

YARNFIELD AND COLD MEECE PARISH COUNCIL  
ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY  
Wednesday 23 May 2023  
Yarnfield Village Hall

1. Present

Cllr David Beeston	Michelle Beeston
Cllr Margaret Broader	Trevor Parkin
Cllr Stella Hughes	Martin Lawton
Cllr Sally Parkin (Chairperson)	Jean Etherington
Cllr Jo Griffiths	Beverley Fraser
Cllr Kirsty Treen	Martha Becker
Cllr Ed Whitfield	Helen Williams?
Cllr Pert (SCC)	Viv Cunningham
John Fraser	John Cunningham
Khadija Shariff	Andrew Davies
Tim Alcock	Amanda Davies
Hilary Pemberton	Charlotte Hulse
Karen Chapman	Alan Core
Stan Collins	Gena Wright
Tina Collins	Paul Griffiths
Sue Jones	Gareth Morgan
Tom	Pete Wright

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from – Lisa Powell (PCSO), Averil Rogers

3. Minutes of the Annual Assembly Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022

The minutes of the last Annual Parish Assembly were agreed as a correct record of the meeting.

4. Context for the 2023 Parish Assembly

This assembly is the first of the newly elected parish council which now see three new councillors joining the council.

The Annual parish assembly will provide an opportunity to hear from residents about what they value most about the parish and what they would like to protect. The outcomes from the Assembly Meeting will help guide the work of the parish council in the coming years and so ensure this represents the views of residents.

5. Neighbourhood Plan update

The Neighbourhood plan

6. Resident Engagement

All comments have been recorded. The numbers in brackets represent the number of times the comment was made.

### What do you like about living in the parish?

- Happy, pleasant, friendly, safe and quiet parish, pleasant neighbours (10)
- Lovely rural setting, open countryside, environment (6)
- Community (5)
- Village green is well maintained, plenty of green spaces (5)
- Events on the green bringing people together (3)
- School (2)
- Close to services and facilities (2)
- Village Hall (2)
- Children can play out
- (Friendly neighbours) but incomers not known
- Feels like old and new parts of the village are coming together
- Community spirit
- Most people you don't know will speak to you, including cyclists
- Wildlife
- Activities
- Hair and nail salon
- Shop
- What would you want to protect?

### What do you want to protect?

- The open/green spaces (10)
- The pub (8)
- The post office/shop (8)
- The village green (6)
- School (4)
- Footpaths into the countryside (4)
- Access to Stone Stafford and Stoke via local roads (3)
- Playing field and play areas (3)
- Village Hall (3)
- Friendly community (2)
- Conference Centre
- Protect the parish from the impact of HS2
- Rural setting
- Wildlife
- Open door policy (?Parish council)

### What would you want to improve or see developed?

- The pub, community asset, community owned/run pub (7)
- How could the pub be made viable? What do people want?
- Maximise the potential of the pub site, combine to provide post office, shop, other social venue
- Condition of Yarnfield Lane - constant road works, improve white lines (5)
- Pavements (5)
- Bus service - more routes (4)
- Bus service - cost
- Cycle/bike track (3)

- Both sides of the village to become one (3)
- More activities for older children eg youth club (3)
- Regular engagement with the community (2)
- What's happening with the BT football field? (2)
- After such a lot of new development, not to have too much more (2)
- Traffic going through village at high speed (2)
- Speed limits on roads to Yarnfield - 40 is plenty
- Future of BT site? in particular the offices. If not developed for housing then what are the alternatives?
- Barratt estate, bit detached from the rest of the village
- Tree on the Furlong
- Manhole cover (open reach) - damaged for 3 years
- Weeds at the sides of the road eg Meadow View
- Footpath into Stone
- Footpath from Yarnfield to Cold Meece
- Speed bumps not working
- Firing range, more steps to reduce noise
- Public footpaths, stiles
- Nature
- More community events

The themes seem to fall naturally into four categories:

- A sense of community
- Amenities
- Environment - green spaces and rural location
- Roads, pavements, footpaths and connectivity

Meeting ended 9.20pm