

YARNFIELD AND COLD MEECE PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday 26th February, 2024
Yarnfield Park Conference Centre

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

Councillors:

David Beeston
Margaret Broader
Jo Griffiths

Sally Parkin (Chairperson)
Kirsty Treen
Ed Whitfield

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

Public at the meeting: 1

Viewing live on Facebook: 6

Apologies for Absence

23-619 Apologies were received from – Cllr. Stella Hughes

Declaration of Interest

23-620 Nil

Neighbourhood Plan – update and next actions

23-621 The council received an update on progress with the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan setting out work that needed to be completed before the plan could be submitted to Stafford Borough Council for screening.

23-622 The work plan, set out in Appendix 1, setting out the key stages in the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan, projected that the parish referendum could be held in January 2025.

23-623 During the meeting the councillors asked questioned about two of the policies, and possible changes that they would like advice on.

- i. Should policy YCM5 (Local Heritage and Character) include a reference to the 4 other listed buildings in the parish rather than just focusing on the Cold Meece War Memorial?
- ii. Should policy YCM6 (Landscape and Biodiversity) include:
 - more around replacing lost biodiversity arising from planning developments – possibly a positive statement about tree planting.
 - a statement requiring future maintenance of land to protect biodiversity. This suggestion was driven by a concern amongst the councillors about the fire risk associated with poorly maintained land and the enhanced risk of fire arising from climate change.
 - Should there be a policy specifically dealing with biodiversity net gain or is the currant wording of YCM6 sufficient to deal with the question of biodiversity net gain.

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Resolution: It was resolved that:

- iii. The updated work programme for the Neighbourhood Plan was approved.
- iv. A request for advice on amendments to the Neighbourhood Plan policy YCM5 and YCM6 was sent to the parish council's planning consultant.
- v. That the completed regulation 14 screening document was sent to Stafford Borough Council.

Date and time of next meeting

18 March, 2024 at 7.30pm

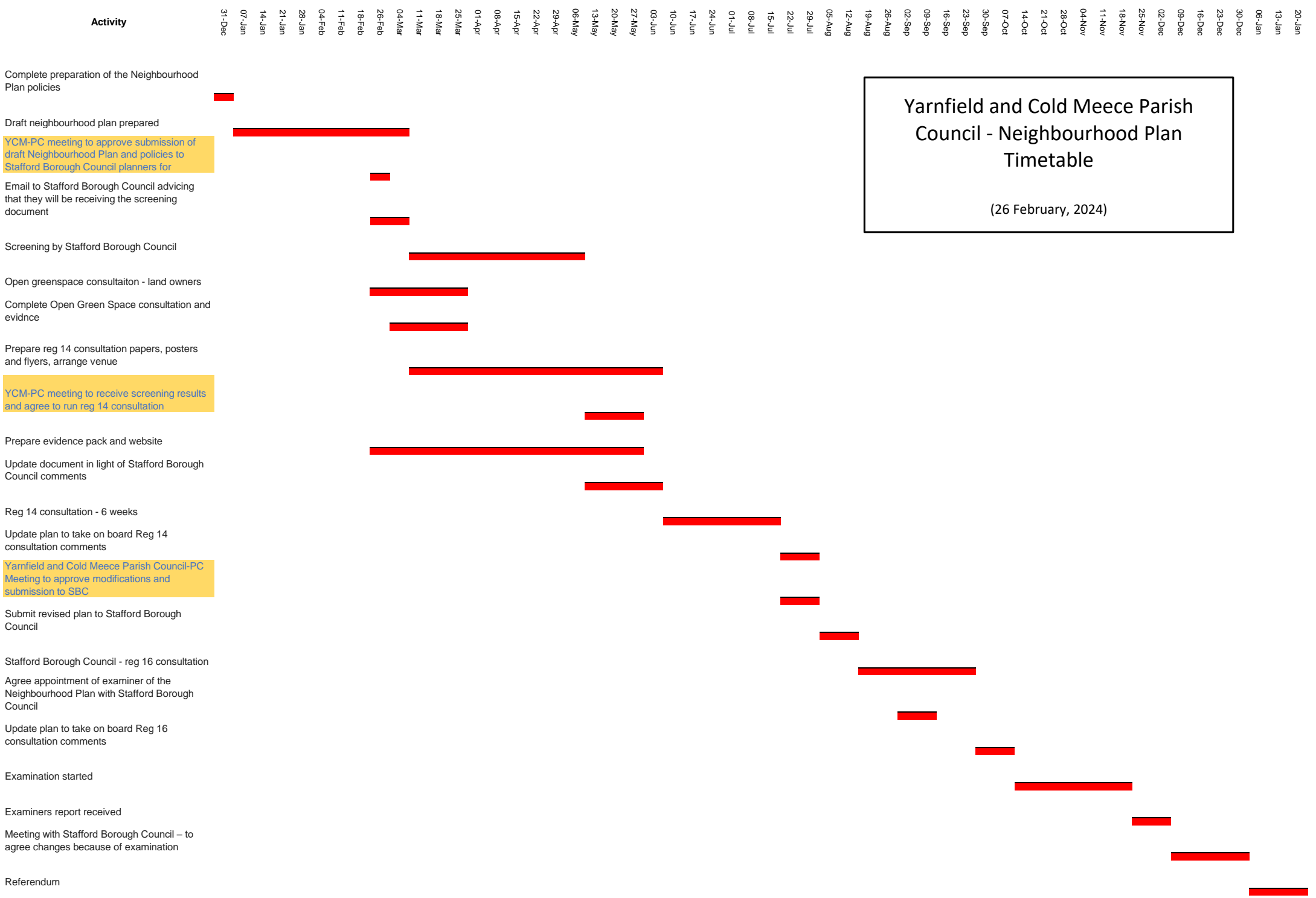


Signed

Chairperson of the Parish Council

Date: 18 March, 2024

Meeting closed 8.25pm



Yarnfield and Cold Meece Parish Council - Neighbourhood Plan Timetable
 (26 February, 2024)