



Fairfield Village Community Association

Saturday 1st October 2018, 7.30pm

Venue: Fairfield Villa Club House

Present: Raili Coldicott, John Coldicott, Rita Spense, Stuart Perry, Sue Wilkes, Chris Wilkes, Maria Sepin, Patrick Murphy, Sheila Bretherton, Carol Edwards, Pat Turbutt, Robert Garvin, Conrad Palmer, Patricia Steward, Linda Garvin, Mary Gibbs, Brenda Thomas, Joss Hudson, Amanada Badger, Linda Jackson, David Jackson & Pam Jones

Alison Grimmett	Bromsgrove District Council
Isabel Roberts	Bromsgrove District Council
Scott Smith	Fairfield First School
Julia Draisey	Fairfield First School

Apologies

1. Welcome

The meeting opened at 7.30pm, the Chair welcomed everyone.

2. Fairfield First School – Scott Smith

- **School Expansion** – Nothing has yet been agreed. The proposal to expand the school is “still on the backburner”. Notice has been served on the tenant to vacate land owned by the County Council. It was acknowledged that should the school size increase there will be more cars - there are no plans to accommodate the increase in vehicles parking in the village.
- **Questions: School Traffic** – Residents questioned the Head regarding the impact that traffic is having on the village and the issues that residents are facing. The Head was asked “Does the school feel any obligation”. The Head has asked parents to be considerate when parking their vehicles, suggesting that they use the Swan carpark and he asked that residents report to him any issues that they encounter. The Chair answered a question relating to the Village Hall car park, in the morning the car park is full of parents with children attending preschool and that after preschool the car park is for use by whoever has hired the Hall. If a school parent does park their car in the Village Hall car park, they are not told to “move on”, however, should parking impact

Hall users the Hall trustees would have to take appropriate action to safeguard Hall income.

- **Questions: Community Engagement** – Residents questioned the Heads assertion that the school is the hub of the village. There appears to be a disconnect between the local community and the school community. It was suggested that more is done, e.g. joint activities, that bring the two communities together. It was also suggested the school SMT/staff become more visible to villagers.

3. Apologies

Mike Gardner, Alan Mabbett, Trevor Jones, Josie Albutt, Carole Morris, Keith Morris, Carol Brogan, Averil Perks, Janice Boswell MBE, Ian Tisdale, Pauline Boulton & Brenda Clarke

4. Approval of Minutes of meeting 1st September 2018

Due to time, approval differed to November's meeting

5. Local Plan Consultation – Alison Grimmett & Isabel Roberts, Bromsgrove District Council

The Bromsgrove District Plan 2011-2030 is being reviewed.

The current Bromsgrove District Plan (BDP), which was adopted in January 2017, forms part of the statutory development plan for the district, it sets out the Council's vision and strategy for the area until 2030 and provides the basis for decisions on planning applications.

The current adopted Plan only allocates enough land to provide 4,700 of the 7,000 dwellings required to meet the District's need for the 2011-2030 period. The Council recognises that there may be a need to assist with the identification of land to meet the housing shortfall within the wider West Midlands sub-region.

The plan is usually reviewed every 5 years.

The District Council needs help to identify all of the planning issues facing Bromsgrove in order to develop appropriate policies to address them. The issues and Options consultation is open until the 19th November 2018 and the Council will be seeking views on the following:

- Strategic Issues for Bromsgrove District
- Housing
- Employment
- Transport
- Town Centre and Local Centres
- Social Infrastructure
- Natural & Historic Environment
- Climate Change and Water Resources

Copies of the consultation documents were passed to the Chair who will arrange for “drop-in” sessions so that residents can read and respond.

Documents are also online and can be downloaded from the Council website:

- [Issues and Options Consultation Document](#)
- [Green Belt Purpose Assessment Methodology](#)
- [Site Selection Methodology](#)
- [Sustainability Appraisal Report](#)
- [Sustainability Appraisal Report Appendices](#)
- [Sustainability Scoping report](#)
- [Policy Review Table](#)

To give the Council your views

- It is preferred that you make your representation on [this official comments form online here](#).
- It is important to specify which part of the document you are commenting on.
- Alternatively, [you can download, print, complete and return this paper version](#)

6. Chair’s Monthly Report/Update on Issues

Giving Criminals the Cold Shoulder

Over 50% of residents have collected their FREE SmartWater Property Marking Kits; a forensic marker that enables traceability of recovered stolen goods and a 100% conviction rate.

If you live in the Fairfield Ward and have not yet received your kit, email admin@fvca.org.uk or tel. 01527 833583

Harvest Time

- Harvest Festival Service: Sunday 14th October, 11.15am. Food donations appreciated.
- Harvest Supper: Wednesday 17th October, 7pm for 7.30pm, Village Hall. £10.00 p/person. Bring your own drink & glasses.

Residents' Meeting

November's Meeting on Saturday 3rd will be at the Village Hall and NOT the Swan Inn as previously published. 10am start, refreshments from 9.30am

Grot Free Fairfield

Each month volunteers donate an hour to litter pick Fairfield & Stoneybridge.

Please help keep our community tidy; our last litter pick of the year will be on Saturday 13th November, meet outside the Village Hall. Wear suitable clothes & footwear, litter pick equipment provided.

Bonfire Radicals

Excellent performance at the Village Hall, enjoyed by people attending. 42 people in the audience, a mixture of villagers and non-villagers.

7. Treasurer's Monthly Report

Unusually there have been quite a few significant transactions since our last meeting.

We have received a grant of £500 from the Parish Council to help towards the centennial commemoration of Armistice Day and in addition the Parish Council has given the Association a Minor Grant of £350 to help promote a safer community in our locality. I express our grateful thanks to the Parish Council for their financial support. A raffle at Saturday evening's enjoyable Bonfire Radicals raised a further amount of £64 for the Association.

Our major outgoings since our September meeting have been payment of the printing costs (£385) for the autumn newsletter and purchase (£316.96) of the Soldier Silhouette for the WW1 commemoration.

Our bank balance stands currently at £744.10.

8. Neighbourhood Watch

Have you got CCTV? - Please regularly check your CCTV footage, you might spot suspicious activity that might be preparation for an illegal activity.

Scam Alert - If you get a telephone call from someone offering home security with an alarm that links you to the police, put the phone down, dial 1471 to get their number and report to the police, tel 101. A resident in the village has received one such call....it was a SCAM. Please warn your elderly & vulnerable neighbours.

September Incidents - Some of the reported incidents: Car keyed in Pepperwood Close, Lamb killed on edge of village, Cupboard under mobile phone mast broken into, Village Hall locks vandalised, fly tipping along Wood Lane.

9. Traffic Update

- Highways are still ruling out any form of engineering works.
- Highways have proposed that the Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) at the junction with Yew Tree Lane is replaced with a VAS that shows "Roundabout Ahead". Conrad has spoken to Cllr. Mabbett and both agree that that the proposal needs to be discussed, residents want vehicles to slow down before they enter the village not when they are part way through the community.
- Highways are considering amending the speed limit between Stoneybridge Island to the planters at the entrance to the village to 40 mph. Even though this is a positive step forward, it is still felt that engineering works is also required, as not every vehicle will abide by the new speed limit, unless there was regular enforcement in the area.
- The request to site the Mobile Enforcement Officer between the mini-island and Yew Tree lane is currently with the Safer Road Partnership. Highways have agreed that the enforcement officer's motorbike can be sited on the land that is their responsibility and they will provide the hard surface for the motorbike to stand on. Cty Cllr Webb has asked FVCA to leave with the Parish Council, FVCA will (of course) follow and take appropriate action to ensure that enforcement does take place at this site.
- The missing bollard at the mini-island is not being replaced. The two original bollards created a safe refuge for pedestrians when they crossed the road.
- Operation Lollipop - Members of the public in Bromsgrove, Rubery, Alvechurch, Wythall and Hagley are now able to send digital photographs of dangerous or inconsiderate parking outside schools directly to their Safer Neighbourhood

Teams via a dedicated email address -

OperationLollipop@westmercia.pnn.police.uk Officers will then investigate and make contact with the registered keeper to take appropriate action where possible.

- Operation Snap - members of the public can submit (via a secure online form - <https://www.nextbase.com/en-gb/national-dash-cam-safety-portal/>) digital footage showing potential traffic offences. This can range from driving dangerously or carelessly to overtaking on solid white lines, using a mobile phone while driving, ignoring traffic lights or dangerous driving around other road users, such as horse riders and cyclists. Your submission will be sent to West Mercia Police where the evidence will be reviewed by one of their road traffic officers, who will enforce against any offences committed. Any footage submitted through the portal can also be used by the Police to help educate other road users and to advise on case results.

10. WW1 Commemorations

Charles Tranter - Carol Edwards' has made contact with Andrew Tranter, his grandfather is listed on the village war memorial, and he will be attending the Remembrance Service on 11th November.

Fairfield Remembers - This year's Remembrance Sunday service will be at Fairfield Ward Memorial, please arrive for 10.50am. During the half-hour service, we will remember those who have died in conflict, and members of our community will lay wreaths. Following this act of remembrance, refreshments will be served in the Village Hall.

Fairfield at War - Between 1st and 12th November, visit St. Mark's, sit amongst the soldier silhouettes and view the display at the back of the church. The key to the church can be obtained from Fairfield Café. Thanks to Margaret Must and Pam Jones.

War Memorial – The cross has now been cleaned. Thanks to Robert Garvin and Keith Morris.

11. Dates for meetings in 2019

It was agreed to keep the current arrangement, alternating between Village Hall on 1st Saturday of each month (start 10am) and Fairfield Villa Club House on the first Monday of each month (start 7.30pm).

12. Engagement, Social Activities & Fund Raising

- a. **Fairfield Walkers** – 5th Oct. meet Rec. 10am
- b. **Community Litter Pick** – 13th Oct. meet outside Village Hall 10.30am
- c. **Harvest Festival** – 14th Oct. St. Mark's 11.15am
- d. **Fairfield Dining Group** – 15th Oct. Willowbrook – contact Pat if you are attending
- e. **Harvest Supper** – 17th Oct. Village Hall 7.30pm

13. Any other business

None

Date of next meeting: Saturday 3rd November 10am Village Hall (refreshments from 9.30am)