

YARNFIELD AND COLD MEECE PARISH COUNCIL

COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 23RD JANUARY, 2024, IN YARNFIELD VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Cllr. Margaret Broader, Ms. Karen Chapman, Mr. Stan Collins, Mrs. Linda Eyre, Cllr. Stella Hughes and one member of the public, Mr. John Eades.

APOLOGIES: Mrs. Tina Collins.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

SIGNING OF THE MINUTES: To approve and sign the minutes of the previous meeting held on 17th October, 2023, as previously circulated. Proposed by Mrs. Linda Eyre and seconded by Cllr. Margaret Broader.

CAG-24-15 Report of a meeting held with Mr. John Fraser. Pads for the village hall defibrillator expire at the end of this month. AED provides pads £1 cheaper than other major suppliers and there would be no postage to pay. Mr. Fraser will check that the price of the pads are as previously ascertained, and will order and collect the new pads from AED Donate.

Siting of any new defibrillator is still a major problem. Cllr. Hughes raised the matter of seeking permission from SBC for siting a defibrillator on the green at Ford Drive. A letter would have to be sent to the electricity supplier requesting permission to tap into an unmetered supply to a post to which the defibrillator cabinet is attached. The National Lottery is not funding defibrillator installation at the moment. Cllr. Hughes said that she would look into funding from Severn Trent Community Fund.

CAG-24-16 Cllr. Hughes has requested that Mr. Fraser send a cheque to the MS Society in return for the second-hand defibrillator from STING.

CAG-24-17. The current cost to provide an unmetered supply to a defibrillator is £2000.

CAG-24-18 Cllr. Hughes has contacted Midland Heart by phone; Midland Heart is the charity that has provided housing on the Oaklands, to enquire if they own the lampposts on the site. If so, would they give permission to attach a defibrillator onto a lamppost. The response was helpful and she was asked to make a written request. Cllr. Hughes would write a letter and send photographs of the lamp-posts on the site.

CAG-24-19 If the response from Midland Heart is unfavourable then Cllr. Hughes will approach Orbital which has an electricity supply to the signs outside the gates. Having looked at this area, it appears that it may be possible to attach a defibrillator to the fence adjacent to one of the signs. The disadvantage is that this site is further away from residential properties.

Mr. Beeston had said that a defibrillator could be sited on the gates of his property. Unfortunately, this is even further away from the other residential properties. It was decided that it might be necessary to enquire if a resident would be willing to have a defibrillator attached to their garage. This enquiry could be made in the next parish magazine.

CAG- 24-20 Yesterday Cllr. Hughes was alerted to the fact that the alarm on the village hall defibrillator was sounding. She removed and checked the battery only to discover that the battery was on zero. (The battery should have been working until the end of July). She left

messages informing Mr. Collins and Mr. Fraser. Details of the cost of a replacement battery were also given to Mr. Fraser.

A message was immediately sent to WMAS stating that the defibrillator was not in service and a notice placed on the cabinet signposting people to the nearest defibrillator and other defibrillator sites in the village. That evening Mr. Collins placed the STING defibrillator into the Village Hall cabinet. The following morning WMAS was informed that there was now an active defibrillator sited at the village hall. The issue of the village hall defibrillator will have to be addressed.

The light above the defibrillator was not working. Arrangements have been made to repair the light.

CAG-24-21 The date for the village spring clean was set for Saturday, 6th April. I will speak to Mr. Fraser regarding posters for the event. We will have two sessions, as in previous years, from 10am until 12noon and from 2pm until 4pm. Cllr. Hughes explained that as she would still be recovering from major surgery, she would not be able to contribute much.

CAG-24-22 Mr. Fraser has pointed out that some work is required to move ivy from the trees on the north green and cut back some vegetation. Litter picking and work on the community flower beds is also required but the latter may have to be left until later in the season.

CAG-24-23 Originally it was planned to hold a quiz night on 26th March. On checking with Mr. and Mrs. Lewney who had been approached to provide catering, it was discovered that they were unavailable on this date. It was agreed to have cheese, pate and French bread and that villagers could provide their own wine. Any money raised would go towards the purchase/siting of new defibrillators.

Post meeting note: As Cllr. Hughes recovery had been delayed by a complication it was felt that it was better to leave this matter until later in the year.

CAG-24-24 The hall had been booked for the Strawberry Tea on Sunday, 23rd June. The hall would need to be booked from 2pm until 6pm. Cllr. Broader had booked the venue. It was agreed to keep the format and menu the same. Cllr. Hughes would enquire if we could go into the hall on the morning of the event to set up.

CAG-24-25 Cllr. Broader gave out copies of the CAG budget. At the moment a decision will have to be made whether we purchase a battery for the Cardiac C3 defibrillator which is normally sited at the village hall.

Post meeting Note: Cllr. Hughes had contacted both the Defibrillator Warehouse and Zoll, who have taken over Cardiac Science. Both have confirmed that although the C3 has been withdrawn from sale, all parts will still be available for the next seven years.

CAG-24-26 No response had been received from my email regarding a book box in the village hall. Members of the village hall management committee explained that the planned expansion of the village hall is unlikely to begin until 2025 rather than this year.

CAG-24-27 Provision of bleed kits was discussed. The price of a kit and cabinet is approximately £300.

CAG-24-28 The Coffee Club does not normally meet on Good Friday. Cllr. Hughes suggested that it might be a good idea to serve hot cross buns and/or simnel cake on the session before

Good Friday. Information regarding other Warm Spaces initiatives had been circulated at the coffee club.

The date of the next CAG meeting would be held on Tuesday, 16th July, 2024.

Dates of other CAG meetings;

Tuesday, 15th October, 2024.

Tuesday, 21st January, 2025.

Tuesday, 22nd April, 2025.

Proposed by: *Karen Chapman*

Seconded by: *Stan Bourne* .

Signed: *S. Hughes* .