

FAIRFIELD VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 1st April 2019 at Fairfield Villa Club House

Present

Conrad Palmer, Josie Albutt, Jim Turbutt, Pat Turbutt, Mary Gibbs Rita Spence, Sheila Bretherton, Raili Coldicott, Linda Garvin, Carol Edwards, Robert Garvin, Carole Morris, Keith Morris, Sue Parkin, Mick Parkin, John Coldicott, Brenda Thomas

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Apologies

Anne Ince

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Approval of Minutes

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

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Chair's Monthly Report and Update on issues

Drains along Stourbridge Road blocked. CC Shirley Webb arranging drains to be assessed and rectified.

Cafe - Doing well thanked customers for their support.

Locally sourced apple juice and home made cakes now available for sale. Also new member of staff employed.

There is also to be a greeting card display and gift section.

Newspapers. Delivery costs prohibitive would need to sell 60/100 papers per day. Will try another source.

Fish and Chip lunch every Friday 12.00 noon.

Bus Shelter - Alan Mabbett, Parish Councillor to request a drop down seat to be installed at the bus shelter by St Mark's Church.

Talks will be held with the County Council.

In the meantime another chair has appeared!!!

School Development - The Head Teacher had issued a notice on 15th March which was misleading. He implied permission had been granted. However, the proposal will need planning consent and an application will need to be submitted to the District who will consult members of the public.

If there is time to arrange a public meeting to ask questions the FVCA will arrange this. It is for the residents to oppose/agree.

There will be an increase in traffic, which is an ongoing problem in the village.

Land behind school. Nigel, the farmer, has vacated the ground. Proposed development at Yew Tree Lane/Stourbridge Road.

No planning consent this is at a very early stage. A Mr Thompson, a representative of a Housing Trust had been invited to attend a FVCA meeting but declined to meet as it was too premature. When more information is available members will be notified.

Neighbourhood Watch News - Chapel Lane, Bell Heath.

A delivery driver had been assaulted and threatened with a knife. Please contact the Police if anyone saw anything. The thieves took the van and parcels.

Pooper Snooper - A free smartphone application and website aims to build public awareness and increase social pressure on dog fouling.

4. **Smart Water** - Number of burglaries compared in same period in previous year there has been significant drop.
229 Smart Water Kits have now been issued.
There has been a request to provide Smart Water signs at local small holder establishments.
5. **Treasurer's Report**
Grant of £500.00 from Worcestershire County Council/
Balance in bank £765.28
6. **Race Night** - Kevin was being extremely helpful.
Raffle prizes needed, Emma, a neighbour of Mary Gibbs had donated a preloaded table as a prize.
7. **Fairfield Spring Clean** - Brenda Thomas thanked everyone who helped at March's litter pick as it had been very windy and difficult keeping the refuse bags open.
A supply of high vis waist coats, refuse bags and hoops for the refuse bags had been donated.
It was proposed to wash down road signs and weed the planters at both ends of the village as well as the usual litter pick on 13th April.
8. **Live and Local - Sunday 14th April.** Kel Elliot, singer and song writer performing.
This is the last show for the season. The Village Hall were considering whether to continue to under-right these shows.
9. **Monthly Lunch - Lord Morton's Tea Room** Monday 15th April
Please let Pat Steward know if you wish to attend.
10. **Fairfield Walk** - Thursday 18th April 10.00am drive to Piper's Hill. Evening walk Wednesday 8th May.
11. **Rogation Service** - Church service Sunday 12th May
Lambs will be in the back of the Church.
12. **Village Needs and Future Projects** - Many items have been installed eg Defibrillator, Planters, Smart Water kits, Litter Picks organised. There may be other projects that the community may benefit from as there are grants available.
Suggestions/ideas purchase of daffodils to be planted in verges throughout the village.
13. **Any other business**
Brenda Thomas urged members to attend the Annual Parish Council Meeting when the Annual Report will be available to question Councillors.

Reminder - Parish Council elections in May.

There was much discussion regarding traffic calming issues.

These will be discussed at next meeting.

Sheila Bretherton requested road sweeper was needed to clean out gutters and drains.

Also members were wondering if the Speed Enforcement Officer would be returning to the village as he had not been seen since February.

Date of next Meeting Saturday 4th May at 9.30 a.m.