



Fairfield Village Community Association

Monday 3rd December 2018, 7.30pm

Venue: Fairfield Villa Club House

Present: Jim Turbutt, Pat Turbutt, Josie Albutt, Robert Garvin, Conrad Palmer, Linda Garvin, Brenda Thomas, Keith Morris, Carole Morris, Linda Jackson, Charlie Harris & Kevin Nind

1. Apologies

Dimon Baldwin, Julie Baldwin, Carol Edwards, John Coldicott, Rita Spense, Alan Mabbett, Pauline Boulton, Trevor Jones, Pam Jones, Averil Perks, Mary Gibbs

2. Approval of minutes

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

3. Chair's Monthly Report/Update on Issues

Newsletter

Currently being distributed, thanks to Carol Edwards and her team of volunteers. There are some errors in the newsletter,

- Monthly lunches are on the 3rd Monday of each month **not** Wednesday.
- Christmas Ramble is on Friday 28th December and **not** Saturday 28th September.

It would be nice if someone could co-edit the newsletter, proof reading articles. Any volunteers to contact Conrad

Remembrance Service & Display

Over 100 people attended the Remembrance Service and the display in the church received many positive comments. Thanks to Fairfield First School, Margaret Must and Peter Jones for their assistance.

Children in Need Coffee Morning

Two villagers joined parents at the coffee morning, the event raised £38.00. One villager, who could not attend the event, baked a cake.

Fairfield Walkers

No Walk on Friday 7th, there is a walk on the 28th, meet Rec. 10am.

Litter Pick

No litter pick on Saturday 8th December. During 2019 Litter Picks will continue to take place on the 2nd Saturday of each month (except December). Brenda Thomas has volunteered to take on the role of Litter Pick coordinator. Brenda has the equipment.

Dog Mess Signs

Now on display around the Recreation Ground

Village Hall Keyholder

The Village Hall are looking for a couple of people to join a rota of people who will unlock & lock up the village hall for hirers.

Each person helping two or three hires each month, on a Saturday or Sunday.

Interested? Email secretary.fvh@outlook.com or tel. 01527 833583

Coffee & Natter Wednesdays

Social occasion for residents and school parents, 17th, 24th & 31st January 2.45pm – 3.15pm. Please support.

Village Christmas Tree

The tree will be put on Saturday 8th December 10.30am. Assistance needed to put the tree up and to decorate with lights.

Pepperwood Decorations

Eco-friendly decorations on sale from the Pepperwood Volunteers, 4 for £5.00. Phone Alan 07725242345

Quiz Night

Fortnightly quiz at the Swan. Next quiz 9th December 9pm.

SmartWater Signage

Signs have been put up across Fairfield, Wildmoor and Stoneybridge, at key strategic locations. There are some properties that have yet to collect their FREE property marking kits, so far rollout has achieved 57%. If you or your neighbours have not received a FREE kit and you live in the Fairfield Ward tel: 01527 833583 or email admin@fvca.org.uk to arrange a home delivery, or kits can be collected from a FVCA meeting.

Café

Since November's meeting, the Café has published a further note on Facebook, 7th November, saying that Café opening hours have changed to 9am – 3pm.

School Expansion

Formal Consultation deadline is Friday 7th December.

Proposal to increase the capacity of Fairfield First School

Worcestershire County Council is proposing to expand the school buildings at Fairfield First School to provide sufficient accommodation for an increase in the Published Admission Number of the school from 23 to 30. The current capacity of the school is 115 and the proposed capacity will be 150.

As part of any proposal of a community school that would result in an increase in the capacity of the school by more than 30 places and 25%, a formal consultation must take place.

Have Your Say

In accordance with the guidance document from the Department for Education – Making 'prescribed alterations' to maintained schools (April 2016), a further consultation into expansion of Fairfield First School is now underway in which anyone with an interest can express their views. The Public Consultation (Autumn 2018) document can be viewed on the County Council website at <http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schoolconsultations> Your comments are most welcome and can be made using the online form which is also available via this website link.

A hard copy of the consultation documents can be obtained by contacting: Bosko Medakovic, Capital Accommodation Officer, County Hall, PO Box 73, Worcester, WR5 2YA. Telephone 07983965299 or email bmedakovic@worcestershire.gov.uk

Representations in response to the consultation must be received by noon on Friday, 7th December 2018.

4. Neighbourhood Watch

- Details of recent incidents and latest police advice circulated.
- Plus – If you receive a telephone call from someone claiming to be BT OpenReach, saying that your computer is sending them error messages, it is a SCAM. Several residents have received such calls, the person asking to allow them to have remote access, luckily all residents were on the ball, challenged the caller who in turn terminated the call.

5. Treasurer's Report

Financial update provided by the Treasurer, recent expenditure includes £385.00 for the Winter newsletter.

The Association's account balance now stands at £229.56.

6. Traffic Update

Additional Speed Enforcement Site Approved

After initially rejecting the Community Association's request, it has now been agreed that speed enforcement will take place south of the mini-island on Stourbridge Road, subject to the Parish Council funding a hard-standing area for a van and a dropped kerb.

Speed Limits

The Community Association and the Parish Council's Traffic Calming Working Group agree that speed limits across the Fairfield Ward need to be reviewed. The responsibility of speed limits along the roads within our ward rest with the County Council. It has been proposed to initially request a reduction in the speed limit along Brook Road that is currently National Speed Limit. Department of Transport guidelines do permit such a reduction. Hopefully, reductions on other roads will follow. This will take some time.

7. Outdoor Christmas Market

Monday 17th December 6pm – 8pm

15 stalls already booked

FVCA Stalls:

- Raffle – prizes needed
- Name the Teddy – thanks to Carole Morris for donating the teddy.
- Grotto
- Carol Singing

Volunteers needed to look after the FVCA stalls and to sing carols, please arrive at the Swan for 5.30pm. Assistance will be required to help set up the site, 3pm

8. Festive Fairfield

3 Little Pig Tails & Disco

Saturday 15th December 3.30pm – 5.30pm

Door: Linda & Robert

Refreshments: Church

Cakes: Needs some cakes/mince pies

Carolling Around the Christmas Tree

Wednesday 19th December 7pm – 7.45pm

School choir will open the evening and organist from Belbroughton will play the piano.

Volunteers needed to serve mince pies and mulled wine, please get to the Hall for 6.30pm.

Lights will go up during the afternoon.

Kevin Nind (Kev's Coaches) offered to help purchase some of the Mulled Wine. Robert to liaise with Kevin.

New Years Eve

Village Hall – Buffet, Disco, Quiz £5.00 pp, 8pm – late, with “Bring A Games Night” – Simon coordinating.

9. Any Other Business

Fairfield Villa FC have received an email from the Parish Council enquiring about possible sub-letting that is contrary to the lease agreement. The Club Secretary has replied. Residents expressed concern that that community activities that are held at the Club House may have to be cancelled, including FVCA meetings. Conrad to make some enquiries.

Date of next meeting: Saturday 5th January 10am Village Hall (refreshments from 9.30am)