



Yarnfield and Cold Meece Parish Council



Your wellbeing is our business

September 2022

Message from our Chairperson

Hello again and welcome to your Parish Council's Autumn newsletter.

2022 has seen us all emerge from Covid restrictions and enjoy getting together again. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee was a perfect opportunity for a community celebration, and we were delighted that so many people attended the four events over the long weekend in June. The History of our Parish talk was so popular that Shaun has kindly agreed to repeat the presentation on 28th October. Tickets will be offered first to people who could not be accommodated at the June event.

Many householders have expressed their concern about the disturbance from the police firing range in Cold Meece. While we understand the need for firearms training, this range was established at a time when there were far fewer homes in the parish and the firing noise was less intrusive. So, we continue to liaise with the Police Fire and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable, lobbying for effective noise mitigation until a new and more suitable facility is found. We are hopeful mitigation will be in place before the end of September.

The Parish Council continues to press ahead with developing the Neighbourhood Plan and the Yarnfield village green project. These things take time and require support and assistance from the Borough Council. We continue to work cooperatively with other agencies such as the Staffordshire Wildlife Trust and we are grateful that Yarnfield Park Conference Centre supports us in broadcasting our meetings. Our aim is to reach as many people as possible through a range of means and to listen to what you have to say.

With this in mind, we'd like you to tell us your **top 3 wishes for this parish**. While we can't perform miracles or take on the responsibilities of the Borough or the County, we are interested in your priorities and your best hopes. Please let us know via text, E-mail or using the form on page 6.

You will have seen in the local media that Stafford

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Borough Council is driving forward with the Meecebrook Development. For 2 years the Parish Council has been requesting further details about this project; we hope to be in a position to give an official update to residents at our next meeting on 22nd September.

Your current Parish councillors were elected for a 4 year term in May 2019. This means that elections will be held in this and neighbouring parishes in May 2023.

If you care about where you live and have views about how things should be done, please consider standing or encouraging someone you know to stand for election. Yarnfield and Cold Meece has a strong and influential council, at least in part because the majority of its councillors were democratically elected. Do get in touch with any of us if you'd like to know more or come along to any of our meetings. Our contact details can be found on the website and on all of our notice boards.

With my very best wishes,

Sally Parkin

Queens Platinum Jubilee—Summer Picnic

This summer will be remembered for many reasons not least for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The Picnic on the Green saw over 400 people come together to join in the celebration and a great day was had by all.

The events held across the bank holiday weekend were arranged by the Parish Council, Fete and Village Hall Committees working together. Planning for the events started last year and culminated with a lot of hard work by volunteers helping on the day to put up marquees and run the beer tent, candy floss and other attractions.



Although we did not set out to raise money, the history talk, picnic, village hall party and strawberry tea were so well supported that over £1,000 was raised. This money was donated to the Donna Louise Trust, Kathryn House and the Friends of Springfield PTA.



For many years the Yarnfield Fete Committee has organised many successful village fetes. The work of the partnership that made this year's picnic such a great success has prompted the Parish Council and Fete Committee to look at how they can come together to plan future events. This will mean the work of the Fete Committee is to be taken on by the Parish Council as it makes both operational and financial sense to do so.

The success of the village picnic has provided a simple template for future events and plans are now being prepared to arrange another picnic in 2023. This work would not be possible without the help of willing volunteers and as the plans developed it is our hope to see as many people involved as possible.



Defibrillators (AED)

The Parish Council is responsible for 3 defibrillators in Yarnfield and plans to extend coverage even further. There is also an AED at the entrance to Yarnfield Park Conference Centre.

In general, an AED should be accessible within 200 metres or two minutes' brisk walk (four minutes there and back) from where it is needed. In rural areas where this is unlikely to be possible, placing more than one AED in different parts of the location should be considered.

The latest unit on Ashdale Park was provided by a combination of money raised by residents and by Network Plus and the Parish Council who paid for the installation of the unit. The provision of a new defibrillator is not



Mitchell Rise Defibrillator

cheap, with each unit costing in the region of £1,500. They also require a dedicated electric supply which can cost as much as £1,800 to provide if the unit can't be sited on a building. The aim is to increase defibrillator coverage in the parish and a survey has identified two gaps in the current network: Cold Meece and Meadow View, Yarnfield.

The Parish Council has set up a ring-fenced fund to cover the ongoing running costs, new pads and repairs. Two donations have been received; £600 in memory of a local resident and a donation of £500 from Biffa Landfill Waste Services Ltd at Cold Meece. The Council however continues to welcome donations from residents and local businesses to help fund this vital service. If you would like to make a contribution please contact the Parish Clerk or any of your local Parish Councillors.

- Village Hall car park, Yarnfield Lane
- 11, The Furlong, Yarnfield
- Top of Mitchell Rise, Ashdale Park
- Yarnfield Park Conference Centre,

Defibrillator Training—Eccleshall First Responders

Saturday, 17th SEPTEMBER, 2022 — 2.00—3.00 P.M

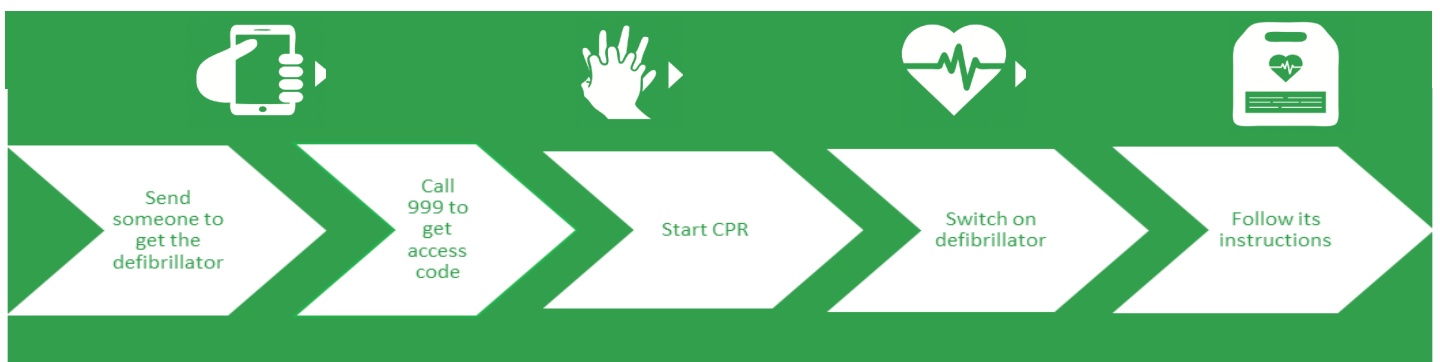
YARNFIELD VILLAGE HALL

Contact Stella Hughes to reserve a place. (01785 760818)



How to get the defibrillator in an emergency

In case of suspect cardiac arrest call 999 or 112 for an emergency ambulance. Follow the advice given by the emergency operator and tell them you have sent someone to get the defibrillator. A detailed guide to using a defibrillator will be given to everyone attending the training event. If you would like a copy please contact the parish clerk.



Labour in Vain

Over the past few years, the Labour in Vain has struggled to operate successfully. Frequent changes of landlord and the effect of the pandemic have resulted in long periods when the pub has been forced to close. It is great to see the pub is again open for business, with a new landlord, Bob Young and his team, serving a selection of food and drinks. We understand the owners, The Stonegate Group, plan to do much needed work on the outside of the building in the coming months.



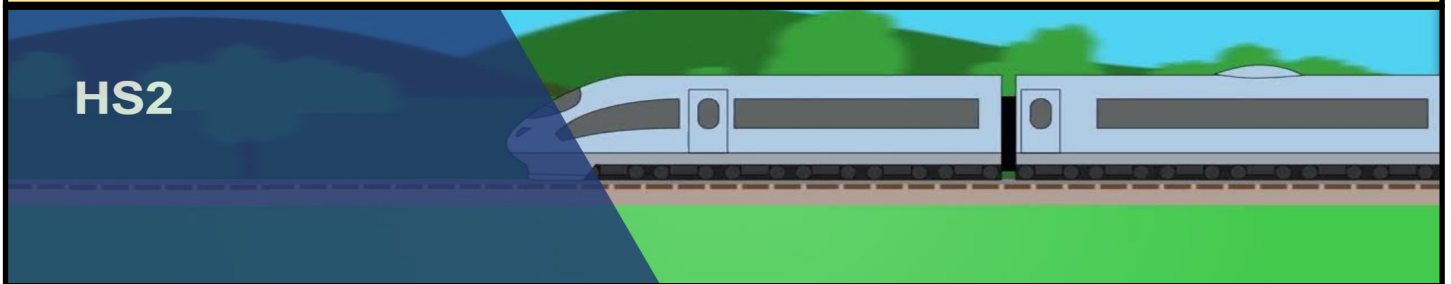
The parish council wishes the current landlord every success and hopes the pub will once again be at the heart of the community. The Parish Council is keen to protect the future of the pub. We have therefore submitted an application to register the pub as an Asset of Community Value. This move

will mean that if the pub is put up for sale the parish council will have six months to put together a rescue package.



@Labourinvainyarnfield

Stone Railhead Crisis Group Public Meeting Friday 30 September 2020 at 5.00pm Yarnfield Park Conference Centre



The threat of the HS2 construction comes ever closer and preparatory work, needed ahead of the main construction, has already started on Yarnfield Lane. The full impact this will have on residents has yet to be felt but it is clear it will affect everyone living in the parish.

The public meeting will provide you with an opportunity to hear the latest news about the work of the SRCG and the Parish Council.



What a show of colour

Once a neglected patch of land opposite The Furlong was turned into a vibrant splash of colour with wildflowers lifting the spirit of people walking through the village. With the help of the owner, who removed the dead trees and shrubs, volunteers were able to clear the ground and with funds from the Parish Council, sow wildflower seeds. Just one example of the work done by the Parish Council behind the scenes for the enjoyment of residents.

Neighbourhood Plan

Neighbourhood Plans were introduced by the government and aim to give residents more say in the future use of land and buildings in their area. Our plan will, among other things, include policies about new homes; employment; open spaces; identifying local social, economic, and environmental issues; how important historic buildings and green spaces might be protected; and what sort of community services are seen as priority needs for the parish.

Over the last twelve months significant progress has been made preparing to write the neighbourhood plans for the Parish and work is on target to see the draft plans finished early next year. Working with planning consultants a Housing Needs Survey has identified the need for some growth in the number of houses in the parish. This strongly supports ideas coming from a community consultation that said there was a need for smaller affordable housing in the parish to complement the number of larger 4 bed properties.

The Neighbourhood Plan will emphasise the rural nature of the parish and the view of residents that it is the proximity to the countryside that is so important to them. This area of work is being supported by Staffordshire Wildlife Trust who have provided information about the environmental and biodiversity of the parish. The plan will also provide an opportunity to improve the level of protection of the public open spaces in the parish such as the areas on Ashdale Park and Meadow View.

This work comes at a cost and the Parish Council has set aside a small budget and has been able to secure one grant, and applied for a second, to fund the work. All the evidence and reports prepared to support the neighbourhood plan have been published on the Parish Council's neighbourhood planning page - <https://www.ycm-pc.org.uk/publications/rhood-plan/>

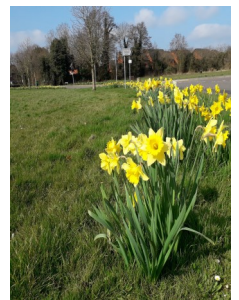


Autumn Clean Up and Bulb Planting

It may seem too early to be thinking about spring bulbs but now is the perfect time to prepare for next year's displays. This year, with the support of Barratt West Midlands, we will be planting daffodil bulbs on the play area on Worthington Grove. With over 50 kgs of bulbs to plant we will need as many helpers as possible and are calling on people to volunteer, even if it is for only an hour to help.

We are also planning to extend the spring flower displays in other parts of the parish.

The work is planned to take place over the weekend of October 15th and 16th as part of the parish autumn clean up. Details of how to get involved will be posted on Facebook and the parish notice boards.



St Mary's Toddler Group

St Mary's Toddler Group will be moving to Yarnfield Village Hall on Tuesdays from 13th September. There will be a baby area, toys, books, a craft/playdough table, snack time and will end with a story and some songs.

The organisers are looking for any volunteers that would like to assist on a rota to help the group run smoothly. This would include helping to put the toys out and away, helping with drinks and snack time and enjoying time chatting with the parents and children.

Contact Anna on 07725 124583 if you're interested or would like any more details either about the group or volunteering.



Yarnfield Village
Hall Tuesdays: 9:15-
10:45

Top 3 wishes for the parish

We would love to hear your ideas about what you think is most important for the parish. In this way we can plan for what matters to you.

Text: 07546 456771

Email: ycmclerk@gmail.com

Address: 5 De Haviland Drive, Yarnfield



Meeting dates

22 September	7.30pm	Parish Council	Yarnfield Park
12 October	7.30pm	Parish Council	Yarnfield Park
18 October	7.30pm	Community Action Group	Village Hall
16 November	7.30pm	Parish Council	Yarnfield Park
14 December	7.30pm	Parish Council	Yarnfield Park

Parish Council Meetings at Yarnfield Park will also be streamed live on the Parish Council Facebook page.

Agendas for the meetings are posted on the Parish Council notice boards and on the Parish Council's website 5 days ahead of meetings

Anyone wanting to ask a public question at a meeting should contact the Parish Clerk by 12 noon on the day before the meeting.

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