

**Community and
Environment
Enclosures**

14th September 2021



**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Community & Environment Committee
Council Chamber, Bollington Town Hall
At 7.00pm on Tuesday 10th August 2021**

Those Present:

Members with voting rights:

Town Mayor; Cllr Johanna Maitland (JM)

Cllrs: Roland Edwards (RE), Ken Edwards (KE) and Sara Knowles (SK).

Town Clerk: Julie Mason

Chair: Cllr Johanna Maitland

Public: One member of the public and Cllr J Snowball.

One member of the public wished to speak on the Community Emergency Resilience Working Group as she wished BTC to enquire to the Environment Agency to complete a culvert mapping exercise to alleviate the risk of flood. There are known blockage issues, and we have no knowledge to implement risk mitigation.

There was also a request to investigate BTC becoming involved in the 'Friends of the River Dean' and Cllr SK also thought the website lacked some information and would make contact.

Cllr JS explained the background on the discoloured liquid running into the River Dean, the Environment Agency had been contacted and taken away samples. They were now trying to find the cause and take actions. There were no actions for the TC to take but it did seem to be poor practice and she did recall this happening last year near the Waterwheel estate.

To receive and approve apologies for absence: Cllr Mark Fern due to work commitments and Cllr James Nicholas due to annual holidays.

To receive any Declarations of Interest: Cllr KE on the Covid 19 funds being held by BTC.

CE 44/21 To receive and confirm the minutes of the Community Services & Environment Committee meeting held 13th July 2021.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes as a correct record.

CE 45/21 To receive updates from the minutes.

No updates.

CE 46/21 To receive the minutes from the Events Working Group held on 26th July 2021 and to resolve to accept the recommendations.

The Mayor discussed the minutes and recommendations with the committee.

Resolved the committee would adopt the recommendation on 'The Beautiful Bollington Gardening competition' with the note if a garden was nominated, the householder should be informed. The agreed budget of £125 would be allocated.

Resolved the Town Council would instruct a road closure to be conducted by Dutton's Ltd on Christmas Eve at a cost of £910.00 plus VAT.

Resolved to accept the flag flying policy circulated.

Resolved this would include a risk assessment for putting up the flags at the Town Hall and taking them down to be taken back to the Events Working Group.

CE 47/21 To receive the minutes from Bollington 2030

Cllr RE reported there had been an uptake of 57 replies from the Bollington 2030 questionnaire and they were now completing video clips to improve the response and explaining what they were trying to achieve. The progress on new projects needed to be discussed options were;

- Alternative energy,
- a hub for green businesses
- Carbon Footprint of local housing stock using RET screen

The August bank holiday 'Big Bash' event was still on schedule to progress as planned. Cllr RE encouraged BTC to have a stall as it was a good chance to interact with the public.

CE 48/21 To receive the minutes from Business, Economy & Tourism

Cllr JM and Cllr SK apologised they had not been completed but they would be drafted and circulated.

CE 49/21 To agree the plan to improve the Sensory Gardens

The Clerk had circulated two quotes to clear the gardens.

Quote A - £220.00

Quote B - £410.00

Resolved Quote A was accepted.

There had only been one quote submitted to replant the garden. This had been circulated and was discussed.

Quote A - £475.00 including VAT

Resolved the quote was accepted with the condition the Town Wardens were briefed on the future maintenance plan.

CE 50/21 To resolve to accept a request from a volunteer for the hire of a skip to enable to clear the footpath on Kingsway.

A request from a resident for a skip to clear the footpath on Kingsway had been received by the Clerk.

Resolved a skip would be hired at a maximum of £200 subject to the works being cost effective and there would be enough volunteers present to carry out the works plus the volunteers filled in the correct documentation to ensure they were insured.

CE 51/21 To receive a written report on the Fire Service and make recommendations.

The report had not been received. It was agreed the Clerk would make contact to see if more notice could be given to draft a report from the fire service.

CE 52/21 To discuss the Council surgeries in the future.

Cllr KE circulated a report to the Committee following on from his surgery held in July with Cllr Judy Snowball which had been a success. There was a proposal that there would be nine surgeries held each year (leaving August and December) on the first Saturday of every month at the Town Hall. The surgeries would be split between each ward on a rotational basis resulting in three surgeries every year for each Ward.

Resolved the proposal was accepted by the Committee.

Resolved the Clerk would organise the surgeries.

CE 53/21 To accept the report submitted from the PCSO on Police, Crime and Disorder

Resolved the report was discussed and accepted by Full Council.

CE 54/21 To agree plan on the planters on Market Place

It was agreed the planters would be removed from Market Place but were not suitable for Ashbrook Road junction. The Committee appreciated the support from one of the residents to help the Town Warden remove the planters and it was agreed they would be advertised and then recycled if not taken.

CE 55/21 To receive an update on the Community Emergency Resilience Working Group

There had been no meeting held to date and Cllr SK agreed the plan needed to be signed off and a meeting would be organised in the autumn. Cllr SK agreed to take the actions from the public forum time.

CE 56/21 To discuss the remaining funds from Covid 19.

Cllr A Stott had submitted a report to the committee with some suggestions from residents who did not want the funds refunding. It seemed the improvements of the War Memorial gardens were a consideration and to place picnic benches / benches in suitable places. The Committee felt that improvements of the gardens at the Civic Hall being a worthwhile project.

It was agreed it would be taken to full Council to discuss further.

CE 57/21 To receive an update on the EVC project

The project was in progress. It was noted that some disabled spaces had been removed. It was agreed the Clerk would ask the Town Warden to add a temporary space.

CE 58/21 It was noted the next meeting would be held at the Town Hall on the 14/09/21 @ 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Meeting of the B2030 Sub Committee

Via Microsoft Team (downloaded App)

At 7pm Wednesday 4th August

Members with voting rights:

Cllrs: Roland Edwards, Helen Ellwood, James Nicolas and Judy Snowball. Helen Wright – Transition and East Cheshire Climate Change Alliance, Estelle Worthington – Friends of The Earth, Gillian Lindsay, Matt Harris, Colin Dore, Kate Ormiston-Smith

Chair: Roland Edwards

MINUTES

- 1 To receive and approve apologies for absence
JN –holiday, EW holiday, K O-S illness
- 2 To receive any declaration of interest
None
- 3 To receive and confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 14/7/21
- 4 To Receive updates from the Minutes

Grand Xmas Tree switch on to go ahead on the REC – no limit on numbers

QR codes available for b2030 initiatives – held by RE

Creating a relationship with Steven Henry from Positive Planet, using local enterprises to highlight how Carbon offset can work – ongoing

CD investigating renewable energy – supported by HW

RE recommends the Green Hub deferral
- 5 B2030 Questionnaire
Currently only 55 submissions
- 6 Projects
Obtain data on village delivery vans with aim to move as many off roads as possible – Elov?
We need project to excite people to encourage inclusion
- 7 COP26
12 days – standalone website detailing challenges and to use social media to link to others. Green your money, Drive electric etc
- 8 AOB
- 9 Next meeting Wednesday 8th September 7pm



Bollington Parish Council Report

7th August – 8th September 2021

Burglary

There has been no reported incidents of burglary since the 7th August.

This is a positive result and regular patrols will continue around all areas of Bollington. Crime prevention advice is regularly given out to residents. It is important to remind people to lock doors, windows and vehicles overnight.

Drugs Related

There has been two reported drug related incidents since 7th August.

These were on:

23/08/2021

26/08/2021

These are reported incidents of people using drugs in their premises. Regular intelligence reports are submitted regarding crimes such as this.

Criminal Damage

There has been two reports of criminal damage in the past month. Both of these were on 06/09/2021.

These usually relate to neighbor disputes in the local area.

Theft

There has been two reports of theft in past month. These are on 30/08/2021 and 01/09/2021.

These are both minor incidents of theft that do not follow a larger pattern. They will both be investigated fully.

Shoplifting

There has been two incidents of shop lifting reported in the past month. These are on:

15/08/2021
27/08/2021.

These are from Bollington Cross Post office, I will continue my regular patrols in the area. As well as continue to liaise with all business's and business owners.

Antisocial Behavior

There has been three reported incidents of antisocial behavior in the past month. These were:

09/08/2021
17/08/2021
02/09/2021

These reports solely relate to neighbor disputes. Bollington has recently had a rise in neighbor disputes, these are all being looked into by Bollington community police team.

Public Order

There were no reported incidents of public order in the past month.

Suspicious Activity

There has been six reported suspicious activity incidents in the previous month. These are:

11/08/2021
12/08/2021
15/08/2021
17/08/2021
Two on the 19/08/2021

These are a variety of different suspicious incidents all across Bollington. We are grateful for members of the public making us aware of suspicious activity as it helps us build a better picture of what is going on in the local area.

Road Traffic Collisions

There has been one reported road traffic collisions in the past month. This was on:

11/08/2021

This was a driver driving under the influence. The suspect was arrested and a full investigation will take place.

News

I have been conducting very regular foot patrols around the area, making sure to keep an eye on areas which are causing demand and have high criminal activity reported to us. Myself and PC Chris Howard have been regularly liaising with vulnerable members of the community and problem solving long standing issues. Now the pubs have opened back up with very few restrictions, we have been monitoring and patrolling to ensure the transition into regular night-time economy is smooth. Everything we are doing to work with them seems to be having a positive effect.

In other news, I have been conducting my TRUCAM weekly all around my beat area. Unfortunately there has been one activation in the past month where a driver was caught travelling 51mph in a 30, along Wellington Road. I will be sure to carry on conducting trucam in the areas where we get most complaints about speeding vehicles mainly Henshall Road, Wellington Road and Bollington Road. I am always open to suggestions from the members of the community as to where I should conduct these duties, as very often they recommend places to me while I am on foot patrol or through social media. I have also been monitoring parking as much as I can and enforcing and advising where possible.

PCSO 23538 Alex Camenzuli –Police Community Support Officer Bollington

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Risk Assessment Form

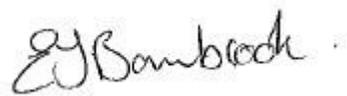
Event/Activity & Date: Flag Raising at Town Hall – Throughout year

Date of Assessment: 15/08/21

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed & how?	What are the mitigation measures?	Does anything else need to be done to control the risk?	Action by who?	Action by when?	Completed
Working at Height and Manual Handling	Council staff – most staff would be unable to raise and lower the flag without a step or ladder. This could result in a fall while carrying out the task or while carrying steps up to the first floor. Injury could also be caused by lifting and carrying the steps.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A suitable step should be made available which is located on the first floor to avoid the need to carry equipment upstairs. • Two members of staff should carry out this task to ensure that steps are steady and to call for help if there is an accident. 	See below.			
Injury caused by a fall or slip.	Council staff – this task requires staff to lean out of the first floor window onto the roof of the ground floor bay window. If the roof area is not safe it could collapse. If the decorative metal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The roof and rail need to be inspected to ensure that they are sound and that use of them in this way will not cause them to fail. • Two members of staff present at all times. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This task should not be carried out until the mitigation measures listed in this risk assessment have been established. • The method of raising and lowering the flag should be changed so that this task can be carried out safely, by 			

	rail is not strong enough it could give way if weight is put on it.		any member of staff, from the ground floor.			
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Name of Risk Assessor: Emma Bambrook

Signature: 

Review Date: 15/08/21

BOLLINGTON RECREATION GROUND

PUBLIC TOILETS

Bollington Recreation Ground has for many years been a much used and loved open space and is a focal point of our community.

After the lifting of Covid restrictions the Rec has been more popular than ever and over the weekend it is not unusual for there to be several hundred people watching the cricket, walking the dog, having a picnic with family and friends or even having a child's birthday party all of which I have witnessed.

We also have more visitors to the Rec midweek from people walking by the canal and Middlewood Way and ending up on the Rec to take advantage of its amenities but unfortunately the amenity most required is locked up, causing complaint, frustration, anger and in many cases disbelief !!!

The Rec is a constant hive of activity and is more popular than ever and in our opinion will continue to be so well into the future.

The Rec is home to Bollington Cricket Club who play every Saturday and most Sundays during the season and also have training and midweek matches, and we now have 2 newly formed Bollington football teams playing home matches on the Rec and both clubs have large numbers of supporters.

Bollington Dementia Society use the Rec for their meetings and value its open space.

Transition Bollington wish to use the Rec on Saturdays or Sundays once a month to have an educational display in what they call Sustainability Corner (on the grass at the side of the pavilion) How inconvenient for parents not to have a public convenience for their children to use.

Friends of Bollington Rec organised a tremendously popular "Relax on the Rec Day" on Bank Holiday Monday with a dog show, market and music which was attended by well over 1000 people which will become an annual event, we also plan a Christmas market and many other events in the coming years.

The Rec has the coveted Green Flag for being an excellent park (only one of seven in Cheshire East) BUT NO TOILETS.

The cost of opening and cleaning of the toilets will we feel not be excessive and can be absorbed well within the council budget or even a small increase in the rates to cover the cost.

As you can see from above the Rec is very well used by all sections of our community and the opening of the public toilets on a time closing mechanism will be of tremendous benefit to the Rec and be much appreciated by the community.

For Friends of Bollington Recreation Ground

Chris Bennett
Roland Edwards