

YARNFIELD AND COLD MEECE PARISH COUNCIL  
PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES  
Wednesday 12 October 2022  
Yarnfield Park Conference Centre

**Present (for all or part of the meeting): -**

**Councillors:**

Margaret Broader  
Stella Hughes

Sally Parkin (Chairperson)

Officer in attendance: John Fraser, Clerk to the Parish Council

Also in attendance: Cllr Jeremy Pert (SCC), Cllr Roy James (SBC)

Public at the meeting: 2

Apologies for Absence

22-444 Apologies were received from – Dave Beeston, Malcolm Beeston, Brian Eyre, Frank Cromey, James Nixon (SBC)

Declaration of Interest

22-445 Nil

Public Question Time

Nil

Minutes of the meeting held on 28 September 2022 – to approve the draft minutes (as previously circulated and posted on the parish council website.)

22-446 **Resolution:** It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 28 September were approved as a correct record of the meeting.

Reports from Borough and County Councillors

22-447 Cllr Pert (SCC)

- The work on the yellow lines at the Highlows Lane junction has been partly completed. The work will be completed once Severn Trent have finished their work at the junction.
- The 40mph buffer zone on Yarnfield Lane and 40mph limit in Cold Meece have now been adopted and it is hoped work to install road signs will be completed by the end of 2022.
- The parish council's willingness to support the Warm Spaces initiatives being developed by the Borough Council is appreciated.
- The roads on Yarnfield Park have now been adopted. It may help to let the borough council know the roads have been adopted so they can include them in their programme of road sweeping.
- HS2 Highways Improvement Fund: representations have been made to include two schemes in the parish, covering the repair of the pavements in Yarnfield and the provision of a cycleway between Yarnfield and Stone.

22-448 Cllr James (SBC)

- Covid-19 is again on the increase, and it continues to be important for residents to carry out regular testing.
- The public MOD Remembrance Day at Cold Meece will not take place this year.
- The Stafford Borough Council Local Plan Preferred Option papers have now been published and the Parish Council and residents are encouraged to read and submit their comments before the closing date on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022.
- The planning application for Gorsty Hill Farm has not yet been listed on the Planning Committee agenda.

#### HS2 update

22-449 SRCG held a public event at the Conference Centre on 30 September. This was well attended and provided an opportunity to give an update on work being done by the SRCG, and the representations they have made to the Government about the savings that would be realised if the SRCG proposals were adopted.

22-450 The work on the proposal to build a cycleway between Yarnfield and Stone has now been completed and submitted to Staffordshire County Council.

22-451 Meetings have been arranged with Kier on 3<sup>rd</sup> November and Balfour Beatty on 4<sup>th</sup> November.

22-452 An agreement has been reached with Stone Town Council and Chebsey Parish Council that the three councils come together for quarterly meetings with HS2 Ltd. Dates for these meetings have yet to be confirmed and will be reported to the Council once agreed.

#### Parish Council Action Tracker

22-453 The Actions Tracker Report, posted on the parish council website, was noted and next actions agreed. (Appendix 1)

22-454 **Resolution:** It was resolved that:

- i. The following actions, rated as green, are moved to the achieved section of the Action Log:
  - Terms of Reference for the Events Committee
  - Council banking arrangements
  - Highways project – Yellow Lines
  - Home School Transport
- ii. A Freedom of Information Act request is sent to Staffordshire County Council about funding received from the Yarnfield Park section 106 agreement to pay for an improved bus service for Yarnfield.

#### Warm Spaces Initiative – to consider a proposal to run a scheme in Yarnfield

22-455 The Parish Council has been invited by Stafford Borough Council to support the Warm Spaces initiative.



- 22-456 There is already a very successful coffee morning in the parish, which runs on a Friday each week. The Warm Spaces initiative will follow a similar format and will take place in the village hall for one afternoon each week from the middle of November until the end of March 2023.
- 22-457 Funds will be available to support local initiatives from Stafford Borough Council
- 22-458 A meeting with interested groups is being arranged by the Borough Council at which further information on the mechanics of the scheme will be provided.
- 22-459 **Resolution:** It was resolved that the parish council support the Warm Space Initiative and host at least two weekly events in the parish.

#### Parish Clerk's report: Budgets

- 22-460 Schedule of invoices awaiting payment since the last meeting = £1,919.51
- 22-461 Current Account bank reconciliation on 12 October 2022 = £27,633.31
- 22-462 Reserve Account bank reconciliation on 12 October 2022 = £6,003.50.
- 22-463 The second instalment of the parish council precept and concurrent grant and 2021/22 VAT refund have now been received.
- 22-464 **Resolution:** It was resolved that the schedule of payment for the period 29 September –12 October 2022 set out in Appendix 2 is approved.

#### Actions

- 22-465 The Autumn Clean up and spring bulb planting will take place on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> September. An invitation has been made to the community to support this initiative. Drake Hall prisoners will also be on hand to help.
- 22-466 The Community Action Group has asked that the two oak barrels on land opposite the Labour in Vain, used as spring bulb containers, are replaced. Three bags of compost will also be required.
- 22-467 Remembrance Day arrangements are being made for a public event; the poppy wreath has been ordered; and the soldier silhouettes will be placed on the village green and in the Rose Garden at Cold Meece.
- 22-468 **Resolution:** It was resolved to buy two oak Barrels and compost at a cost of £92.

#### Correspondence

- 22-469 Cllr Malcolm Beeston has written to the parish council to say that he will be resigning as a councillor with immediate effect. Arrangements will be made to notify the Borough Council. As there are now only 7 months before the May 2023 elections it would not be feasible to elect a replacement or consider co-opting someone to fill the vacancy.
- 22-470 **Resolution:** It was resolved that:
- i. The resignation of Cllr Malcolm Beeston is notified to the Borough Council returning officer.
  - ii. Work to promote the May 2023 elections and opportunity it presents to become a parish councillor is prepared.

- 22-471 The internal auditor who undertook this year's audit, Black Rose Solutions Ltd, has agreed to support next year's audit.
- 22-472 Consultation by Stafford Borough Council on their Local Plan Preferred Options proposals, which include the proposed Meecebrook Garden Community, will take place between 24 October – 12 December 2022 (12 noon).
- 22-473 The Borough Council will be holding a series of public events to provide an opportunity for members of the public to see what is included in the new plan.

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday 10 November 2022	4 – 8 pm	Eccleshall Community Centre
Monday 14 November 2022	4 – 8 pm	Grosvenor Centre, Gnosall
Tuesday 15 November 2022	4 – 8 pm	Westbridge Room, Christchurch, Stone
Saturday 19 November 2022	11 am – 3.45pm	Stafford – Central Library

- 22-474 **Resolution:** That the Borough Council is approached to ask for a meeting to answer questions about the proposed Garden Community at Meecebrook for parish Councils directly affected by that proposal.

#### Half year budget review

- 22-475 The half year budget review is attached at Appendix 3.

- 22-476 Variances from budget:

- Audit Services (line 10): overspend due to the need to change auditors part way through the audit and additional cost from MAZARS.
- Grounds maintenance contract (line 12): reduced cutting programme during the summer, in response to the very hot weather, has resulted in a small saving on the budget line.
- Newsletter (line 7): these have been larger than anticipated, resulting in increased print costs. As such the budget has been spent and any further newsletters will require an adjustment to the budget.
- Queen's Platinum Jubilee (line SP6) the budget for these events was set at £600. Income received and donations to local good causes, which have been recorded on the budget line, give the impression of a 232% overspend. Delivery of the project was in fact within budget.

- 22-477 Projected commitments until April 2023 = £17,990

- 22-478 Based on the projected commitments, and assuming all 2022/23 projects are completed, the end of year balance will be £7,600.

#### Quarter 2 Bank resolution statement

- 22-479 The Council's Financial Regulations require that the accounts are inspected periodically by a councillor. This is usually undertaken by the vice-chair outside the meeting.

- 22-480 A copy of the quarter two bank reconciliation has been prepared and will be signed at the next opportunity.



### Asset Register Review

22-481 The asset register review has been undertaken to include assets transferred to the parish council by the Yarnfield Fete Committee. This included 3 large marquees and 1 trailer.

### "Your three wishes" – community response

22-482 The invitation to tell the parish council about the "top three wishes for the parish" resulted in 9 responses from residents.

22-483 The responses submitted by residents covered some areas of work that build on existing parish council projects including the village green and road traffic safety. One respondent raised a new issue not previously considered, the quality of broadband services in the parish.

22-484 Detailed responses are set out in Appendix 4. These will now be used to inform the preparation of the 2023/24 Action Plan and budget.

### Village Green Project

22-485 Three companies have been asked to provide estimates for the project.

22-486 Stafford Borough Council Cabinet has approved that:

- i. the management and maintenance responsibilities for the village green be transferred to the Parish Council via an appropriate lease.
- ii. the reallocation of £10,000 from the Westbridge Park development to support the delivery of the village green project.

### Neighbourhood Plan

22-487 A meeting with the biodiversity group has put forward proposals for a green corridor, based in part on existing public footpaths. This will help to inform the Neighbourhood Plan policies.

22-488 A meeting request has been sent to the Forward Planning Team at Stafford Borough Council to update them on progress with the neighbourhood plan.

### Updates from Parish Councillors

22-489 No meetings have taken place since the last parish council meeting

### Forward Plan

22-490 The meeting dates for November and December 2022 have been confirmed by the conference centre. However, some dates in 2023 will need to be rescheduled:

- 11 January -> 18<sup>th</sup> January
- 12 April -> 5<sup>th</sup> April
- 10<sup>th</sup> May -> 31<sup>st</sup> May

22-491 The forward plan was amended to reflect items to be brought to the next meeting.

### Planning – to consider any planning applications in the parish

22-492 Planning Application – Whiteoaks, Yarnfield Lane, Yarnfield

Reference	Outline
22/36399/HOU	1. Single storey rear extension. 2. New flat roof canopy to front entrance. 3. Cladding and Render to existing property.

22-493 **Resolution:** It was resolved to make no comment about the application.

22-494 Planning Application - 2 Henshaw Way, Yarnfield

Reference	Outline
22/36234/HOU	Replacement of existing conservatory with single story side extension, first floor side extension including internal alterations

22-495 **Resolution:** It was resolved to make no comment about the application.

Date and time of next meeting

22-496 16 November 2022 at 7.30pm

Signed






Chairperson of the Parish Council

Date: 16 November




Meeting closed: 8:45pm


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<u>Minute</u>	<u>Resolution</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>RAG</u>
22-265	<p><u>Labour in Vain</u></p> <p>i. The notes of the Annual Parish Assembly were notes;</p> <p>ii. Work is done to establish a group to approach the Stonegate in with a view to agreeing how the pub can be reopened.</p> <p>iii. Work is undertaken to register the Labour in Vain and a community asset with Stafford Borough Council.</p>	<p>Registration as a community asset made to Stafford Borough Council (26/08/22)</p> <p>Autumn 22 Newsletter used to support the pub and promote their Facebook page.</p>	Await response from Stafford Borough Council on ACV application	
<u>April 2022</u>				
22-188 22-271	<p><u>Community Project officer appointment</u></p> <p>The Clerk work with Support Staffordshire to develop a scheme that is beneficial to the parish council up to a limit of £2,000.</p>	<p>Lottery application prepared with support of Support Staffordshire, and now await result (25/08/22)</p> <p>Lottery fund application prepared and sent to Support Staffordshire</p> <p>Agreement from Yarnfield Park to use the centre secured. (14/06/22)</p> <p>Meeting with SS requested to complete work on the lottery bid. (04/07/22)</p>	Waiting for decision of the Lottery Fund	
22-153	<p><u>Yarnfield Lane Cycle path</u></p> <p>- That the council endorses the proposal to provide a safe cycle and footpath connection between Yarnfield and Stone.</p>	<p>Work with SRCG to prepare supporting evidence to be submitted to Staffordshire County Council</p> <p>Staffordshire County Council confirm arrangement for HS2a Road Safety Fund.</p>	Working with SCC on securing HS2a Road Safety Fund	

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Monthly Progress Tracker – Update 02/10/22

	 Warning	 Action – in progress	 Achieved
July 2022	12	8	5
September 2022	2	11	4
October	2	11	0



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<u>October 2022</u>				
22-376	<p><u>Yarnfield Lane Lay-by</u></p> <p>The Borough Council is approached to discuss what enforcement options could be used to tackle the problem of littering.</p> <p>The Staffordshire County Council Highways are approached to raise the Parish Council's concern about the lay-by.</p>	<p>Email to Stafford Borough Council Environmental Health enforcement team.</p>	<p>Waiting for response</p>	
22-392	<p><u>HS2 – Contractor meetings</u></p> <p>The parish council apply to the Staffordshire County Council to secure their support for the construction of a cycle way from Yarnfield to the A34 in Stone</p> <p>That the proposal for quarterly meetings with HS2 Ltd are arranged</p>	<p>Meeting with both Keir (3 November at 14.30) and Balfour Beatty (4 November at 14.30) arranged.</p> <p>Stone Town Council and Chebsey Parish Council confirm agreement to joint quarterly meetings with HS2 Ltd.</p> <p>HS2 agreed to provide dates.</p>	<p>Waiting for response from HS2 Ltd</p>	




## Yarnfield and Cold Meece Parish Council Council Resolutions and Actions

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	The councillors support the SRCG public meeting on 30 September 2022.			
22-425	<u>Warm Space Project</u> It was resolved that the proposal to set up a Warm Space venue in the parish should be developed.	Proposal reported to parish council meeting. Meeting with Stafford Borough Council to confirm arrangements.		
22-428	<u>AGAR 2022</u> That the end of audit report is published on the council website.	Published on 30 September 2022 Audit arrangements for 2023 agreed with internal auditor	Work completed	
<b>June 2022</b>				
22-285	<u>Network+ contractor – helpline charges</u> Network Plus and the Staffordshire County Council are contacted to express the parish council's concern about the use of a premium phone number to report defects with the traffic management lights.	Chasing response from Network Plus (06/09/22) Concern about you of 0845 number raised with Major Project Manager Email sent to Network Plus asking for their views on why an 0845 number is used and whether an 0800 or 0808 number could be used. (05/07/22) Email sent to Cllr Pert asking if the Staffordshire County Council permit arrangements for traffic management could require the use of a freephone number for reporting faults. (05/07/22) Network+ forwarded email to their contractor	Awaiting response from Network+ and SCC	

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	- That the Staffordshire County Council and neighbouring parish councils are contacted to secure their support.	Email sent to Cllr Pert to forward to appropriate officer/cabinet member at Staffordshire County Council (11/07/22)		
<u>March 2022</u>				
22-97 21-584	<u>New Office Systems</u> - A Microsoft Business 365 Standard licence is purchased. - Set up bespoke email systems for councillors. - That a laptop up to a value of £400 including VAT is purchased. - That the existing Zoom licence is terminated before the renewal date in May 2022. - That support is provided to the councillors in the use of Microsoft 365 and Teams.	Proposal to migrate to a new version of the Website template. Costs associated with this work £250 (estimated) Brief for this project has been extended to look at migrating the parish council website to a later version that would provide enhanced functionality and support bespoke parish council email addresses for councillors. Laptop setup complete. Laptop purchased Zoom Licence cancelled Enquiries made about IT support for councillors, cost prohibitive. Discussions with SCC IT support and use of MS 365 Laptop purchased to run new system (31/03/22) Help from Staffordshire County Council IT secured (03/05/22)	Action deferred to summer recess	
22-82	<u>Community Speed Watch</u> Contact is made with the Staffordshire CSW to arrange for them to visit the parish to undertake risk assessments on new sites.	Staffordshire Community Speed Watch propose using Yarnfield as a pilot project to test feasibility of CSW operating in 20mph areas. Email to Staffordshire CSW to establish pilot project	Contact Staffordshire County Council	

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	<p>Contact is made with the Deputy Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, to press for a change in the approach to enforcement on 20mph roads.</p> <p>CSW activity is reported to the Parish Council on a quarterly basis.</p>	<p>Activity is linked to the adoption of the Yarnfield Park Roads by Staffordshire County Council. which was first scheduled to happen in December 2020.</p> <p>Contact with Staffordshire CSW to be actioned once local group established and new coordinator operating.</p> <p>Letter sent to deputy PFCC</p> <p>Response received from Deputy PFCC</p> <p>Not content with response, further research required to reply to DPFCC</p> <p>Review report to be prepared for September 2022 meeting.</p>	to confirm adoption date.	
<u>February 2022</u>				
22-58	<p><u>Network +</u></p> <p>The parish council prepare a list of issues and follow up actions required to reinstate Yarnfield Lane which will then be sent to Network Plus.</p>	<p>Site meeting with Major Projects Manager who has agreed to action the parish council's snagging list</p> <p>Assurances given that the snagging work would be undertaken now they were nearing the end of the contract wok</p> <p>Concern about delay in dealing with the outstanding actions raised with Network + Project Manager – Major Projects. 05/09/22</p> <p>Site survey undertaken and list of outstanding action sent to Network + (25/03/22)</p> <p>Still waiting for confirmation that the work will be carried out.</p>	Waiting for conformation of the date for complete the work	
<u>September 2021</u>				




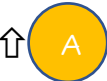
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21-524 21-746	<u>Village Green Project</u> - The plan, which sets out the vision for the project is approved; - A meeting is arranged with the borough councillors for the parish and the lead officer at Stafford Borough Council; - That a costed delivery plan is prepared.	Stafford Borough Council approve lease of land to Parish Council Stafford Borough Council approve additional £10k from the Westbridge Park Project Meeting held with four contractors. Awaiting indicative costs that will enable completion of the SBC s106 application form and the submission of the revised concept plan to Stafford Borough Council To be arranged - site meeting with Stafford Borough Council officer, Cabinet Member and Ward members Revised plan prepared. Actions to be completed: Indicative costing to be obtained from at least two contractors by end of July 2022 Concept plan prepared and present to Stafford Borough Council. Further work required to ensure plan meets requirements of the s106 agreement.	Parish council is securing estimates for the cost of the project to be approved by the Borough Council	↑ 
21-499	<u>Severn Trent work Highlows/Yarnfield Lane</u> Severn Trent give undertaking to complete work on the Highlows Lane/Yarnfield Lane Sewer	Meeting on site with Severn Trent engineers. Work to be completed in two stages. Part 1 work scheduled to start on 3 October – 7 October 2022 Meeting with Severn Trent Manager to agree work (August 2021) Chase up email sent – 28 June 2022	Contractors due to start 3 October. Continue to monitor progress.	↑ 
21-488	<u>Gates at Cold Meece</u> - The proposal to build wooden gates was approved.	Location of Gates identified and shared with Amey and ward Councillors. (21/09/22)	Actioning proposal AMEY	↑ 

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- That the County Council Highways Department are contacted to secure approval for the siting of the gates.</li> </ul>	<p>Follow up meeting with Amey to agree arrangements</p> <p>Awaiting decision by Staffordshire County Council over the date for completion of the 40mph limit on Meece Road and Swynnerton Road.</p> <p>Contacted Highways Team with a request to agree site, design and installation (11/07/22)</p>	to agree location and construction of the gate	
<u>June 2021</u>				
21-364 22-368	<p><u>Yarnfield Park – Section 106 Agreement</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yarnfield Park residents Group</li> <li>- It was resolved that arrangements are made to hold a public meeting for the residents of Yarnfield Park</li> </ul>	<p>Response from Interim Head of planning who has referred concerns to the legal team for guidance.</p> <p>Letter to Stafford Borough Council – Interim Head of Planning asking for his intervention to resolve (26/08/22)</p> <p>Stafford Borough Council have still to answer basic questions about their handling of the section 106 agreement with the developers and what enforcement action they will take to secure compliance with the agreement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Contact original group members to reenergise formation of the residents group</li> </ul> <p>First meeting of a residents group held (13/07/21).</p> <p>Residents’ Group to leaflet other residents to raise awareness and secure more support.</p> <p>Ambition to establish a resident’s group still exists on the estate. The arrival of the annual Pinnacle bills for the maintenance contract (2022-23) will be issued in July.</p>	Awaiting response from Interim Head of Planning	
<u>May 2021</u>				

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22-47	<p><u>Firing Range</u></p> <p>It was resolved that the Chairperson write to the PFCC;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To press the case to secure mitigation being put into the existing range;</li> <li>- To seek assurances about the timescale for completing the business case to move the range.</li> <li>- To secure an undertaking about the police authority's commitment to relocate the range.</li> </ul>	<p>PFCC signs off business case for the range – 01/09/22</p> <p>The first stage of the acoustic works which is the mitigation wall along the left flank of the Range was installed at the end of August 2022.</p> <p>An assessment of a number of acoustic products for the right flank wall is being undertaken by the Police who should be making a decision quite quickly and then will get it installed.</p> <p>Mitigation work at the range to be installed in September.</p> <p>Letter sent. Assurance given this was a priority to the PFCC and would be a regular discussion with the chief constable.</p> <p>Consultant report on mitigation work received by the police. Meeting with Environmental Health Service to be held to agree work programme.</p> <p>Mitigation work agreed between police and Stafford Borough Council.</p> <p>PFCC confirms by email progress being made with the business case to find a new location for the range.</p>	On track, continue to monitor.	
<u>September 2021</u>				
	<p>Highways Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Buffer Zone</li> <li>- Cold Meece 40 mph limit</li> </ul>	<p>Speed limit along the Swynnerton Road in Cold Meece and the Yarnfield Lane buffer zones will become legal soon (hopefully before the September) although the</p>	Start date to be confirmed by SCC	



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		physical implementation on the ground is extremely slow at the moment, due to material supply issues.  Final stage of the public consultation on buffer zones and Cold Meece 40 mph limit completed [September 2021]		

**Yarnfield and Cold Meece Parish Council**  
**Schedule of Payments - 12 October 2022**

Date	Ref/Chq no	Payee	Description	NET	VAT	Payment
12/10/2022	BACS	Clerk	Office expenses	31.24	6.25	37.49
12/10/2022	BACS	Clerk	Office expenses	17.90	3.58	21.48
12/10/2022	BACS	Clerk	Salary	561.06		561.06
12/10/2022	BACS	HMRC	PAYE payment	140.40		140.40
12/10/2022	BACS	Trent Grounds Maintenance	Grounds maintenance	965.90	193.18	1,159.08
				<b>1,716.50</b>	<b>203.01</b>	<b>1,919.51</b>

Chairperson:



Date:

12-Oct-22

Budget Review 2022 - 2023			Spend 01/10/2022	Variation
<b>Approved Budget</b>				
<b>General Administration</b>				
1	Clerk salary	7,102	3,367	52.59%
2	PAYE	1,775	842	52.56%
3	Membership fees	248	251	-1.21%
4	Training	630	36	94.29%
5	Office expenses	1,000	788	21.20%
6	Room Hire	453	288	36.42%
7	Newsletter	600	548	8.67%
8	Website	268	-	100.00%
		<b>12,076</b>	<b>6,120</b>	<b>49.32%</b>
<b>Statutory Requirements</b>				
9	Insurance	686	-	0.00%
10	Audit service	315	396	-25.71%
11	Annual inspection of play equipment	105	-	100.00%
		<b>1,106</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>64.20%</b>
<b>Repairs and Maintenance</b>				
12	Grounds Maintenance Contract No 1	7,616	5,258	30.96%
12a	Grounds Maintenance Contract No 2	1,100	930	15.45%
13	Play Equipment	1,000	383	61.70%
		<b>9,716</b>	<b>6,571</b>	<b>32.37%</b>
<b>Miscellaneous</b>				
14	SBC - civic amenity sites	300	318	-6.00%
15	SBC - election recharge	884	884	0.00%
		<b>1,184</b>	<b>1,202</b>	<b>-1.52%</b>
<b>Grants</b>				
16	Community Projects (Grants)	840	-	100.00%
		<b>840</b>		<b>100.00%</b>
<b>Council Reserves</b>				
17	Deposit Account	1,040	2,000	-92.31%
		<b>1,040</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>-92.31%</b>
<b>Special Projects/Earmarked reserve</b>				
SP1	Road projects - contribution to SCC	4,000	-	100.00%
SP2	Neighbourhood Plan	788	48	93.91%
SP3	Footpath and pavement improvements	1,000	-	0.00%
SP5	Village Green Project	1,480	-	0.00%
SP7	Cold Meece Gates	2,000	-	100.00%
SP8	Community Action Group projects	1,300	652	49.85%
SP9	QPJ - celebration	600	1,396	-132.67%
SP10	Community Development Role	2,000	-	100.00%
		<b>13,168</b>	<b>2,096</b>	
		<b>39,130</b>	<b>18,385</b>	
<b>Income</b>				
	Previous Year Balance	15,982	15,983	
	Precept	26,450	26,450	
	Con' Grant	1,330	1,330	
	General Credits		2,248	
	VAT refund for 2021/22	2,250	2,256	
		<b>46,012</b>	<b>48,267</b>	



The Top three wishes for the parish:

Name	Issue	Theme
DW	Maintain the rural nature of the environment.	Village Green project
KGB	A community garden on the bottom green. Encourage children and residents to grow food. Why. Helps people to witness what's happening in nature etc encourages people to look after the countryside which is being destroyed	Village Green project
VA	More play equipment on village green aimed at the 8 – 14 year olds. Maybe a bigger climbing frame	Village Green project
KGB	Speeding in village. The humps on Beatty Hall are not wide enough. Motorists straddle them and proceed at speed. Also calming required on the main through road. - Why. Not safe for elderly residents.	Traffic - speed
AW	Extend 30 MPH Zone along Yarnfield Lane to include Entrance to 'Wellbeing Park', as proposed last year.	Traffic - speed
MAP	The approved speed limit signs to be put in place ASAP.	Traffic - speed
MT	A lot more 20 HPH signs.	Traffic - speed
MT	Better speed humps or calming measures.	Traffic - speed
PD	Effective measures to control vehicle speed within the village of Yarnfield. This should include the installation of a chicane somewhere near the football club together with one on the village green near to where the speed warning sign is located. If Eccleshall can have one why not Yarnfield.	Traffic - speed
AW	Re-Install Safety/Protection Barrier at Labour in Vain Bus Shelter/Stop.	Safety
KGB	No more greenfield housing. Why we shall have a gr8 need for more home grown food. Like gas/ Russia we shall be relying on imports.	Planning - Neighbourhood plan
MT	Access to the main car park via Yarnfield Parkway where the Conference Centre traffic would pass no residential properties.	Planning - Neighbourhood plan
SB	As per the neighbourhood plan and the wish to 'preserve the rural nature of the parish', I would like to see the Meecebrook Development cancelled or drastically reduced.	Planning - Meecebrook
VA	Weed control in the gutters	Parish pride
PD	Effective enforcement against dog owners who allow their dogs to foul in public areas and fail to clean up after them.	Parish pride
SB	On a smaller scale, I would like to see the footpaths around the village benefit from some maintenance. There are some very overgrown hedges and grass encroachment making it difficult to keep to the pathways in places, especially the path to Greenside alongside the Salon	Parish Pride
MC	The junction with our lane onto the A34, Which I think can be quite dangerous to navigate especially at busy times of the day. I was under the impression from a few years ago that something would be done to make it safer, possibly traffic lights. However, I have not heard any mention about it now for some time.	Infrastructure – road safety

Name	Issue	Theme
PD	The proper maintenance of all footpath surfaces not just emergency patching. Many areas remain dangerous to vulnerable people.	Infrastructure - pavements
MAP	A proper tarmacadam footpath extension from the bus stop on Meece Road to at least, Yarnfield Lane.	Infrastructure - pavements
VA	Pavements require retarmacking – they are unsafe	Infrastructure - pavements
MAP	Improvements to the stile to Cold Meece in Highlows Lane. It is easier to use one, than the other, but is definitely too high. I led a u3a stollers group walk through the parish and some had problems with that stile.	Infrastructure - Footpath 10
SB	Despite living in the same village as a major BT training site, the broadband in the area is very poor. I would like to see Virgin installing full fibre capabilities as soon as possible, now that the trunking has been laid, so that the village might benefit from the upheaval caused by last year's roadworks.	Infrastructure - Broadband
DW	Ensure easy access to the village for local residents when essential road works take place.	HS2
MC	The other thought I have had is regarding the lane itself down to the A34. This road is not suitable for pedestrians and also a hazard for cyclists. I wonder what the possibilities would be to establish a safe footpath/ cycle route down to the A34.	HS2
MC	With HS2 coming through the lane maybe could this be achieved in conjunction with their work.	HS2
SB	HS2, consideration needs to be made regarding the need for this project. With many more people working from home now, HS2 is not needed in my opinion. At the very least a new road from the East of the village to the B5026 would be a huge benefit if the HS2 must go ahead.	HS2
MAP	Defibrillator for Cold Meece (I can't count very well.)	Community
DW	Support the continued existence of local amenities that add to the quality of life here, E.g. the local pub serving food, the newsagents and food shop with Post Office facilities, the hairdressers, the large green areas, the playgrounds, the well made footpaths, the bus service to local towns, and the village hall.	Community
AW	Encourage the distribution of information leaflets concerning the availability/times of a useful Bus Service, the Re-Opening of the Labour in Vain, as this has not occurred as yet.	Community