



Yarnfield and Cold Meece Parish Council



Your wellbeing is our business

January 2022

Message from our Chairperson

Dear Residents,

Happy New Year and welcome to our first Parish Newsletter of 2022. I am writing with optimism that this year the Parish Council's Action Plan and community events will all go ahead safely and that in our final full year, this council will be able to make real progress on our big projects - the Neighbourhood Plan, the Village Green Project and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

The Parish Council is the first tier of local government and the closest to the community. All your councillors and the clerk live within the parish boundary so we share your ambitions and concerns. There are many things we cannot control but we continue to lobby and to work constructively with our Borough and County Council and we work hard to influence the construction and utility companies that have an impact on us. We truly believe that we achieve more when we work in partnership and we never forget that our most important stakeholders are you, our residents.

I know that 2021 was a very tough year for many but we were reminded again that adversity so often brings out the best in people. We really

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appreciate that there are so many genuinely good people living here in our neighbourhood.

This council pledges to take care of our community and our environment, to ensure that Yarnfield and Cold Meece Parish continues to be a great place to live and work.

With best wishes,

Sally

Cllr Sally Parkin

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration 2022

This year Her Majesty The Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, marking 70 years of service to the people of the United Kingdom, the Realms and the Commonwealth. These are the events we are planning, further details to follow:

Friday 3rd June

— History talk — 70 years in the parish - Village Hall

Saturday 4th June

—Family Picnic on the Green
— Party in the Village Hall

Sunday 5th June

—Strawberry tea - Village Hall



Neighbourhood Plan 2024/2040 — Can you Help?

The parish council wants to form a Neighbourhood Planning group to oversee the preparation of this important work. Community involvement in the writing of a neighbourhood plan is essential if it is to reflect the views of local residents. If you have an interest, or special skills, that could help the planning group please contact the parish clerk. (Details on page 4)

Over the last 10 years the parish has undergone a lot of change and has benefited from significant development. During this time 274 new homes were built. We already know that people living in the parish value the “feel” of the area and the quality of life that this brings. Looking to the future it is important that we can influence any new developments to ensure these enhance the quality of the parish and meet the needs of families living here.

Grants of up to £10,000 are available to help write neighbourhood plans and so far we have received £1,400 to help with the initial preparation of the plan.

The neighbourhood plan will be supported by three pieces of evidence: housing needs assessment; environmental assessment and community consultation. These will be used to write policies on future development.

We have already commissioned a housing needs survey by specialist housing consultants. They have estimated the level of demand for new housing that could be needed during the plan period. Their report concludes that *a figure of 6 dwellings per year is the estimate of the housing need of Yarnfield and Cold Meece to 2040. If the Neighbourhood Plan begins in 2022, this implies an overall total of 108 new dwellings.* A copy of the full report is available on the parish council website.

In the coming months we will be preparing an environmental assessment that will provide us with a better understanding of the biodiversity, flora and fauna in the parish. It is hoped this work will be supported by Staffordshire Wildlife Trust.

The parish council’s website will be used to publish information about the development of the plan together with the supporting evidence.

A chance to win a £25 M&S voucher

If the neighbourhood plan is to reflect the views and aspirations of residents it must be based on a sound evidence of community consultation. We are keen to hear the views of anyone living in the parish, we are particularly keen to hear from families, young people and those who have recently moved to the parish.

As a thank you for taking part, everyone returning a completed survey form will be entered into a prize draw to win one of two £25 M&S vouchers.

You can complete the survey on line using the QR code or our Facebook page.

Paper copies of the questionnaire are available from the parish clerk. (Details page 4)



**Closing date to be included in the prize draw
—1 March 2022**



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Action Plan 2022—2023

The Parish Council, has made significant progress over the past two years. The first Parish Assembly, which was held in May 2019, produced an ambitious action plan for the Parish Council to deliver. No one could have known what lay ahead and the challenges that were to come. In 2020 the Covid-19 pandemic forced the Council to refocus its priorities, providing support for the community, and putting some aspects of the 2019 plan on hold. As we all

take the first tentative steps towards a more normal way of life the Council is using this opportunity to refresh its plan for the coming year.

The next parish elections will take place in May 2023. The priority for your current councillors is to see this ambitious programme delivered, and in so doing to build a local council that is responsive to the community, giving opportunity for everyone to have their say.



Monitoring, Review and Accountability

A detailed delivery plan will be prepared to aid the delivery of the objectives. The plan will be subject to quarterly monitoring by the Parish Council against the targets set for each objective.

We will keep you informed through our meetings, newsletters and at our Parish Assembly and we are always happy to answer any questions you have.

Student Advisers

Everyone who lives here is important to us and we are keen for all sections of our community to have a voice. So if you share your home with teenagers, please show them this!

We are currently looking for students aged 15 or older to advise the Parish Council, because the truth is, there's a lot we don't know. This is a great opportunity for community service that might suit anyone on the Duke of Edinburgh scheme or aiming for awards with Guides, Scouts or Cadets. If you are applying for College or University this experience would be really useful for your personal statement.

Send us an e mail if you're interested or if you have any questions to ycmclerk@gmail.com

Meeting dates

Meeting date	Start Time	Meeting	Venue
2 February	10:30am	Informal meeting	Village Hall
9 February	07:30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Yarnfield Park
9 March	07:30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Yarnfield Park
13 April	07:30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Yarnfield Park
19 April	07:30pm	Community Action Group	Village Hall
11 May	07:30pm	Annual Meeting of the Parish Council	Yarnfield Park
19 May	07:30pm	Annual Parish Assembly	Yarnfield Park

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

Agendas for the meetings are posted on the Parish Council notice boards and on the Parish Council's website.

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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