

YARNFIELD AND COLD MEECE PARISH COUNCIL

COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22.04.25.

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

APOLOGIES: Mrs. Linda Eyre.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

SIGNING OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the meeting held on 21.01.25. were proposed by Mrs. Tina Collins, seconded by Mr. Stan Collins, and duly signed.

- CAG-25-17 Money towards the defibrillator had been raised in response to the appeal letter.
- CAG-25-18 Emails have been sent by Cllr Hughes to thank those outside organisations which had contributed to the defibrillator in Cold Meece: Eccleshall and Mercia Rotary Club, and Biffa; and Eurolighting, which had allowed the defibrillator to be sited on their premises.
- CAG-25-19 Arrangements were made for a brief meeting at Eurolighting for a photo opportunity on 11th March. This also provided an opportunity for members of the CAG to meet representatives of the donors and thank them in person. Mr. and Mrs. Collins and Cllr. Hughes represented the CAG. A representative from Stone Community First Responders was also invited, but, unfortunately, failed to arrive in time. A photo and information appeared in the Parish magazine and the Ecceshall Gazette.
- CAG-25-20 Two free defibrillator training sessions were organised on the afternoon of Sunday, 2nd March, and the morning of Thursday, 6th March. Stone Community First Responders provided the training. The second session was not well attended. Refreshments were provided at both sessions. Those organisations which had supported the purchasing and siting of the defibrillator in Cold Meece were also invited.
- CAG-25-21 The committee unanimously agreed to donate £50 to Stone Community First Responders.
- CAG-25-22 Numerous attempts were made to contact CHT to no avail as the office does not appear to be manned most of the time. Both Mr. Fraser and I have tried. We have discussed sending a cheque as an alternative.
- CAG-25-23 A problem had arisen with the defibrillator sited in the Furlong. The defibrillator has been assessed by the manufacturer and new software installed. A loaned device was provided while the defibrillator was being assessed and updated.
- CAG-25-24 S.B.C. is now dealing with the issue of siting a defibrillator on the green in Ford Drive. A new price will need to be obtained from Network Plus as the last quotation was valid for only three months.
- CAG-25-25 Once S.B.C. has given permission to site the defibrillator on Ford Drive then grant applications can be pursued. Ms. Chapman made reference to the

Resuscitation Council and Action Together as funding sources. Cllr. Hughes will investigate the details of these charities; unfortunately, they frequently have restrictions which means that the CAG are excluded.

- CAG-25-26 Information about the siting of the defibrillators, What Three Words, and Post Codes are now displayed on each of the notice boards. Cllr. Hughes will post the same details on the defibrillators in the parish.
- CAG-25-27 A replacement battery and pads have been purchased for the Ashdale Defibrillator costing £104 plus VAT £20.80.
- CAG-25-28 There had been more success in getting volunteers to help with spring cleaning the village: in total seventeen adults and three children helped. This may have been the result of holding the event on a Sunday rather than a Saturday.
- CAG-25-29 Margaret Broader and Tina Collins were thanked by the Chair for staffing the village hall and providing refreshments during the spring-cleaning event. The committee agreed that using the village hall as a base and providing refreshments created more of a sense of camaraderie.
- CAG-25-29 Achievements included: clearing greenery behind the bus shelter; washing play equipment on the village green; washing benches and litter picking.
- CAG-25-30 The committee briefly discussed next year's spring planting. The committee was in favour of planting more tulip bulbs as they were so colourful and had made a significant impact last year. Cllr. Hughes commented that tulip bulbs were not as long-lasting as daffodil bulbs and more expensive. It was also suggested that they be planted in the ground.
- CAG-25-31 Although it was agreed that Cllr. Hughes should obtain summer bedding. No amount had been agreed. **Post meeting note:** Cllr. Hughes contacted Committee members after the meeting, and it was decided that up to £180 could be spent on bedding.
- CAG-25-32 Cllr. Hughes reported that she had noted that one of planters outside the hairdresser's salon was rotting. She would obtain a replacement as soon as possible. The committee approved £100 towards the cost of a replacement.
- CAG-25-33 Children from Walton Hall School are to help with summer bedding planting on 11th July. They will also take part in a litter pick and plant their own pot in the morning, while in the afternoon they will prepare lunch for members of the lunch club and offer some entertainment. All committee members were invited to take part on the day. Cllr. Broader volunteered to help.
- CAG-25-34 Six oak trees were planted on the village green by volunteers from Biffa and the parish council. Unfortunately, within 24 hours, three of the trees had been destroyed. The person responsible has not been found.
- CAG-25-35 Mrs. Collins offered to manage the Strawberry Tea if Cllr. Hughes was not available on the 22nd June. The committee agreed that ticket prices should remain at £6 per adult; £3 per child. The tea would be held from 3pm until 5pm. The booking for the hall would be changed to: one hour in the morning for setting up; and from 2-30p.m. until 6p.m. The committee agreed that Cllr. Hughes

should contact our usual helpers to see if they could support us once again and to enquire if Mrs. Gater could provide any raffle prizes. She would also contact Mr. Fraser regarding the provision of tickets and posters. If Cllr. Hughes was not available then a committee member agreed to do the shopping, if necessary. The committee agreed to hold a short ad hoc meeting before the event to finalise everything.

The meeting closed at 9.05p.m.

~~The next CAG meeting is scheduled for: 21st October, 2025.~~

Proposed: K. Chapman

Seconded: Stan Collins

Signed: S. Hughes 22.07.25