

FAIRFIELD VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER 2019  
VENUE: FAIRFIELD VILLAGE HALL

Present: Conrad Palmer, Linda Garvin, Robert Garvin, Sheila Bretherton,  
Mary Gibbs, Brenda Thomas, Patricia Sterward, Trevor Jones,  
Carol Edwards

**1 Apologies** Pat Turbutt, Pam Jones, John Caldicott

**2 Approval of Minutes**  
Minutes of previous meeting approved.

**3 Chair's Monthly Report, Neighbourhood Watch News & Update on issues**

Fairfield Flicks going really well. October's films were well received, the afternoon and children's films were very popular attracting an audience of over 30 people at each screening. The audience turnout at evening screening was low (15), hopefully people will share their experiences and numbers will pick up. Audiences are a mix of villagers and people living elsewhere.

**Gullies** Drainage grids and gullies along Sandy Lane have been cleared. Conrad has emailed Cty Cllr Shirley Webb reminding that work is required along Stourbridge Road, Swan Lane and Madeley Road.

**Bulb Planting** Daffodil and snowdrop bulbs have been planted at entrance to Recreation Ground in front of planter at south end of the village, junction of Brook Road and Bournheath Road and on the side of Stourbridge Road opposite Yew Tree Lane. Support for bulb planting was poor. Thanks to all volunteers that participated.

**School Extension** Letters were circulated to residents in the village of Fairfield, inviting them to comment on the planning application. The Parish Council will consider their response on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November. County Hall has yet to name the date when councillors will consider the planning application.

**Neighbourhood Watch** During the past months there has been some suspicious activity – 2 ladies trying to sell holly – and a ewe was slaughtered and taken. Please remain vigilant reporting suspicious activity to the police and telling FVCA. With the dark nights, keep a light on, and review your home and shed security.

**Coffee and Natter – Give Nature a Home** Build bird and bat boxes at the Village Hall, Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2.00pm. Bring a hammer. Boxes to be sited around the Rec/Spinney. Any taken home £3.00 per box.

**Talk, Tea and Tech.** Do you need help sending an email, searching for something online or other basic computer tasks? Pop along and see our Digital Champions in the Barton Room (Village Hall), Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2pm – 4pm.

**Fairfield Diners** Next meal will be at the Swan Inn, Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 12.30pm. Please inform Pat by Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November if you are joining us.

**Remembrance Sunday** Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November – parade from Recreation ground 10.30am. Service 10.45am. Wreath will be laid by Ted R and Thomas W.

**Winter Newsletter and Festive Fairfield** Newsletter out towards the end of November and will contain full details of Festive Fairfield events.

**Fairfield Café** now under new management. Pop in and say hello to Kelly and her mother Lydia.

**Fly Tipping** Over the past few weeks there has been a significant increase in fly tipping across our Parish Ward and in the surrounding area. If you witness or have information relating to fly tipping please report one-off incident Bromsgrove District Council 01527 881188, large scale Crime Stoppers 0800 555 111.

#### **4 Treasurer's Report**

Balance £287.26. Monies to come from on-line Fairfield Flicks tickets. Received invoice re: cost of films, however, there has been an error and had been returned. We need to raise additional monies as expenditure for winter newsletters, etc. Perhaps review price of refreshments at events.

#### **5 Meeting with Head & Chair of School Governors**

This meeting went well. There has been confrontation with parents and villagers. The problem has possibly been aggravated by 'Chinese whispers'. It was suggested that a staggered early drop off of pupils in the morning could help the traffic situation. However, the Head dismissed this idea. It was also suggested that the Head could engage more with the community and include village events in the schools newsletters. Also the school could attend and promote village activities such as the Carol Singing. This would improve understanding and co-operation for school and villagers.

#### **6 Review of Resents Meetings**

After much discussion it was agreed that future meetings would be held on Saturday mornings 10am – 11am in the village hall.

#### **7 Litter Pick – Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November**

Brenda Thomas asked if smaller bags could be purchased as when litter was collected the bags became heavier and difficult to carry. Also, a new home for the litter trolley was needed as Brenda could no longer store it. Carol Edwards offered to store the trolley and litter picking equipment.

#### **8 Any other Business**

Sheila Bretherton was having difficulty with the return of her refuse bin after collection. Sheila was informed of the service that BDC provided for elderly/disabled residents and to contact them.

**Date of next meeting Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 7.30pm Fairfield Villa Football Club**