

YARNFIELD AND COLD MEECE PARISH COUNCIL

COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY, 2023.

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

**CAG-23-01 APOLOGIES:** Mrs. Linda Eyre.

**CAG-23-02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None.

**CAG-23-03 SIGNING OF THE MINUTES:** To approve the minutes as previously circulated.

Proposed: Councillor Margaret Broader. Seconded: Mr. John Smee\*. The minutes were signed after the meeting.

**CAG-23-04** Councillor Hughes had written to approximately 40 businesses in Cold Meece seeking financial assistance towards the purchase of a defibrillator for the ward. Disappointingly, no responses were received.

Mr. Brian Eyre had made her aware that the Rotary Club of Eccleshall and East Mercia were seeking to support local organisations hoping to install defibrillators in their areas. She had written to the Rotary Club outlining the need for a defibrillator in Cold Meece and applying for a grant. She also explained the problem of siting the defibrillator and the lack of an electricity supply. Costs of a middle of the range defibrillator, cabinet and fixing charge had been provided.

Post meeting note: Mr. Golbourne, Secretary of the Rotary Club contacted Councillor Hughes by phone and they discussed the application further. He suggested that the problems regarding the electricity supply and siting could prove problematic.

**CAG-23-05** Weather permitting Councillor Hughes hoped to begin the monthly litter picks on 12<sup>th</sup> March. A litter pick had been carried out by villagers in two areas of the village but once again Yarnfield Lane was in need of a litter pick.

**CAG-23-06** Mr. John Fraser had set a date for the Village Spring Clean. This was to be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> April from 10-12noon and from 2pm-4pm. Mr. Fraser would be asked to provide advertising and to contact Drake Hall Prison to see if they would like to join us again. Councillor Hughes had begun a list of jobs/priorities for the day and asked other members to contribute their thoughts about other jobs. Councillor Hughes would speak to Mr. Cresswell to see if a team from the Village Hall Management Committee, or others, could tidy the outside of the village hall and the garden area.

**CAG-23-06** It was resolved that the two planters outside Gorsty Hill Farm were in need of replacement. The two half barrels replaced earlier in the year cost in the region of £80. Councillor Hughes would raise this issue at the next parish council meeting.

**CAG-23-07** The expected higher costs of summer bedding was discussed. It would be desirable to have plants in the containers for the King's Coronation. However, May is too early for summer bedding. To put in additional planting before the summer would substantially increase costs. It would also mean that spring bulbs would have to be removed much earlier, which might be to their detriment.

**CAG-23-08** Fund Raising. The committee decided to have two tables at the April 1<sup>st</sup> Fund Raising Event organised by the Events Working Group. Councillor Hughes had family staying with her at this time and may not be able to organize the event. Other members of the group were willing to help with this if she could not attend herself.

**CAG-23-09** Fund Raising. The committee agreed to hold a strawberry tea in June or July. Details will be discussed at the April meeting. Councillor Hughes will contact Mrs. Cooper again.

**CAG-23-10** The Friday Coffee morning group visited Yarnfield Park for lunch in November and held a very successful Christmas party. The group was going from strength to strength with between 20 and 24 members attending.

**CAG-23-11** Councillor Hughes informed the group of the resignation of Councillor Cromey from the Parish Council and hence his resignation from the C.A.G. Regret was expressed at his resignation and appreciation for his support when the Forum was operating and since the formation of the C.A.G. It was agreed that Councillor Hughes should write on behalf of the CAG to thank him for his support.

The meeting ended at 8.30pm.

**CAG-23-12** The date of the next meeting is Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2023.

Proposed by: Councillor M. Broader

Seconded by: Mr. John Smee \* (post meeting)

Signed by:

*S. Hughes*