

YARNFIELD AND COLD MEECE PARISH COUNCIL

COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE

**Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 22nd February, 2022 at 7.30 p.m. in
Yarnfield Village Hall**

Members present: Councillor Stella Hughes (chair), Ms Karen Chapman, Mrs Margaret Broader, Mrs Tina Collins, Mr Stan Collins, Mr Frank Cromey and Mr John Smee.

CAG 22-1 Apologies for absence: Mrs G. Brownsword.

CAG 22-2 Declarations of Interest: None

CAG 22-3 Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 19th October, 2021, were approved and duly signed: proposed by Mrs Margaret Broader; seconded by Mr Stan Collins.

Defibrillators

CAG22-4 Installation of the electricity supply on Ashdale play area to commence on 23rd February. Mr John Fraser would be liaising with the Borough and AED Donate with regard to the siting of the defibrillator. When complete we could proceed with arrangements for a demonstration.

(a) Information about existing sites are in place and can be updated when the Ashdale defibrillator is in situ.

(b) A reply had been received from Major(R) Jim Salisbury, Swynnerton Army Camp, to our request for a defibrillator to be sited outside the camp and for it to be powered from an electricity supply in the guard house. Unfortunately, the camp was unable to assist. However, although the camp cannot agree "to free access to our own defibrillator in the camp guardroom, in any emergency we would respond in the most beneficial way we could".

CAG22-5 It was resolved that Councillor Hughes would respond to the letter and seek assurance that occupiers of the guard house would be informed of this informal arrangement. It was also resolved that the residents should also be informed. It was felt that this could offer a temporary solution until the Parish Council could afford to install a defibrillator unit.

(c) The cost of installation of an electricity supply to a site in Cold Meece and to the green in Ford Drive would be £1,800 per site. Councillor Hughes had contacted AADEF who supply the Rotary. Their defibrillators ranged in price from £1230 to £1520 plus VAT.

CAG22 -6 The most cost efficient solution was therefore the package offered by CHT. There was discussion in which doubts were expressed about the efficacy of using a thermal bag as protection against the cold and the use

of a unipad. No local authority grants were available at the moment for defibrillator projects. Councillor Hughes noted that contrary to CAG's decision a number of providers preferred automatic defibrillators to semi-automatic devices in lay settings. Stan Collins understood that the WMAS does not recommend automatic devices in lay settings.

CAG22-6 It was resolved that Councillor Hughes would make further enquiries. She would request that Mr Fraser make arrangements to contact a defibrillator nurse specialist while she would contact the West Midlands Ambulance Service to see if they could offer additional advice.

CAG22-7 The committee resolved that the remaining funds from Yarnfield Forum should be used towards the cost of purchasing a defibrillator for Yarnfield village.

Litter picks

CAG22-8 The monthly litter picks were now established but not attracting sufficient help from villagers. However, this has raised the profile of litter picking in the village. Sam Arm, a student, and his parent have volunteered to do 30 hours of litter picking as part of his civics course (this is in addition to the organised litter pick); another student is interested in joining the organised litter pick as part of his Duke of Edinburgh course. Mr Jim Hughes is doing a daily litter pick concentrating on three areas of the village; while Ms Pemberton, who is otherwise engaged on Sunday afternoons, has also been helping on a regular basis.

CAG22-9 It was resolved not to spend any additional funds on equipment until there was more evidence of need.

CAG22-10 It was felt that posters and Facebook were not reaching enough people.

It was resolved that Ms Chapman should explore setting up a Whats App Group in the hope that this might attract more interest.

The group might also consider posting flyers through the doors of people who had helped in the past.

Spring clean

CAG22- 11 The Committee felt that it would be more appropriate to avoid the proposed date of 9th April, a Sunday, and instead proposed 3rd April. **(Post meeting note: the date of 9th April was already in the public domain and it was felt that it should not be altered).** A litter pick could be held at the same time. A list of sites would be prepared.

CAG22-12 It was resolved to ask Mr Fraser to prepare posters for this event and advertise it on the Parish website; invite the ladies from Drake Hall to take part and contact Streetscene to dispose of the litter.

Mr and Mrs Collins were willing to help put up posters.

The Strawberry Tea June 5th

CAG22-13 Councillor Hughes would provide napery.

CAG22-14 It was resolved that the menu should consist of the following: strawberries and cream; scones, cream and jam; a selection of cakes; tea, coffee or a soft drink; for the cost of £2.50 per child or £5 per adult. This would be a Ticket only event.

CAG22-15 It was resolved that committee members would provide cakes.

CAG22-16 Additional help would be needed. Councillor Hughes will approach Mrs Cooper and Ms Pemberton initially. Councillor Cromey would enquire if his wife would also be willing to help.

CAG22-17 Councillor Hughes had spoken to Mr Pete Cresswell regarding hall decorations. The Village Hall Management Committee would be providing official bunting that would be kept in place for the Strawberry Tea.

CAG22-18 It was resolved that fresh flower table decorations should be provided. These could be sold off at the end of the event along with left-over cake.

CAG22-19 As CAG is part of the Parish Council it was not possible to hold a raffle at the event.

Improvements to the appearance of the village

CAG22-20 Last year Barratt's had not given permission for bulb planting on the roundabout because the Yarnfield Park would be adopted by Highways. As the adoption had not taken place. It was agreed that we should try to avoid a repetition of this situation.

It was resolved that Councillor Hughes ask Mr John Fraser to contact Barratt's and Highways for permission to plant bulbs on the roundabout at Yarnfield Park and elsewhere on Yarnfield Park.

CAG22-21 Now that the dead tree had been removed it was safe to work on the raised bed. It was resolved that we tidy and weed this area and the garden in the Furlong.

CAG22-22 Few plants thrive in the raised garden because it is extremely dry and in full sun for most of the day. It was resolved that we purchase a wildflower mix (more drought – tolerant) that attracts pollinating insects, if the owners of

High Winds would be willing to water them. Councillor Hughes is to discuss this with the owner of High Winds.

When Network Plus prepare the Yarnfield Lane verges for planting it may be possible to plant wildflowers on part the verge near the entrance gates to the village. Cars parking on the verges outside Well Being Park would destroy any planting in this vicinity. Councillor Hughes would discuss this with Mr John Fraser.

Coffee Club report

CAG22-23 Mrs Collins reported that on average 12 people were attending. A new notice had been displayed on the noticeboard.

Training

CAG22-24 Safe Guarding Training would take place on 28th February. Everyone had received an invitation to attend.

Date and Time of next meeting

CAG22-25 Tuesday, 19th April, at 7.30pm in Yarnfield Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

Proposed by:

Seconded by:

Signed:

S. Hughes