

YARNFIELD AND COLD MEECE PARISH COUNCIL
ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY
Wednesday 30 May 2022
Yarnfield Village Hall

Present

Cllr Frank Cromey	Jenny Roulstone
Cllr David Beeston	Margaret Broader
Cllr Stella Hughes	Cllr Pert
Cllr Sally Parkin (Chairperson)	Cllr Nixon
John Fraser	Martin Lawton
Tim Alcock	Jean Etherington
Martha Becker	Mark Rushton
Hilary Pemberton	Anthony Lovell
Karen Chapman	Stephen Roulstone
Pete Cresswell	Beverley Fraser
Stan Collins	Ed Whitfield
Tina Collins	Jan Whitfield

Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from – Cllr Eyre, Cllr Malcolm Beeston and Cllr James (SBC), Mrs Linda Eyre, Mr John Smee and PCSO Pat Wright.

Minutes of the Annual Assembly Meeting held on 4th May 2021

The last Annual Assembly Meeting was held online because of the problems associated with the Covid-19 pandemic.

The minutes of the meeting were approved as a correct record.

Staffordshire County Council Update

Cllr Pert provided a thoughtful presentation on the challenges faced by the County Council and how these were affecting delivery of services both across Staffordshire and more locally in the parish.

Stafford Borough Council Update

Cllr Nixon gave an update on work he and the parish council were doing to secure approximately £40k of planning obligation funding that will be used to deliver the village green improvement project.

Proposals that will see the construction of a garden village at Cold Meece are still being developed by the borough council. The consortium preparing the Garden Village proposal had hoped that land on Swynnerton Camp could form part of the development. With the help of Sir Bill Cash, M.P. the Ministry of Defence has now confirmed they are not prepared to release MOD land.

Resident Engagement

How do you see the village now and in the future? What "Big Issues" do you see as being important?

Big Issues

Physical State of the Parish

- State of the pavements; older parts of the village, risk of falling and subsequent harm.
- Hedges
 - o overgrown and restricting use of pavements for all users, wheelchair users and push chairs.
- Public footpaths
 - o Maintenance
 - o Promotions
 - o Walks around the parish
 - o Set up group of volunteers
 - o Survey of stiles -> report to Rights of Way

Community

- 2 halves of Yarnfield Village
- Cold Meece; still seem as a separate community
- If people don't get involved with events should we be asking what they would like to see happening?
 - o How do we bring People together?
 - o How do we engage with young people and families?
 - o Always need better communication
 - o Are we asking the right questions?
- Community Engagement Officer

Communication

- o Need to use multiple channels for communication
- o Too many different places to look
 - Parish Council
 - Village Hall
 - Yarnfield and Swynnerton News
 - etc

The pub

- o This could be the hub for the village
- o Is this a role of the Parish Council to be involved with? (Mixed response)
- o Community Pub
 - Viable business model
 - Would need funding
 - Would need to form a group of people with skills and enthusiasm to make it happen
 - Would Stonegate sell?
 - Possible Asset of Community Value

HS2

- Parish Council is working with HS2 and contractors to improved communication for residents
- Need to deliver on the cycle route provision between Yarnfield and Stone

Signed: 

Date: 14 May 2023