



Bestwood Village Parish Council



Minutes of the Bestwood Village Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 10th May at 7.00pm at St Mark's Church, Bestwood Village.

1	The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.09 and welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2	Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Brown, Davidson and Pauley.
3	The Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on 18 th May 2021 were approved.
4	<p>Chairman's report for the year</p> <p>It's been a busy 12 months for your parish council as we have continued to seek closer alignment with our residents and tried to improve communications so that there is a greater understanding of what we can and sometimes can't do to enhance facilities within the village and just make life that little bit better for our parishioners.</p> <p>To this end we have updated our website to make it more informative and current and introduced a quarterly newsletter of our activities which is available both on-line and as hard copy for those who prefer it that way.</p> <p>Ever mindful of needs within our community, we have provided grants to the Welfare to kick start their community garden project, to Killarney Park residents group to update their defibrillator and to St Mark's church in order that they could once again put on the village bonfire and fireworks event, something that due to the pandemic had been missing for two years.</p> <p>Improvements and additions to the environment include introduction of movement activated speed signs on Moor Road, the provision and maintenance of attractive flower troughs on the two village signs and most recently, the creation of a paved sitting area at the entrance to the Country Park on Park Road, complete with a bench dedicated to the past mining industry and the men it employed. Yet to be added here is a double-sided lectern with the names of miners who lost their lives here in Bestwood, as well as a brief history of the village with a street map showing the location of notable historic buildings. The lectern will be installed within the next 3 months.</p> <p>We continue to work with both Gedling BC and NCC in making decisions on how best to utilise considerable amounts of money generated through residential development here in the village. In order to obtain a steer from local residents, it is intended to carry out consultation with them within the next few months which will assist in informing us as to how this money might be best spent.</p>
5	Parish Business – there were no members of the Public present.

6	It was agreed the date of next meeting would be Tuesday 9th May 2023
7	The Chairman closed the meeting at 7-15.