

**YARNFIELD AND COLD MEECE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY
THURSDAY 23 MAY 2019
YARNFIELD PARK CONFERENCE CENTRE**

Minutes

Present:

Pam Williams
Michelle Beeston
Dave Beeston (Cllr)
Malcolm Beeston (Cllr)
Margaret Broader
Jim Chapman
Lesley Chapman
David Clifford
Christine Clifford
Frank Cromey (Cllr)
Brian Eyre (Cllr)
Linda Eyre
Sue Farrelly
Shaun Farrelly
Beverley Fraser
John Fraser
Damon Hoppe

Natalie Hudson
Stella Hughes (Cllr)
Chris Hyde
Kate Joyce
Andrew Locker
James Nixon (Cllr)
Sally Parkin (Cllr)
Trevor Parkin
Marjory Pemberton
Hilary Pemberton
Jeremy Pert (Cllr)
Simon Walsh
Janet Whitfield
Edward Whitfield
Peter Wright
Gina Wright
Kerry Ashdown

Linda Strickland
Gill Potter
Allan Potter
Katie Hilton
Joyce Johnson
Nick Johnson
Gillain Bould
Keith Bould
Robert Tippet
Tracy Taylor
Darren Shenton
Eileen Armour
Peter Plant
Bruce Ridley
Richard Holmes
Brian Rushton (Cllr)

Apologies:

Ann Basnett
Ray Lewney
Julie Lewney
Cllr Roy James
Pat Lawrence
Stan Collins
Tina Collins

Introduction to the first Annual Parish Assembly

- 1.1 The Chairperson of the Parish Council, Cllr Brian Eyre, welcomed everyone to the first Annual Parish Assembly for Yarnfield and Cold Meece and offered his thanks to everyone for their support for the formation of the new Parish Council.
- 1.2 The call for Stafford Borough Council to hold the parish governance review that led to the formation of Yarnfield and Cold Meece Parish Council was championed by Cllr David Tucker and Cllr Frank Cromey. It was sad that David couldn't be here today to celebrate with us. At least the decision by the Borough Council to accede to the

demand to form a new parish council was approved before his untimely death in December 2019.

- 1.3 The Parish Assembly will become an annual event to which all residents of the parish are welcome to attend. It will provide an opportunity for residents to take stock of what has been achieved in the last year and to look forward to what should be done in the coming year.
- 1.4 This is the first opportunity for the newly elected parish councillors to meet residents of the parish. It also provides a wonderful opportunity to hear residents' thoughts about the new parish council and issues which they think are important. The main part of the evening will be used to explore these ideas.

Resident engagement - "What can a Parish Council do for the community"

- 2.1 An introduction to the resident engagement session by Cllr Sally Parkin provided an entertaining presentation on the roles and responsibilities of a parish council.
- 2.2 The residents were then divided into three groups and invited to consider:
 - How do you see the village, now and in the future?
 - How do you see village life developing?
 - How can you get involved?
- 2.3 The collected ideas for the newly formed parish council are set out in the attached Appendix.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

- 3.1 To be confirmed.

Meeting ended 09.00pm



Signed
Chairperson of the Parish Council
Date 21 October 2021

Appendix Parish Assembly - outcome notes

(a) What do you like?	
Community	Friendly residents
	Positiveness, buzz
	Long living community
	New dedicated parish council
	Sense of community
	Close to Stone
	Size - "wouldn't like to see Yarnfield get any bigger"
Environment	Quietness
	Green belt
	Rural settings
	Green spaces
Safety	Feeling of safety
	Low crime rate
	You can walk home safely at night
Facilities	Village hall
	The school
	Post office
	Pub - but concerns about sustainability
Activities	Salvation army carol singers
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(b) What would you like to see improved?	
Physical	State of pavements
	Proper footpath to between Cold Meece and Yarnfield - example of a young mum being verbally abused by lorry drivers for walking on the road
	Condition of public footpaths, e.g. Stiles
	Location of Eccleshall bound bus stop and provision of shelter
	Drainage of village green - history of actions
	Concern re Garden Village, changing nature of the parish
	Grass cutting beyond the island at cm to improve visibility when coming from Swynnerton
	Concern over the development of army camp and hs2
Facilities	Lack of support for pub - catch 22
	Fitzherbert arms came to the end of the tenancy, pub is heaving, sizzling platters
	The village shop
	Better bus service
Safety	Concern over speeding traffic
	Traffic calming north road to Yarnfield Lane
	Traffic outside schools

	Possibility for a traffic island
	Untrimmed hedges on bends cause a problem to visibility
	Biffa lorries leaving mud on the road
	Speeding in Cold Meece, especially lorries. Desire for a speed limit. How many accidents are on record?
	Speedwatch request for Cold Meece
	Concern re McGowan lorries and other lorries cutting through Yarnfield
Integration	'New Yarnfield' residents to be integrated
	Cold Meece residents to be integrated
	Integrate older and younger residents
Health, wellbeing and culture	Walking trails
	Allotments
	Tittensor hold a social night monthly - bring your own snacks and drink
	Movie night in the village hall
	Consider what used to happen at Beatty Hall, e.g. bonfire night
	Village picnic (previously organised by Natalie)
	Cultural and social integration between Yarnfield village, "New Yarnfield" and Cold Meece
	People don't know each other, get them doing things together
Youth	Nothing for children aged 8-13 (skate park only useful if you have roller blades or a skateboard, play parks too young for middle school children)
	Youth club
	Summer holiday activities for children and young people
	Requirement of adult/teenager play /exercise equipment on green
	Contact Secondary school - engage teenagers in a survey of young people's opinions
Communication	Parish council drop in sessions/surgeries to be held regularly
	Frequency of surgeries and public involvement in all matters
	Advice about the "dear neighbour" letter that was sent by post recently
	Actively promote what is happening in other parishes
	Build good relationships with neighbouring parishes
	Involve the children
	Village to become a community hub
	Parish councillors should engage with social groups e.g. brownies, scouts
	Social media for positive promotion
	Signage
	Precept
	Good relationships with Borough and County - honest and transparent approach
(c) How could you get involved?	
	There was an offered to set up a parish council's Facebook page.
	Speed watch - Pete Wright, Malcolm Beeston and Brian Rushton all volunteered