

Fairfield Village Community Association

Monday 4th February 2019 7.30 pm

Venue Fairfield Villa Club House

Present: Conrad Palmer, Sheila Bretherton, Rita Spence, Mary Gibbs, Dennis Gibbs, Carol Edwards, Louisa Jeppesen, Josh Hudson, Brenda Thomas, Chris Wilkes, Keith Morris

1. **Apologies:**
Robert Garvin, Linda Garvin, Janice Boswell MBE, Averil Perks, Pat Turbutt, Carol Morris, Josie Albutt, John Coldicott, Pauline Bolton, Carole Morris
Pat Steward

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

3. **Chair's Monthly Report and Update on issues**

- Steve Brogan had a fall last Wednesday, slipped on ice whilst putting bins out. He is in the QE hospital and has had an operation.
- Also, Chris Must has had a fall at home, currently in POW hospital. His earlier operation on his jaw had gone well. If anyone is able call in to see Margaret Must at home.
- AGM next month at Village Hall. Saturday 2nd March at 10.30am. All roles will be on offer. Please consider joining the committee.
- Talk Tech at Amphlett Hall. Age UK to reduce digital isolation for over 50 year olds. The presenter will also be coming to the FVCA AGM to give a talk/presentation.
- Monies secured to purchase Litter Pick Cart.
- Coffee and Natter session last month attendance from village low – good attendance from school.
- Kuli & Cafe - new 'fridges now arrived. He intends to stock more goods. Newspapers Smiths have been emailed to ask for costs. Kuli concerned that the outlay would be too expensive and not be a good return. CP suggested a straw survey in the community to estimate response for regular supply of newspapers.
- Lottery machine – Kuli is making enquiries to see if machine could be transferred from Post Office to shop.
- Parish Council Elections 2nd May. Anyone interested in becoming Parish Councillor to contact Parish Clerk.

4. **Neighbourhood Watch News**

- Vehicle crime - broken into/damaged. Not in Fairfield but surrounding areas i.e. Rubery. Three vehicles in North Worcestershire area stolen whilst left to warm up during the cold spell.
- Smart Water. Would residents inform new residents, who have moved into the area, that they can collect their free smart water kits.

5. **Treasurer's Report**

Accounts to be presented at AGM.

6. **Litter Pick**

Brenda Thomas thanked everyone who helped at January's litter pick.

7. **Monthly Lunch** - Monday 18th February The Vine Clent. Please let Pat Steward know if you wish to attend.

8. **Long Shot - 10th March**

Tickets on sale at the Shop. Raffle prizes needed.

9. **Floral Fairfield 2019**

Front Gardens, tubs, ribbons of colour - usual prizes. In addition, there is going to be a Floral Collage - Theme Super Hero's. Create a collage out of flowers categories of Adults, Children and Institutions. Collages on display in St Mark's Church. Refreshments teas, coffees, cakes, etc. Profit to be split 50/50 St Mark's and FVCA.

10. **Any other business**

- Traffic issues in village. Propose to WCC extension of reducing National Speed Limit in Brook Road to 30 or 40mph.
- There was much discussion regarding traffic calming issues, these will be discussed thoroughly at the AGM.
- Parking - Parents of school children urged to park considerably. Also to use The Swan car park when taking and collecting children from school.
- Race Night 6th April 2019 venue Fairfield Villa Club House NOT Fairfield Village Hall. Rita, Mary and Carol to liaise with Kevin regarding arrangements.
- Older residents miss the Chair that was in the bus shelter, which has been taken away by the Council. Conrad to make enquiries to ask if a permanent bench/seat can be installed.

Date of next meeting : ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Saturday 2nd March 10.30 am.