

YARNFIELD AND COLD MEECE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Yarnfield and Cold Meece Community Action Group held on 19th October 2021 at 7.30pm in Yarnfield Village Hall

Members Present: Cllr Stella Hughes (chair), Mrs. Tina Collins, Mr. Stan Collins, Mrs. Linda Eyre and Mrs. Margaret Broader

CAG 21-11. Apologies: Mrs. Giuliana Brownsword, Ms. Karen Chapman and Mr. John Smee.

CAG 21-12. Declaration of Interest: No declarations of interest.

CAG 21-13 Minutes of the meeting held on 29th June 2021: Cllr Hughes pointed out an error: the date of the village clean up should be changed to Sunday 31st October. This was altered. The minutes were approved: proposed by Mrs. Tina Collins, and seconded Mr. Stan Collins. The minutes were duly signed.

CAG 21- 14 Defibrillators

After examining the costs of hiring a defibrillator it was agreed that this was an uneconomic alternative.

It was resolved unanimously to reject the idea of hiring a defibrillator as this was an expensive alternative.

After further detailed discussion it was resolved to search for local sponsors.

If these did not come forward then seeking the assistance of the Community Heartbeat Trust in finding a sponsor would be given further consideration.

Various defibrillators were considered for purchase. After discussions regarding the purchase of an automatic or semi-automatic defibrillator the advantages of a semi-automatic defibrillator (in giving lay-users sufficient time to stand aside before shocking the patient) was considered advantageous - particularly when considering that some older lay-users may not be particularly agile.

It was unanimously resolved that a semi-automatic defibrillator should be the preferred type of machine ~~should be purchased~~ for use by members of the public.

Further information considered

Zoll AED Plus semi-automatic. According to Community Heartbeat Trust this can be sited outdoors in a thermal bag inside an unheated cabinet. CHT have in the region of 200 defibrillators stored in unheated cabinets in this way. This particular model of defibrillator is not as sensitive to the cold as older defibrillators. Defibrillator £875 plus VAT. It comes with a 7 year warranty.

The Unipad is a single piece of kit that includes both chest pads which fit in the correct positions over the chest. Mr Collins reported that the unipad can be problematic when treating obese patients. The machine can also be used for children but different pads are

required for them. The prospect of laymen having to change pads depending on the age of the patient was regarded as disadvantageous. It would be more appropriate to provide adult only pads.

The CU Medical Systems semi-automatic defibrillator has a switch to convert to paediatric mode and its pads are compatible with those used by the ambulance service. Supplied by Defib Warehouse they cost £1312 with cabinet plus £50 delivery.

The British Heart Foundation package of a defibrillator and cabinet was not considered suitable as the cabinet was not lockable.

It was resolved to research further. (See below)

Other considerations.

Information from Defibrillator Warehouse states that they have not found a satisfactory thermal jacket for defibrillators in unheated cabinets.

New signage is ready and awaiting the Ashdale defibrillator. Although new signage had been produced it had not been displayed as the new defibrillator for Ashdale Park was still awaited.

Because of the continuing delay it was unanimously resolved to display the new information and alter it when the new defibrillator in Ashdale Park was available.

The new pads had been fitted.

- a) We are awaiting information regarding the installation of power for the Ashdale defibrillator which continues to delay the date of a training demonstration.
- b) Cllr. Hughes asked Mr Collins to check if defibrillator training had restarted.
- c) Fliers are prepared. Only a suitable date needs to be inserted before they can be printed and distributed.
- d) A letter was sent to Swynnerton Training Camp regarding shared use of a defibrillator for Cold Meece. They army was unwilling to do this as it would be problematic if there was a need for the defibrillator in the camp at the same time as it was required in the village. A further letter has been sent requesting permission to site a defibrillator on the camp fence and tap into their electricity supply. The cost for electricity is calculated at £6 per annum; this would be reimbursed by the Parish Council. We are awaiting a reply. The fact that Stan should be reimbursed too was raised but he wished to continue to donate the cost of the electricity to the defibrillator sited at his home.
- e) It had also been advised that the country of manufacture should also be considered. Defibrillators for the Asian market may not be appropriate.
- f) The Parish Council had received a very kind donation of £600 from the daughters of the late Pam Williams. It is to be used towards the cost of a village defibrillator.
- g) Mrs Linda Eyre had noted some information regarding the provision of defibrillators by the Rotary Club of Great Britain. She would pass on the information to Cllr. Hughes.

CAG 21-15 Litter Picking

- a) We now have 10 vests and 10 pickers on loan from SBC via Cllr James. Cllr Beeston has managed to secure a further 10 pickers. 10 High-vis vests bearing the parish council logo are on order.

- b) **It was resolved that there should be a litter pick on every second Sunday of the month.**
- c) Cllr. Hughes explained why she had not sought sponsorship from Biffa for the remaining equipment after the tragic death of the site manager. It was thought that this request might be appropriate at some future time.
- d) Councillor Cromey had unofficially approached Springfield School but had been advised that the school would be unable to help due to the extra burden caused by COVID.

CAG21-16 Autumn Village Clean up

- a) Advertising is arranged and Stan and Tina agreed to help put up posters in the Furlong.
- b) It was resolved to use the Yarnfield and Swynnerton News ~~website~~ Facebook in addition to the Parish Council ~~website~~ Facebook to advertise the event. It was also resolved to contact people who helped with the Spring Clean.**
- c) Sites that needed attention had been identified. In addition it was stated that the footpath from High Lows Lane to Ford Drive needed a tidy up.
- d) Ladies from Drake Hall will help with the daffodil planting.

CAG21-17 Spring Clean

Cllr. Hughes suggested that the group also consider a spring clean for the village. This idea was welcomed.

It was resolved to hold a spring clean in early spring to build on last spring's clean up.

CAG21-18 Strawberry Tea

- a) Representatives from the Parish Council, representatives from the Village Hall Management Committee, a representative of the Fete Committee and Cllr Hughes, as a representative of CAG, were organising a weekend of events to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June 2022. She asked if the Committee would be happy to organise the strawberry tea as part of this event.
- b) The desire to hold a raffle was also discussed.

The Committee unanimously resolved to hold a strawberry tea on Sunday, 5th June 2022, as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

CAG21-19 Improvements to the appearance of the village

- a) Bulbs had been purchased for the roundabout at Cold Meece and the Yarnfield village.
- b) The Parish Clerk had written to Barratt's for permission to plant bulbs on the roundabout in Yarnfield Park Way. The reply had suggested that as the roundabout would be adopted in the near future that permission from County Highways was required. No reply had, as yet, been received from Highways. Permission had also been sought to place bulbs elsewhere on the Yarnfield Park estate. As yet no reply has been received.
- c) The Parish Clerk had written to Mr Hood with regard to the raised garden on the wall adjacent to High Winds. Mr Hood had removed the fallen tree and undertaken fence repairs. The garden area could now be tidied.

CAG21 – 20 Friday morning coffee club

The Friday morning coffee club was re-establishing itself. Mrs Tina Collins was running the club. It was agreed that a rota was needed so that the burden of running the club did not all fall wholly on her. It will be established if additional help is required.

CAG21 – 21 The date and time of the next meeting

18th January, 2022 at 7.30 in Yarnfield village hall.

The meeting ended at 9.15p.m.

Proposed by:

Seconded by:

Signed: