

YARNFIELD AND COLD MEECE PARISH COUNCIL

COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19TH JULY, AT 7.30P.M. IN YARNFIELD VILLAGE HALL.

PRESENT: Mrs Margaret Broader, Ms Karen Chapman, Mr Stan Collins, Mrs Tina Collins, Mrs Linda Eyre, Councillor Stella Hughes.

PRESENTATION: Flowers were presented to Ms Karen Chapman in thanks for her many years as Yarnfield Forum and the Community Action Group's minutes secretary. Increased work commitments prevent Ms Chapman from continuing her role of minutes secretary although she remains a member of the committee.

CAG22-59 APOLOGIES: None

CAG22-60 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

CAG22-61 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Mrs Linda Eyre proposed that the minutes held on 19th April, 2022 were accepted and Mr Stan Collins seconded the proposal. The minutes were duly signed.

CAG22-62 Councillor Hughes raised her concerns regarding the post code on the defibrillator at Yarnfield Park which was not very clear. She enquired about the post codes on any other defibrillator machines. Mr Collins explained that The Circuit apparently only notes the location of the defibrillator rather than its post code. Concern was expressed that the defibrillators are all accessed in slightly different ways. Mr Collins assured the Committee that the 999 operator would direct the caller to the nearest defibrillator and give instructions regarding access.

CAG22-63 Everyone was given a copy of the proposed defibrillator demonstration invitation and instructions regarding what to do in the case of a cardiac arrest and how to carry out CPR. Mr Collins and Mrs Broader proposed that the order of the information was changed so that the first item dealt with indications of Cardiac Arrest. Information on heart attack should follow this with the additional note that heart attack may lead to a cardiac arrest. These changes would be made before the document was sent to the Parish Clerk for inclusion in the Parish Magazine.

CAG22-64 Clarification would be sought from Major Salisbury regarding a proposed informal arrangement for use of the camp defibrillator.

CAG22-65 The cheque from Biffa had been made out to Councillor Hughes. Arrangements were made to transfer the amount of £500 to the Parish Council. The Biffa cheque would be ring-fenced to help pay for a defibrillator for Cold Meece. A further letter of thanks had been sent.

- CAG22-66** It was resolved that other businesses in Cold Meece should be approached to see if they were willing to supply donations towards the cost of purchasing a defibrillator.
- CAG22-67** It was pointed out that many of the businesses are not actually in Yarnfield and Cold Meece Parish although they are sited in Cold Meece. If opportunities for grant aid from the County Council arose then an application would be made.
- CAG22-68** Discussion followed on money-raising events to fund the purchase of additional defibrillators for the parish. Ideas included: a hog roast; dragon racing; 100 club; a Quiz night. Opinion favoured linking the event to a specific occasion such as Hallowe'en for example.
- CAG 22-69** The litter picking arrangements were advertised on Facebook but the June event was poorly attended. It was felt that the monthly litter pick needs to be advertised more widely.
- CAG22-70** Councillor Hughes asked Ms Chapman about her attempts to set up a Facebook group for litter collection. She explained that she had not got further with the idea as the Parish Clerk wished to ensure that this conformed to Parish Council guidelines. It was agreed that the matter would be discussed with the Parish Clerk to progress the idea. Linda Eyre wondered if an open forum would be a good idea for villagers to share their ideas for village improvements. She suggested a Saturday morning meeting might be appropriate.
- CAG22-71** The July litter pick had been cancelled by Councillor Hughes because of the extreme heat warning for the day.
- Post meeting note:** The August litter pick was also cancelled for the same reason.
- CAG22-72** The strawberry tea was considered a very successful event. The group discussed whether we should aim to do this more regularly or do something similar to raise money for the village as some people had expressed an interest in this happening more often. It was suggested that we might provide more strawberries. There would be the additional cost of hire of the hall at £60. The earliest a second tea could be organised would be September which would be late for the strawberry season.
- CAG22-73** The event raised £181.61 for the defibrillator and £136.77 for local charities: the Macmillan Hospice and Katherine House. This would be added to other monies raised during the Jubilee Celebrations for charity.

The raffle proved a successful fund-raiser. Thanks were given to all those who had provided prizes for the raffle. Councillor Hughes had written to thank Mrs Joan Gater for her generous contribution of prizes. Contact would be made with Simon to thank him for providing the music.

CAG22-74 Mrs Linda Eyre was thanked for providing help to clear and seed the raised bed outside High Winds. There was a problem in that the Pixie selection had grown much taller in some places than anticipated. This had created a problem for the occupiers of High Winds when exiting their drive. Councillor Hughes had contacted the supplier whose explanation was that the bed must be too fertile - which proved surprising. It might be possible to sow seed nearer the fence rather than at the front of the border, although this would probably be a drier area and there were a number of tree trying to sprout despite the fact that these had been sprayed with weed - killer.

CAG22-75 When the weather was cooler and when available Mrs Linda Eyre and Councillor Hughes intended to tidy the beds on the Furlong and the Green. Anyone interested was welcome to join us.

CAG22-76 Summer bedding had been planted in the tubs in the village in time for the Jubilee celebrations. A number of people had commented on how attractive the tubs, and the pots outside the village hall, have looked over the summer.

Councillor Hughes visited the shop on 4 occasions to discuss the idea of putting a display outside the shop but there was no room outside and the shop was too busy with customers. When she succeeded in speaking to the shop owner he was very amenable to the idea of having a display of plants outside the shop.

CAG22-77 It was resolved to hold an autumn clean up and daffodil planting session on a date between 24th September and 23rd October. Councillor Hughes would liaise with the Parish Clerk.

CAG22-78 It was resolved to plant daffodils on the village green and on the green on De Havilland Drive. (The Parish Clerk had contacted Barratts with regard to planting daffodils on the roundabout in the estate but had not received a reply. There was no further news about the adoption of the estate roads by Highways.)

CAG22-79 It was resolved to ask the Parish Clerk to see if it was possible to re-establish links with Drake Hall to help with the planting session.

CAG22-80 Councillor Hughes had sought prices for bulbs. As miniature daffodils were so expensive she suggested that we avoid purchasing these this year. She would price large bags of daffodils from Fletchers as these had been good value in the past. Network Plus had disturbed some of the daffodils but the damage would not be visible until spring.

It was resolved to purchase bulbs for the spring display. Prices for 100 tulips cost between £22 and £34; 5x 20kg of daffodils cost between £120-136. A maximum spend of £150 was proposed.

CAG22-81 The coffee club was doing well with between 13 and 16 people attending. A number of original members had returned. It was breaking even.

CAG22-82 It was proposed that CAG should attempt one extra activity during the next 12 months. It was pointed out that Councillor Hughes may not be available at Christmas. She asked the committee to give this issue further thought. Meanwhile she would discuss the idea with Mrs Rachel Cooper to see if she had any ideas about a themed food night.

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

CAG22-83 The date of the next CAG meeting is Tuesday, 18th October, 2022.

Proposed by: *Councillor M. Brooker*

Seconded by: *Ms. Karen Chapman*

Signed: *D Hughes. 21/02/23*

Remaining Dates for meetings:

17th January, 2023.

18th April, 2023.