



# Fairfield Village Community Association

## Annual General Meeting

Saturday 7th April 2018, 10.00am

Venue: Fairfield Village Hall

### 1. Welcome

Conrad welcomed everyone to the meeting, explain that the due to the poor wintery weather in March the AGM had to be postponed until today.

### 2. Apologies

Averil Perks, John Coldicott, Pauline Boulton, Brenda Clarke & Josie Albutt

### 3. Guest Speaker: Gary Roskell - BURT

Gary gave a brief presentation on the BURT Community Transport Service and took questions from residents.

### 4. Guest Speaker: Parish Councillor Bob Morgan – Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Morgan provided an update on the Neighbourhood Plan.

### 5. Approval of AGM minutes 4<sup>th</sup> March 2017

The minutes of the 2017 AGM were approved and signed by the Chair.

### 6. Chair's Report

#### Events

The Community Association has held several well supported events:

- Frock Swap
- 1940's Night
- Monthly luncheon (Dining Group)
- Carolling Around the Christmas Tree
- Christmas Party (partnered with St. Mark's)
  
- Poor attendance at the NYE party, enjoyed by all that attended.
- Raffle ticket takings at Live & Local events have assisted Association funds

### **Neighbourhood Watch**

- Several shed and vehicle break-ins, visits from Nottingham Knockers and SCAM phone calls and visits. Reporting of incidents and suspicions to the FVCA, which is shared, helps raise vigilance – hopefully deterring and additional criminal activity. In neighbouring villagers there have been several burglaries and attempted break-ins.
- SmartWater – FVCA have asked the Parish Council to revisit purchasing kits for residents, enabling SmartWater “We don’t buy any crime” signs being displayed around our community. The Parish Council in December 2017 agreed to establish a working group. As yet it is unknown what the working group’s proposals are.

### **Traffic**

It is disappointing that there is a reluctance by County Council and representatives to engage with the community to work towards a safer and more accessible community.

- At two public meetings, one with the Police & Crime Commissioner John Campion (June 2017) and the other with Sajid Javid MP (September 2017), a request was put forward which both Mr Campion & Mr Javid accepted that they would facilitate a meeting with key stakeholders – no meeting has yet been arranged.
- The walking bus has not taken off –the original proposed starting point was the Swan Inn, the route that County suggested was from the lay-by near the M5 bridge; many parents thought the distance was too far and had safety concerns.
- The proposal that parents can drop off their children from 8.30 am was rejected by the school, even though there were indications from parents and the community that volunteers were prepared to supervise children.
- The request for traffic speed survey between Mount Rd & Yew Tree Lane and Wood Lane and the north entrance to the village has not taken place; even though Cty Cllr Webb said her in her November report said that they would take place. A survey did take place in early 2018, either side of the mini-island.
- It is unknown whether a meeting with Cty Cllr Amos (Cabinet Portfolio) has taken place in Fairfield. Request for FVCA & PC to be present at the meeting was declined. Both FVCA and the Parish Council have suggested workable solutions, no reason has been given why solutions cannot be adopted. Local organisations in the community e.g. FVCA, the school’s PTFA have indicated they are prepared to fundraise to help cover any costs.
- The Safer Road Partnership did carry out a survey last June and their assessment was that there was a need to take action to slow down vehicles. Due to the speed of the vehicles travelling too fast it is not possible to implement Community Speedwatch, however, they will add Fairfield to the list of locations that a Motorbike Enforcement Officer will attend – they are currently training a new officer who will be deployed to Fairfield.
- The first quarter of 2018 has seen an improvement in school parents parking considerately. Thank you to those considerate parents. There are still some motorists that have made it clear that they will park where like and are not bothered about pedestrians.

- The County Council had indicated that they would pay for the dropped kerbs at the mini-island if the Parish Council paid for the BT box to be moved. The PC have agreed to pay for the BT box to be moved. It would appear that there is now some uncertainty regarding when the County Council will install the dropped kerbs.

### **318 Bus Service**

There is uncertainty over the 318 bus service. Diamond were withdrawing from the service 2nd January, this was extended until 25th February. Central Buses agreed to take on the service with effect from 25th February, Diamond acquired Central Buses (25th February). Diamond have agreed to deliver the service until 3rd June 2018, hopefully another service provider will be found. FVCA has stressed to Cty Cllr Webb the importance of the 318 bus service to the elderly, people that do not have access to a car and to children going to and from school.

### **Planning**

- Parish Council have enabled the establishment of a Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group. A good attendance by local Fairfield residents at public meetings.
- District Council & County Council have not yet made decisions on the planning applications submitted to each authority by Accumix (Wildmoor Quarry).
- The school initiated an informal consultation with regard expanding the school.

### **Other**

- Parish Council, in response to a request, have sited a bench in the bus shelter opposite the Swan Inn.
- FVCA has taken over the planting & maintenance of the village planters that are sited at the entrance to the village.
- Community Litter Picks have taken place every month except November & December 2017.
- Remembrance Service was well supported, a child from the First School laid the Community Association's wreath.
- 8 members of our community attended the Community First Aid Courses that took place in September & October 2017.
- Quarterly newsletters are well received by residents.

### **Thanks**

Too numerous to name everyone, many people contribute to the Association's success (treasurer, secretary, committee officers, newsletter distributor, luncheon coordinators, organising events, making teas, washing up, neighbourhood watch eyes and ears, litter picking, accounts examiner and more) – to everyone a BIG THANK YOU.

### **Finance**

To meet our desired commitments, e.g. quarterly newsletters, and to be able to deliver more for our community we need to do some fundraising.

## **7. Treasurer's Report**

Independently examined accounts were presented to the AGM. Robert thanks David Jackson for examining accounts.

## **8. Elections**

The following persons were elected to serve the Community Association:

Chairperson: Conrad Palmer

Secretary: Carol Brogan

Treasurer: Robert Garvin

Officers: Carol Edwards

Mary Gibbs

Julie Baldwin

Simon Baldwin