

YARNFIELD AND COLD MEECE PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
Thursday 7th September 2023
Yarnfield Park Conference Centre

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

Councillors:

David Beeston

Stella Hughes

Margaret Broader

Kirsty Treen (Chairperson)

Jo Griffiths

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

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

Public at the meeting: 15

Apologies for Absence

23-343 Apologies were received from – Cllr Sally Parkin, Cllr Ed Whitfield and Cllr James Nixon (SBC)

Declaration of Interest

23-344 Nil

Labour in Vain – Asset of Community Value, proposal to decide whether the Parish Council want to express an interest in being treated as a potential bidder

23-345 In accordance with Standing Order 1r(9) a motion was moved, seconded by Cllr Mrs Hughes and agreed by all present, to suspend the meeting for 30 minutes to allow members of the public at the meeting to ask questions and make their opinions know.

23-346 8.05pm meeting suspended for 30 minutes.

23-347 The decision by the owners of the Labour in Vain has brought a new sense of urgency to the debate about the future of the pub.

23-348 **Resolution:** It was resolved that:

- i. The Head of Law and Governance at Stafford Borough Council is told that, in accordance with Section 95 of the Localism Act 2011, Yarnfield and Cold Meece Parish Council gives notice of its wish to be treated as a potential bidder for the purchase of the Labour in Vain.
- ii. A report is presented to the next meeting of the Parish Council, setting out the arrangements to form a working group to support the council in the preparation and execution of a bid to purchase the Labour in Vain, the composition of the group and the reporting mechanism for the group.
- iii. That the parish council enter into discussions with Stonegate and their agent about potential purchasers of the pub.
- iv. A letter is sent to the Head of Law and Governance expressing the Parish Council's dissatisfaction over the failure by the Borough Council

to provide timely notice of the decision by Stonegate to dispose of the Labour in Vain.

Asset of Community Value – review by Stafford Borough Council.

- 23-349 On the 27 July 2023 Stonegate, the owners of the Labour in Vain, submitted a request to review the asset of community value listing of the Labour in Vain.
- 23-350 Stafford Borough Council must conclude this review within 8 weeks.
- 23-351 **Resolution:** It was resolved that the Parish Council write to the Head of Law and Governance setting out why they believe the decision to list the Labour in Vain as an asset of community value should not be overturned.

Date and time of next meeting

Friday 15 September 2023 at 7.30pm



Signed

Chairperson of the Parish Council

Date: 15 September 2023

Meeting closed 9:15pm