



**Meeting of the Communications and Community
Engagement Committee on Tuesday 29 November at 7pm
at the River Bourne Community Farm**

MINUTES

Councillors present: Cllr Waller, Cllr Barker, Cllr Jones, Cllr Lynn

In attendance: Brain (Communications & Community Engagement Officer)

CCE.23.010 Apologies: Parish Clerk

CCE.23.011 Declarations of Interest: none given

The meeting opened at 7pm

CCE 23.012 Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on June 26th & Sept 25th 2023

CCE 23.013 Matters Arising: Christmas cards will be delivered to individual Cllrs with labelled envelopes or a list, for delivery. **Play Park** opening Sycamore Drive. Agreed that it was too late to offer an official opening given the delayed completion date coinciding with the new school term. It is due for an inspection and CCE Officer spent some time at the park talking to residents in the first week of opening. It is already a popular and well used park. CCE Officer has had lots of positive feedback. Officers have given a lot of attention to keeping Drakes Close clean but it is not as well-loved. There was some discussion about this committee becoming a **working group** to offer more flexibility to attend online. It was decided to defer the discussion until the next meeting in 2024.

CCE.23 014 Officers Report Website: poor wifi has resulted in some website items not updating. RFO has ordered a new wi-fi hub. Visit to Laverstock & Ford Sport. Club Cllr Waller and CCE Officer were invited to visit, we were particularly interested in Womens Football team as well as developing a stronger relationship. Dates kept changing at short notice but will re-establish contact in the New Year. Castle Hill Country Park – will speak to new officers at WWT and the Land Trust about holding an event next year provisional date set for a Fun Dog Show on Sun March 24.

CCE.23.015 **Newsletter 200th issue** Four extra pages were inserted. Lots of groups now vying for space. The History Group memoirs of local people has been well received and RFO is running a series on the people behind street names in Longhedge. Will only be holding advertisers waiting list open annually. Re-opening each January. PEAG members have audited quotes for new printer, with a focus on environmental impact of printing and have selected a printer in Old Sarum as their first choice based on eco-credentials, value for money and carbon neutrality.

CCE.23.016 **Love Your Parish** CCE Officer attended various Community pantry sessions and the half term Good Grub Club at OSL Community Centre. The Pantry is growing in numbers of members and attendance, they have introduced 'Warm Space and Chatty Café' with plans for partnership work with Silver Salisbury to encourage a wider age range. Plus the Centre is looking offering more community focused sessions such as a games night and Bingo sessions. The Operations Manager is setting up a Community Emergency Volunteer group (CEVS) which will link in with the PEAG and Footpath Wardens. The PEAG is holding an Open talk in January at the BDAC which will feature a speaker and environmental theme. Cllr Barker and CCE Officer will attend the Avon Bourne Care Home Open Day in January. The Community Police team is liaising with staff team on a bi-monthly basis to update and discuss arising issues. CCE Officer has attended Evolve meetings with Wiltshire Police. Cllr Jones discussed a litter pick in the new year, date set provisionally for February half-term at Riverdown Park. Youth Club has started at Hampton Park Pavilion, run by Salisbury City Communities Team. The Clerk and CCE Officer are investigating refurbishment or replacement of the artwork at the Castle Hill Country Park and are in discussions with the artist, and have sought quotes for the artwork designs to be reproduced in a more robust material. CCE Officer successfully passed a three day 'First Aid at Work' training course with Wiltshire Air Ambulance. Would like to see some first aid awareness courses around the parish, will see if a partner agency might be interested in delivering these.

CCE.23.017 **Exempt Business** None

The meeting closed at 8.39pm

NEXT MEETING. The next meeting of the Communications and Community Engagement Committee will be confirmed in the New Year.

Minutes Approved By Lesley Walker Date 2nd April
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Laverstock & Ford Parish Council