

## MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

5<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 7:00pm

Main Hall, Old School Building, Main Street, Burton Joyce

**Present:** Cllr G Hadjigeorgiou (VC), L King, H Chadbourne-Doyle, J Johnson & R Fife

**In Attendance:** J Savage (Deputy Clerk), J Sherrin (Clerk), K Taylor (Community Market), J Davenport & D Green (Climate Action Group) and 2 members of the public

### MINUTES

- CE23/644** **Apologies for absence** - Cllrs Y Greenfield (C) previous appointment, J Jephson (Pop Up Market Co-ordinator) previous appointment, G Newman (CAG) unwell & Cllr S Cohen previous appointment
- CE23/645** **Declaration of Councillors' interests for items on the agenda** - Cllr H Chadbourne-Doyle - Booking Secretary of Village Hall & Member of BJ Village Society & Cllr R Fife - Member of BJ Village Society.
- CE23/646** **To approve the minutes of the previous meeting** - Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023 approved as a true record and signed by the Vice-Chair.
- CE23/647** **Christmas Festive Light switch-on 2nd December 2023** - Review of event: Outstanding effort by all the Parish Council staff, organisation of event and co-ordination was overall superb. Thank you to all staff and volunteers. Thank you letters to be sent out to all stall holders and especially the Harleys for braving the icy conditions. Date of next festive light switch-on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024. Offer of Severn Trent tractor received (not weather dependant) for next year.
- CE23/648** **Pop-Up Food Fayre 29 October 2023** - Review of event: Agreed dates of 28 January and 25 February 2024, with the last Sunday in each month for future dates. A great success with good weather contributing. Usage of the outside community area of Old School Building (OSB), a great turnout with stalls selling out of produce. The Parish Council will continue to support and promote the event. Jane Jephson to advise stall holders of dates and update Parish Council. Contingency for poor weather to be considered with the Main Hall being used for seating.  
*J Sherrin left at 7:20*
- CE23/649** **The Community Market** - Update: K Taylor - Good attendance for both October & November markets. £100.00 given to Blood Bank Group & £150.00 to Royal British Legion. Donations also given to other societies chosen by volunteers. 'The Village Hall' is the chosen charity for July 2024. Thank you to the Duke of Edinburgh young people working towards their silver achievement (working with the Community Market for the next 6 months). 'Flea market' date to be considered.
- CE23/650** **Village Hall - Five Year Plan.** To defer the following agenda items to Full Council on 12<sup>th</sup> December:  
i. The request of Village Hall Trustees for Parish Council to review the development of the Village Hall.

- ii. Parish Council's input into the of the Village Hall's Scheme & agree on a working group
- CE23/651** **Live and Local** - To be reviewed in February 2024. With Cllr Y Greenfield to contact Live & Local (Village Ventures)
- CE23/652** **The Magazine** - No update
- CE23/653** **Climate Action Group** - Update J Davenport: The planters in the Co-Op carpark in place. Successful planting of first set of pollinated plants in the Diana Memorial bed (outside the Cross Keys). 'Warmer Homes' meeting held in the Main Hall of the OSB 7pm Wednesday 18 October was held, with small attendance but good reviews. Thank you to the Parish Council for facilitating this event, with further workshops to be arranged (selection of dates to be provided). Trees planted within the 'pens' on Severn Trent land to be maintained, CAG looking for sponsors to adopt a 'pen' with Facebook to be used. Environment plan last reviewed 2022, to be revisited again with Cllr Hadjigeorgiou to contact J Davenport to progress.
- CE23/654** **Village Society** - Update Cllr R Fife: To review mobility accessibility within the village with research to be undertaken using surveys and Parish magazine. Inspections within village and Borough Council involvement. Planning application concerns to be addressed with a letter to the Parish Clerk.
- CE23/655** **Liaison with Burton Joyce Primary School** - Update Cllr G Hadjigeorgiou – excellent work by the school children providing visuals displays for the OSB Community Garden including Remembrance Day and Christmas light switch-on. Thank you to the school choir for a wonderful performance.
- CE23/656** **Highways and transport** - Update Cllr L King: Network Rail continuing to push for village discussions (Public consultation) regarding action to be taken to eliminate dangerous behaviour within the Burton Joyce area. A static camera is in place and the footage is reviewed regularly. Such incidents continue to cause concern, with Network Rail considering closing of the Nelson crossing. Network Rail advised technical constraints prevent electronic warning signs being in place. Cllr King will request a rational debate between Network Rail and the PC to understand the factors and analysis where reports (& understanding) of the incidents are reviewed. PC concerned of the impact to the village of any crossing closure, and noted all crossings vital to Burton Joyce.
- CE23/657** **Patient Participation Group** - the AGM for the Ivy Medical Group to be held Monday 11th December 2023 at Burton Joyce Library. Cllrs may wish to attend.
- CE23/658** **Communications Strategy** - In progress
- CE23/659** **Possible local business and enterprise initiative** - Correspondence has been sent to local developers regarding social values. To consider promotion and participation of village events. To be reviewed in Spring 2024
- CE23/660** **Volunteering Support** – Update: to encourage villagers and promote future events.
- CE23/661** **Information update** - To consider any items not on the agenda and not requiring a decision: None
- CE23/662** **Date of next meeting** - Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Meeting closed 8:15pm

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Engagement Committee

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Chair of Community