St BOSWELLS PARISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

A meeting was held via Zoom on 27th May 2021

Date of next meeting 24th June 2021 via Zoom
Members of the Public wishing to join this meeting should contact the Secretary at stbospccsecretary@gmail.com or 07736 969 226

DRAFT Notes of meeting held on Thursday 27th May 2021

1. ATTENDANCE

Chair : G. Tweddle

Attendees : W.Burns, Y.Clements, C. Edmond, C. Richard, C. Strang, A. Patterson Cllr Hamilton

Apologies : Cllr Scott, Cllr Brown, M. Barrie, A. Franks, A. Drummond

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

Apologies : to be amended to show Cllr Scott and Cllr Hamilton rather than two Cllr Scott's.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

3.1.	Balance Brought Forward		£4,178.35
3.2.	**Balance in Bank**		**£4,144.11**
	SBC – Covid Support Grant		£996.46
	Balance not inc Covid Grant		£3,147.65
3.3.	**Funds Already Allocated**		
	Bridle Path - SBC Criminal Payback Team	£500	
3.4.	**Projects In Hand or Partly Completed**		
	Polwarth Fountain – repair	£314	
	Green St Boswells – planters, woodland etc	£1,000	
3.5.	**Unallocated Funds ex Covid Grant**		**£1,333.65**

4. THE FAIR

4.1. SBC Liaison Officer has requested comments on the Draft of the Information leaflet that will be distributed to families. ***ALL***

4.2. It was noted that The Fair may be busier this year due to the 400th

Anniversary and more families being in the vicinity for lockdown.

4.3. There may be some old photos of The Fair available. These could be shared with A. Minnis for the Village Hall website and perhaps some sort of welcome display in the Noticeboard. ***CE***

5. COMMUNITY WOODLAND

5.1. Thanks to J. Pollock for arranging the recent workdays and the generous work carried out by many volunteers.

5.2. Thanks to Boswell's Mowers for providing chippers FOC for two days and St Boswell's Football Team for their enthusiasm and energy, and to everyone who turned out to help.

5.3. AP is exploring the installation of a Fingerpost sign in The Green to help raise awareness of the Community Woodland. The entrance sign could also be relocated to be more visible.

5.4. Interpretive Panels within the woodland explaining some of the history and culture associated with the woodland area eg curling, boating and Old Mill Pond are being investigated.

5.5. The footbridge at the outlet to the Pond has some stability issues and it's height means that it is easy to block the outlet with stones causing the pond to flood. It is proposed to look at replacing this with a timber footbridge similar to the other existing boardwalks.

5.6. It was noted that a new padlocked gate has been fitted at the A68 entrance of the Old Yard area.

5.7. The Village Week Committee have raised the possibility of tree-planting within the village. Agreed to liaise and offer support if required. ***AP/GT***

5.8. The Prince of Wales is promoting an initiative to plant commemorative tree to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022. It was agreed to explore this further. ***AP***

6. GREEN ST BOSWELLS

6.1. We have registered with Keep Scotland Beautiful : It's Your Neighbourhood Initiative. This is non-competitive but provides support and networking opportunities for small communities starting out on their activities.

6.2. SBC has confirmed that plants for the A68 planters will be delivered end of June.

6.3. The loose coping on the planter opposite Lawries Garage has been replaced with timber to help make the planting more visible.

6.4. Three new planters have been proposed – by the Bus Stop, by the Sub-

station opposite Lawries Garage and under the 'St Boswells Please Drive Carefully' Sign on Main Street. SBC to be approached for comment as they currently maintain these areas. Costings to be developed and grant funding possibilities to be explored. ***AP***

6.5. Two additional meadow areas were proposed – between the two existing Springfield Terrace planters and along the verge of The Green where the line of daffodils currently flower. SBC are currently trialing meadows in other settlements so may be able to offer advice. ***AP***

7. SBC COUNCILLORS' REPORT

7.1. C19 Community Assistance Hubs are still active. A 12 month Recovery Plan for re-opening once Covid restrictions are lifted is in development.

7.2. An Empty Homes Officer has been appointed by SBC. They will co-ordinate with Landlords with the aim of bringing vacant properties back into use. This has been successful elsewhere in Scotland.

7.3. Home Carers and other mobile workers will be getting ipads/tablets to support their work practices. Lone workers should find this particularly helpful.

7.4. Build Back Better Borders Fund is to be launched at the next Area Partnership. This fund will provide one-off grants to support Post-Covid culture/ arts/ sport events.

7.5. Area Partnership meetings can be viewed online by any member of the public. Links are available on SBC Website Committee Diary Section.

7.6. The 'Pothole Patcher' will be out and about. Potholes can be reported to the Council through the 'Report It' tab on their website.

7.7. Current SBC Consultations :

Area Partnerships Next Steps - closes 1st Aug 2021

8. PLANNING

8.1. Slater's Yard – the application has been refused. The Applicants have the right of appeal.

8.2. Current applications :

(8.2.1) Grain Distillery, NE of GA White Motors 21/00851/FUL

(8.2.2) Dwelling, Plot 1 Stroma, Charlesfield 21/00839/PPP

(8.2.3) Dwelling, Plot 2 S of The Bungalow, Charlesfield 21/00840/PPP

(8.2.4) Agricultural Building, Laretburn Farm 21/00867/AGN

(8.2.5) Extension, 2 Jean Lawrie Court 21/00848/FUL

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1. 20MPH Scheme Survey - Individuals are encouraged to make their views

known through the online survey.

9.2. CS will circulate a proforma for CC Members to provide a short 'pen portrait' of their areas of interest. ***CS***

9.3. Destination Tweed – Tweed Forum are running a series of presentations online about the proposed long distance footpath and cycleway celebrating the length of the Tweed River. More information on their website.

9.4. C. Strang has prepared CC content for Village Hall Website. Members to check for accuracy once site is live. ***ALL***

10. AOCB

10.1. It may be possible to resume meetings in person from September in the Village Hall Larger Meeting Room subject to conditions and approval.

10.2. It was noted that the Selkirkshire Police Reports didn't seem to be coming through***. CS to investigate.***

11. POLICE REPORT

Residents are reminded to report any issues that cause them concern to CRIMESTOPPERS 0800 555 111 or 101 or
JedburghDistrictCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk
Police Scotland cannot attend meetings via Zoom.
We are now receiving reports for Jedburgh and Selkirkshire Areas.

Date of Next Meeting - Thursday 24th June 2021 at 7:15p.m. Via Zoom
Any members of the public wishing to join the meeting or raise an issue of local concern please contact The Secretary at stbospccsecretary@gmail.com or telephone The Secretary on 07736 969 226
or approach any Community Councillor.

Thank you for taking the time to read these notes.
Your Community Councillors are volunteers.
Our main role is to represent our local area, consult with residents and pass their views on to organisations such as the Council and NHS who have responsibility to consult about how local services are delivered.
One of your Scottish Borders Local Councillors usually attends our meetings.
Why not join us and make your views known.