



Fairfield Village Community Association

Monday 6th August 2018, 7.30pm

Venue: Fairfield Villa Club House

Present: Ann Ince, Conrad Palmer, Carol Edwards, Pat Turbutt, Josie Albutt, Patricia Steward, Sheila Bretherton, Janice Boswell MBE, Ian Boswell, Julie Baldwin, Simon Baldwin, Terry Owens, Raili Coldicott, Chris Scurrrell, Ian Tisdale, Amy Mason, Jackie White, Jamie White, Linda Garvin, Mary Gibbs, Brenda Thomas, Trevor Jones, Rita Spense & Kevin Nind

1. Apologies

Carole Morris, Keith Morris, Robert Garvin, Carol Brogan, Averil Perks, John Coldicott, Pauline Boulton & Brenda Clarke

2. Approval of minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed by the Chair.

3. Chair's Report/Update on Issues

- **Village Planters** – In need of watering, please help. Thanks to Audrey H & Anne I for keep an eye on the planters.
- **Mini-island** – Work has yet to start to install dropped kerbs.
- **Recreation Ground Car Park** – Have asked Cllr Mabbett for a meeting, to include the Parish Clerk, to progress application.
- **Traffic** – Residents are asked to email or write to Cllr Amos, see previous minutes, detailing their experiences and observations. Cllr Alan Amos AAmos@worcestershire.gov.uk
- **Speed Enforcement** - Officer is currently visiting the village once a week. The Officer has reported that several vehicles on each visit are being recorded driving in excess of 35 mph. Conrad has spoken to Safer Road Partnership to see if officer can carry out checks between mini-island and Mount Rd. The motorbike has to be on hard, level, surface not obstructing the footpath, so not on the grass. Conrad to speak to Parish Cllr Mabbett.
- **Bromsgrove Advertiser** – Can be picked up from the Café. FVCA are collecting papers, hopefully getting them to the café by Thursdays.

- **Bread & Milk** - Please buy your bread and milk from the Café and keep this service in the village.
- **Wildmoor Quarry** – No further update.
- **Redressing Stourbridge Rd** – Surface rededssing on the stretch of Stourbridge Rd between the mini-island and Catshill completed during July 2018.
- **Dog Fouling Sign** – Awaiting contact from Parish Council saying ordered signs for the Recreation Ground have arrived. Trevor Jones informed the meeting that signs had been delivered.
- **SmartWater** – Article will be in Autumn’s newsletter (out late August) detailing rollout arrangements. Please encourage residents to collect their kits. If they cannot collect on the published dates, to contact Conrad. Volunteers needed on Saturday 22nd September (10am – 2pm) to part fill registration forms. Date of mop-up to be confirmed.
- **Dog Fouling** – Still a problem on verges & footpaths.

4. Treasurer’s Report

“Our cleared bank balance remains at £407.09. The only financial transaction since our previous meeting was to pay the annual premium (£168.25) for the insurance policy with Zurich covering the period to 11 July 2019”

5. Neighbourhood Watch

Suspicious Activity Reported

Report of a man driving a white van, with child, found trespassing on property in neighbouring Bournheath on Friday 3rd August. The man & child were looking around, possibly for scrap. This incident has been reported to the police.

Please continue to be vigilant. Report illegal & suspicious activity to the police; tel. 101 or online <https://www.westmercia.police.uk/report> If appropriate, share your intelligence with the Community Association, the local verified Neighbourhood Watch Group.

Catshill Church

The historic Catshill Church has been visited by lead thieves at least three times in the last four weeks. Several thousand pounds worth of damage has been caused. Please remain vigilant around your area and report suspicious persons, vehicles to the Police on 101 or 999.

Additional Neighbourhood Watch information will appear in the Autumn newsletter.

6. 318 Bus Service

The contract to deliver the 318 bus service has been awarded to Kev's Coaches will take over running the service from 2nd September. Kevin Nind (owner) reported that:

- Cty Cllr Shirley Webb had been very helpful during the tendering process.
- That he wants his company to work with passengers to deliver a quality service, passengers to phone Kev's Coaches if there are any issues, including if the bus is more than 10 minutes late.
- Current Diamond drivers, Dave & Gary, are being taken on by Kev's Coaches and they will continue to be the 318 bus drivers.
- The route is unchanged, with a very slight change to the timetable.

Kev then took questions from residents and met residents after the meeting.

7. WW1 Commemorations

- Completion of cleaning the war memorial will take place before the end of August. Simon Baldwin will liaise with Terry Owen with regard scaffolding.
- Remembrance Sunday order of service has been drafted, it is proposed that the service take places around the War Memorial. Will need to be run past the new vicar when she arrives in September.
- After the service refreshments will need to be arranged.
- Will need to track down relatives of people listed on the war memorial and invite to the service.

8. Engagement, Social Activities & Fund Raising

- a. **Floral Fairfield** – Another good Floral Fairfield with 6 Gold Stars awarded, plus several Silver Stars. Many residents' saying that they appreciated receiving a certificate of appreciation.

- b. **Fairfield Walkers** - Two enjoyable walks during July. The next two walks are:
- Friday 10th August, meet Rec. 10am.
 - Wednesday 22nd August, meet Rec. 7pm.

A Saturday walk was requested. Conrad to plan & set a date.

- c. **Monthly Luncheon** – Fairfield Dining Group – Date & venue for future meals:
- **20th August** - Bromsgrove Golf Club
 - **17th September** – Lord Mortons Tea Room
 - **15th October** – Willowbrook
 - **19th November** – The Swan

Please contact Pat by a week before the meal if you will be attending.

- d. **Afternoon Tea** – 16th August, afternoon high tea at the Village Hall, 3pm – 5pm. Money raised will be shared between Libby Mae's Little Angels & the community Association. Tickets are £7.50 (or £7.00 if purchased in advance) and includes a glass of prosecco. Raffle prizes and cakes needed. Please see Carol E, Julie, Mary or Rita.
- e. **Musical Bingo** – Will take place this Autumn
- f. **Bonfire Radicals** – Will be performing at the Village Hall 30th September, tickets on sale later in the month from the Post Office. Raffle prizes needed.
- g. **Other Activities** – W.I. Produce Show, Village Hall, Saturday 10th August.

9. Any other business

None

**Date of next meeting: Saturday 1st September 10.00am, Fairfield Village Hall
(Refreshments from 9.30am)**