

YARNFIELD AND COLD MEECE PARISH COUNCIL

COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP

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

PRESENT: Cllr. Margaret Broader, Ms. Karen Chapman, Mr. Stan Collins, Mrs. Tina Collins, Cllr. Stella Hughes, Mr. John Smee.

APOLOGIES: None.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: NONE.

SIGNING OF THE MINUTES: To approve and sign the minutes of the previous meeting held on 23rd January, 2024, as previously circulated. Proposed by Ms. Karen Chapman and seconded by Mr. Stan Collins. The minutes were duly signed.

CAG-24-29 An arrangement had been made to meet with John Fraser to discuss the defibrillators. The meeting was postponed owing to Mr. Fraser being unwell. Mr. Collins is in possession of the original defibrillator (Cardiac Science C3) from the village hall. The 'Sting' defibrillator is now in the cabinet at the village hall. Unfortunately, we have no way of knowing if the problem is with the village hall defibrillator or with its battery.

Mr. Fraser had been advised to consider purchasing a new defibrillator because the C3 defibrillator was going out of production and it was suggested that obtaining replacement parts might become difficult. Cllr. Hughes made enquiries from Defibrillator Warehouse and Zoll, the manufacturer, both of whom assured her that replacement parts would be available for the next seven years. When Cllr. Hughes contacted Zoll regarding the failure of the battery before the end of its 4 year life-span, an offer was made to replace the item free of charge. Some committee members felt that it was worthwhile taking up the offer of a new battery but not installing it at the moment. It was pointed out that there was no site available for this defibrillator. The postponed meeting took place on 23rd May.

CAG-24-30 Cllr. Hughes was asked make enquiries regarding the expected working life of a defibrillator.

CAG-24-31 A new date must be fixed with Mr. Fraser to discuss the defibrillators.

CAG-24-32 Although Severn Trent have given substantial funding to AED Donate and this raises the question whether they would be willing to fund other defibrillator projects, Cllr. Hughes feels that it might be worthwhile exploring funding from Severn Trent Community Fund under their "People" heading. She has already mentioned this matter to Mr. Fraser but will raise the issue again when they meet.

CAG-24-33 A letter has been received from the MS Society thanking us for the donation of £250. A copy was circulated and an email copy was sent to Mr. Stan Collins for him to send to the former organiser of the former STING group.

CAG-24-34 No reply has been received from Midland Heart regarding the siting of a defibrillator in the Oaklands. This was a considerable disappointment

CAG-24-35 It was agreed that Cllr. Hughes should now write to Orbital to see if it was possible to site a defibrillator on the fence of the premises. The committee was reminded that Mr. Beeston had expressed a willingness to allow a defibrillator to be installed on his gates. Obviously, this was not as near to other housing but further consideration could be given to this if an approach to Orbital was not successful.

CAG-24-36 The village spring clean had taken place. A lot of work had been done in the triangle of village green where the bus shelter is sited. Most of the village and its surroundings had been cleared of litter. Those on the committee who were able to help were thanked. It was disappointing that more people had not helped on the day. Some thought was given to how we might be able to attract more people to help on these occasions.

CAG-24-36 One of two people who had picked litter had suggested that we provide bag hoops. The day had proved very windy and people had complained that the bags had been difficult to handle – on occasions the litter had blown out of the bags. Members of the committee also added that as the bags became heavy they

also became uncomfortable to hold. Cllr. Hughes proposed that we purchase six bag hoops. The cost varied on average between £2 and £19 but there were several types available between £6-£7. The committee decided unanimously that we should purchase six hoops initially, priced between £6-£7.

CAG-24-37 Other than discover where Jamie and Christine Kaye lived, so far Cllr. Hughes had not approached them with regard to the quiz. She suggested that we might consider this as a fund-raiser in September.

CAG-24-38 Cllr. Hughes is to speak to Mrs. Cooper and Miss Pemberton regarding help with the afternoon tea. A number of committee members agreed to provide cakes. Some committee members would ask others if they would be willing to provide a cake too. Cllr. Hughes was willing to make scones, as usual. It was agreed that she would contact Mr. Pete Cresswell to see if we could set up in the hall on the morning of the 23rd June. It was agreed that we would run a raffle and Cllr. Hughes should contact Mrs. Joan Gater with regard to this.

CAG-24-39 It was agreed that we should have a meeting prior to the 23rd June to discuss organisation of the Strawberry Tea.

CAG-24-40 After discussion it was agreed that we should obtain summer bedding for the village. It was agreed that a £200 maximum should be spent on bedding plants and compost.

CAG-24-41 Committee members were asked if they would be willing to stand again for the next twelve months. Mr. Collins was willing to continue as the defibrillator guardian. It was agreed that we should request that an appeal for volunteers should go into the Parish Newsletter.

CAG-24-42 It was agreed that on 5th May at 2.00pm committee members would begin tidying the garden area on the Furlong.

The meeting ended at 8.55p.m.

Dates of next CAG meetings: 16th July, 2024;

15th October, 2024.

21st January, 2025.

22nd April, 2025.

Proposed by: Margaret Broader

Seconded by: John Smea

Signed: S. Hughes 16.07.24.