

MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday 15th March 2022 at 7:00pm

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

Present: Cllrs Y Greenfield (C) J Richardson (VC) R Fife, G Hadjigeorgiou, T Hazard, J Johnson and L King

In Attendance: J Sherrin (Clerk) D List (Grounds & Amenities Manager) J Devonport (Climate Change Action Group)

MINUTES

CE22/403 **Apologies for absence** - None

CE22/404 **Declaration of Councillors' interests for items on the agenda** - None

CE22/405 **Minutes of the previous meeting** – January 25th 2022. Cllr Hazard noted the Old School Trust grant sum for the school was £8k. Subject to this change unanimously approved as a true record and duly signed by the Chair.

CE22/406 **Queen's Platinum Jubilee** – Cllr Greenfield reported that the coordination meeting had a good turn-out, with a provisional schedule drawn up by the Clerk. Next meeting will be on Tuesday 5th April at 7:30pm when all the ideas will be pulled together.

CE22/407 **Climate Change Group** – Jubilee planters for outside the Old School Building were suggested by the Group. Funding is being sought from the BJ Village Society. D List suggested that hay baskets mounted at eye level would be more suitable for people to see at the front of the OSB. Would require regular watering by volunteers. Alternatively containers with built in watering systems could be considered. Type of planters and the positioning of them to be explored further with the Group by J Devonport. To liaise with D List and Cllr Hadjigeorgiou and provide proposal to next meeting. Cllr Greenfield to pass on contact information regarding bulb planting to J Devonport. No Mow May to be carried out again this year. Signage to be put up accordingly. Carbon footprint analysis on hold until the autumn, J Devonport. Biodiversity Plan to be reviewed in the summer. Bat boxes being installed in the Grove next month. Herbaceous borders being planted in the cemetery. Positive meeting with Cadent had taken place to clear and re-plant the area near the Millennium sundial during the 2nd week in April.

D List and J Devonport left at 7:20pm

- CE22/408** **Community Policing** – Inspector Chris Jury was unable to attend the meeting and hoped to be able to meet with members of the Parish Council in due course. Clerk to respond requesting that high level of interaction is maintained following the departure of Inspector Pearson.
- CE22/409** **Emergency Plan and Flood Plan** – Cllr Greenfield noted that it is recommended by NALC that Emergency Plans are in place in light of the current conflict in Ukraine. Cllr Richardson advised that no progress has been made to date and he will make contact with Cllr S Smith. Clerk to send Cllr Richardson his draft plan to pick up on the review of it.
- CE22/410** **Highways and transport** – Cllr King voiced concerns regarding the new junction at the end of the Gedling Access Road and is in conversation with Cllr M Adams regarding the traffic generated, safety of school children, the starting point of the 30mph speed limit, as well as the suitable planting on the verges. Cllr King to draft and circulate a press release to all councillors. The BJ Trains Action Group now has representation on the Nottinghamshire / Lincolnshire Stakeholder Board for the first time. A meeting is taking at the Old School Building with Parish Councillors, members of the Action Group, Cllr Sam Smith, Tom Randall MP and East Midlands Railways to seek to improve the train service in the village. Bus service boundaries also discussed. To add to list of items to pursue. Cllr Richardson noted that the speed watch group now have new radar guns so will be better equipped to carry out monitoring sessions.
- CE22/411** **Liaison with Burton Joyce Primary School** – Cllr Hazard reported that he has attended governor meetings and is reassured by the child protection schemes which are in place.
- CE22/412** **Community Market** – Cllr King set up the stand on Saturday, with Cllrs Johnson and Yates attending during the course of the morning. Those that attended and stopped to chat were very positive. Noted that most people are present to buy produce and shop, so it is not a venture to carry out on a monthly basis. Another stall is booked for April, with attendance from British Transport Police, but after that advised a stand should be booked no more than quarterly or possibly bi-annually and a proper BJPC banner would be improve the stand.
- CE22/413** **The Magazine** – Consensus was that taking over the running of the publication is not viable with current staffing levels. Surplus would not cover the cost of recruiting someone. Cllr Hadjigeorgiou suggested a “Magazine Society” or similar be advertised to encourage budding journalists to take it on as a continued voluntary undertaking. Suggested this could be the theme for the April Community Market stand to gain a sense of the appetite to do this. Agreed that it should be discussed as part of the Parish Council’s overall communication strategy. Working Group of Cllrs King and Hadjigeorgiou and the Clerk to look at Website improvements to also consider review of wider communication strategy.

CE22/414 Community Church – Cllr King reported that a meeting has been organised with a representative of the Community Church to gather information on the prospective sale of the building.

Cllr J Johnson left at 8:10pm

CE22/415 Ukraine Crisis – Cllr Greenfield noted the NALC briefing which had been circulated. Agreed that Parish Council should provide support where possible, liaise with relevant agencies and review what specific support may be required when refugees join the village.

CE22/416 Village Society – Cllr Fife reported that liaison with The Magazine is underway to establish if members can be subscribers to the Magazine. The Village Centre Jubilee Fund has now been approved for gift aid. Funds are being put towards the clock restoration and the village planters scheme via the Climate Change Group.

CE22/417 Patient Participation Group – Nothing to report. Concerns raised regarding difficulty in getting doctors' appointments.

CE22/418 Live and Local – Cllrs Richardson, Greenfield and Johnson to attend the event to select the shows on Wednesday 30th March in Epperstone. Cllr Hadjigeorgiou to attend if possible. Deputy Clerk to contact Village Hall to seek available Fridays in November.

CE22/419 Information update – No further updates. Picnic in the Park to be added to next agenda.

CE22/420 Date of next meeting - Tuesday 26th April at 7pm

Signed: _____
Chair of the Community Engagement Committee

Date: _____