

YARNFIELD AND COLD MEECE PARISH COUNCIL

COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21.10.25.

PRESENT: Mrs. Tina Collins, Mr. Stan Collins, Mr. John Smee, Mr. John Fraser, Cllr. Stella Hughes.

- 1. APOLOGIES:** Cllr. Margaret Broader, Ms. Karen Chapman (by message).
- 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None.
- 3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** The error "Netflix" was removed from CAG-25-40 and replaced with the words "National Grid". The minutes of the previous meeting were proposed as a true record by Mrs. Tina Collins and seconded by Mr. Stan Collins, and were duly signed.

CAG-25-48 Mr. Collins reported that the indicator on the battery of the village hall defibrillator suggested that the battery was draining more quickly than would have been expected at this stage.

CAG-25-49 On one occasion Mr. Collins was unable to access the Circuit website.

CAG-25-50 The Cold Meece defibrillator had been removed from the cabinet, but the defibrillator was returned unused. This occurrence had been logged by AED and Mr. Collins had been informed by the ambulance service. Eurolighting informed both the Parish Clerk and Cllr. Hughes.
home owner,

CAG-25-51 Mr. and Mrs. Fenton and their children, Liam and Callum, had succeeded in raising £920 towards the cost of the Ford Drive defibrillator. The Parish Council had invited the Fenton family to a parish council meeting and awarded the children certificates to acknowledge and thank them for their fund-raising efforts. This gave the parish council the opportunity to thank the family for its invaluable help in raising funds for the Ford Drive defibrillator.

CAG-25-52 Mr. Fraser has received long-awaited approval from SBC to grant a licence for the siting of a defibrillator on the Ford Drive green. This meant that it was now possible to complete this project. The only unknown cost was for electrical works to be undertaken by AED (for connecting the electrical supply from the National Grid supply point to the cabinet). Unfortunately, AED had been unable to provide this figure before the meeting. After Parish Council approval, this would mean that Mr. Fraser could contact National Grid to provide the unmetered supply, and place an order with AED for the defibrillator, its lockable cabinet, the mounting board, and the remaining associated electrical work.

After some discussion, Mr. Fraser and Cllr. Hughes felt that a reasonable estimate for the electrical work, to be undertaken by AED, would be in the region of £500. On this basis the committee agreed unanimously that it would recommend that the Parish Council proceed with the project.

Post meeting note: The Chair of the Parish Council proposed, at its November meeting, to increase the budget for the electrical work (to be undertaken by AED) to £700. (CAG has sufficient funds to cover this additional cost, if necessary.)

CAG-25-53 Siting of the defibrillator was also discussed. Originally, it had been the intention to site the defibrillator in the vicinity of the lamppost in the middle of the green space on Ford Drive. (Option B) - which would cost £1479.00, £255 cheaper than Option A). However, there were concerns that some villagers might feel that by placing the defibrillator at the centre of the green, the

area would be dominated by a defibrillator. With further consideration, the committee agreed unanimously that it would be more appropriate to site the defibrillator near the fence of a property adjacent to the green. (Option A costing £1734.00). The advantages would be that the defibrillator would not be visible from the windows of the property, whilst it would be less obtrusive for other homeowners and users of the green space.

Option A would be recommended to the Parish Council. Although a more expensive option, the defibrillator would have less visible impact on the open green space. The committee agreed that any additional costs could be met from the existing CAG budget.

CAG-25-54 The Committee hoped that this would mean that the project could be completed before Christmas. Cllr. Hughes proposed that it would be inappropriate to try to organise defibrillator training before Christmas, but she could arrange this for early in the new year when the defibrillator had been installed. The committee agreed unanimously.

CAG-25-55 Cllr. Hughes also proposed that Mr. Fraser purchase a plaque, to be attached to the mounting post, acknowledging the various fund-raisers and donors to the Ford Drive defibrillator. The committee agreed unanimously.

CAG-25-56 Daffodil and tulip bulbs had been ordered from Boston Seeds at a cost of £138.99. Unfortunately, it had not been possible to plant the tulips in the ground as planned; the ground was too hard and dry after the long, hot summer, so they had been planted in containers. Daffodils had been planted where there were gaps in previous planting schemes.

CAG-25-57 Compost for planting, and refreshments had been purchased for the Autumn Village Tidy Up costing £31.50. Unused refreshments were donated to the coffee club.

CAG-25-58 Planter with no base. Cllr. Hughes had overlooked this matter during the summer.

CAG-25-59 Expenditure - £223.16 minus VAT of £35; the sum of £187.88 had been transferred from the Community Action Group Account.

Cllr. Hughes had hoped that there might be an opportunity for CAG fund-raising, by holding a cake stall at the Autumn Fair. However, it became apparent that a villager raising money for another charity had already booked a table for this purpose.

The meeting closed at 8.30p.m.

The date of the next CAG meeting will be 7.30p.m. 20th January, 2026.

CAG 25 50 correction homeowner not ambulance service

proposed by Mr. S. Collins

seconded by Mr. J. Smees

S. Hughes.

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