Stanford-Barclay to purchase grit as and when required for Blue bins and report levels in Yellow ones that need refilling. Blue bins have to be filled by the Parish Council. Agreed to treat ALL Killarney Park bins as being Blue for this purpose. Cllrs are to buy and request re-imburement.

2018.165 To discuss Seat in the bus shelter outside the community centre

It was reported that there had been a bench at one stage. Cllr Barnfather suggested that a request be made to highways and copy him in.

2018.166 To discuss Installation of litter bin on the large green near Hopkinson court

Jack Ashworth to progress with known suppliers and Portia Newling to advise him of the owner of the land concerned.

2018.167 To discuss Removal of play equipment item in the Square

A recent inspection revealed that one item may become unsafe in the near future. It was agreed that Cllr Ashworth seek 3 quotations for a replacement bus (for Council to decide on).

2018.168 To consider Grant application for St Mark's

It was agreed to donate £500 by three remaining councillors that had not declared an interest.

2018.169 To discuss Request for additional dog restriction signs for The Square

It was agreed to put additional signs on park entrances. "No Dogs". Clerk to obtain

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quotes for size A4 (for Council to decide on)

2018.170 To discuss Community Centre - new hire policy

Deferred pending further information

2018.171 To discuss Hawthorne School, Bestwood Village

Reported that a meeting has been held and there is discussion with Notts CC about the old school buildings and what will happen to them. Agreement in principal that the building will be given over for community use. Further details will be forthcoming.

2018.172 To discuss Issues raised from training;

Setting of precept without rubberstamping by Gedling

It was confirmed that the Parish Council could set it's precept without any restrictions. It may benefit the Council to get over the Transparency threshold which would require an increase in precept for 2019/20.

Section 106 and should they go to the Parish to spend

Advice received from NALC Legal is that it depends on the agreement and arrangement that are drawn up at the time of the planning application. Clerk to request a copy of the agreements in Bestwood (under FOI) to Mike Avery to enable Council to get specific legal advice from NALC.

2018.173 To discuss Keepers close access for new school

Dave Braithwaite reported that it is disappointing that this road is going ahead at the end of the cul-de sac but he had been assured that it will only be used for grounds and maintenance purposes. Jack Ashworth reported that the Flood works (pre main access road installation) should be done shortly.

2018.174 To discuss Funding and Grants Sources for future capital projects

Money is available and can be re-visited after the village plan has being produced and after the school building. Reported that the Exercise equipment funding was excellent. Possible Awards for all application could be made for play equipment and LIS funding remains open until February.

2018.175 To discuss Repair of Notice board clear panel

Quote for £185 plastic panel delivered and installed was noted. Marlene Gee has cleaned it up so that notices can be read and no further action needed.

2018.176 To discuss Alteration to Notice Board titles

It was Agreed that Lengthsman be asked to black out the words "St Albans" as an interim measure. Further Agreed that Jack Ashworth look into alternative methods of changing letters (for Council to decide on).

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2018.177 To receive and discuss Lengthsman updates

Chairman reported that the Lengthsman is litterpicking areas as they are identified. Agreed that the Lengthsman can do the area around Lamins Lane entrance on A60. Clerk to pass on contact details and procedures to Sandra Stanford-Barclay to make contact over this area as requests must go through proper channels.

2018.178 To discuss Website development and "Councillors" area

Clerk was given authority to contact Cal and Dave Braithwaite to investigate if/how this can be done. Suggested that we have a FAQ'a page. Councillors to submit items for inclusion in website to Clerk. Portia Newling to assist with pictures, news etc

2018.179 To discuss Action regarding traffic calming measures

Cllr Pauley has been working on measures on traffic speed management. Crossing on Moor Road – There are good highways reasons why it cannot have one there. May change when the new School goes in, after which we should have a review.

2018.180 To note the date, time and place of the next Parish Council meeting:

Agreed as Tuesday 8th January 2019 at St. Mark's Church Bestwood Village 7.30pm

2018.181 Exclusion of the Press and Public

That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted the public and press be temporarily excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item in accordance with Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and they are asked to withdraw

2018.182 Clerk handover items

**Clerk reported that she has no access to any accounts information. Gary is still working on getting Sue on the Bank account and the "joint" account will not be closed until about Christmas. Gary will prepare the End of December reports
It was agreed that Sue would take over accounts with effect from 1st January 2019
Sue outlined the service level that she could offer to the Council and this was agreed with thanks by the Councillors**

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