NOTES OF A MEETING OF THE BEST KEPT VILLAGE SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ON 11 MARCH 2019

PRESENT

Councillors Gooding, S McManus, Robson, Sanderson, Stewart and Wyatt

Mary Danby, Clerk

1. The Notes of the Best Kept Village Sub-Committee meeting held on 11 February 2019 were received.
2. To note progress since the last meeting

2.1 Litter bins

Information had been received from the County Councillor who had advised “that the post mounted litter bins belong to ESBC, not the County Council. He added that the council should be aware that the lamp posts are now managed by E.oN who are in the process of replacing the older ones with more modern, energy efficient versions. The next lamp posts to be replaced in Rolleston will be on Knowles Hill. E.oN have a policy of not allowing new bins to be installed on lamp posts so alternative plans for the siting of bins may be necessary in the future. The council would need to take a view on whether they need to apply to E.oN before carrying out a like for like replacement of the existing bins.”

AGREED That the Clerk contact ESBC asking if they intended to replace the existing bins.

* 1. Churchyard

Councillor Gooding provided an update on his attempts to communicate with the PCC on behalf of the BKV Sub-Committee and the site meeting that he had had with the contractor seeking a quotation for cutting the grass. He reported that the PCC had not responded to his emails and that the contractor had declined to quote for the work.

* 1. Letter from PCC

A letter had been received from the PCC regarding the blue water supply pipe.

AGREED That the Clerk should respond on the council’s behalf addressing the issue of the water supply pipe and asking that a response be sent to Councillor Gooding’s emails which he had sent on behalf of the BKV Sub-Committee.

* 1. Presentation

Councillor Wyatt said that he would be delivering a presentation to the Cubs on 15 March.

* 1. Ad hoc litter picking

The Sub-Committee re-considered the provision of litter picking equipment to members of the public who had volunteered to undertake ad hoc litter picking and how this should be implemented.

AGREED THAT:

1. 2 No. litter pickers be ordered and that these be given to the two residents who had offered to undertake ad hoc litter picking
2. The residents be informed that they would not be covered by the council’s insurance as the litter picking was not an authorised council task, they would therefore be undertaking litter picking at their own risk
3. The residents be requested to return the litter pickers to the council should they have no longer wish to undertake litter picking in the future
	1. Village Clean-up Days
* The Clerk reported that she had emailed the Scout Group and other organisations as requested advising them of the 2019 Village Clean-up dates.
* The Clerk reported that she had ordered the skip and purchased 12 No. hand sanitising gels for the 16 March clean-up day.

AGREED That the Clerk purchase 10 No. litter pickers, a multi-pack of water, boxes of disposable gloves and rubble sacks.

* Councillors Stewart and Wyatt said that they each had a Hippo bag which they would take on the day.
* Works to be undertaken on 16 March

The Croft

Clear ivy on the walls

Tidy the path between the Church and the Spread Eagle

Tidy top of field and waterside

Seat around the tree to be treated (Councillor S McManus)

Almshouses

To be asked if they would like the shrubs/buses between the Almshouses and the waterside to be trimmed as they were now overgrown

Burnside

Self-set tree to be cut down

Weeping Willow trees to be trimmed over the brook and grass

Brookside

Low hanging branches to be trimmed if time permits

The Orchard

Two beds to be dug if anyone attends the event with a spade(s)

* Contractors

John Deacon had confirmed he was available for all three dates; Phil Gould had confirmed he was available for the March and May dates.

* 1. Poster Competition

Karin Kay, John Phillips and Tom Martin had accepted the invitation to judge the competition entries.

AGREED That the Clerk contact the school and local youth organisations to ask if they had any entries ready for collection so that arrangements could be made to collect them to enable the judging to take place at the end of March.

1. BKV Entry Form

The draft entry form was approved for submission on or before 25 March 2019. In response to a request from the Clerk for assistance with the village map, Councillor S McManus offered to draw up the village map identifying the areas of note for the judges (the map must be submitted electronically with the entry form).

1. Next meeting

Monday 08 April 2019 commencing at 6.30pm at the Old Grammar School Room.