

Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Engagement Committee, held on 7th November 2017
at 9am. At the Church Rooms, Deerleap Lane, Colbury.

Present; Cllr Heather Richards (Chair) (HR), Cllr Emma Lacey (EL), Cllr Mike Thomas (MT), Cllr Clive White (CW)

Clerk: Helen Klaassen

The Chair welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

CE/020 Apologies for Absence.

Apologies accepted from Cllr Sturgess, due to illness.

Action

CE/021 Declarations of Interest.

None.

CE/022 Election of Vice Chair.

It was decided none was needed.

CE/023 Approval of the Minutes of CE Committee Meeting on 18th July 2017.

Cllr White stated he disagreed with the statement under minute CE/016 starting 'it was noted'.

Resolved; to remove that statement. The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chair.

CE/024 Matters Arising from the Minutes.

The article discussed under minute CE/014 had been written and printed in the magazine.

CE/025 Magazine.

The size of print was discussed as being potentially too small for those with impaired sight. It was agreed to investigate the cost and practicality of increasing the size of the magazine and consequently the font size.

CW

The photo competition was proceeding well, four entries had been received.

A new regular article was being included from a resident who would be writing about her time spent teaching in China.

The idea of running a short story competition was discussed and agreed upon. 500-word max. It would be run at the same time as the BBC's annual story competition and would be judged by independent adjudicators gleaned from local groups.

It would be open to Foxhills schools attendees and children within the parish.

Prize vouchers would be awarded of £30, £20, £10 for the higher age group and £15, £10, £5 for the younger age group.

It was agreed to ask Cllr Mans if he would act as one of the judges and if HCC would sponsor on behalf of child services and provide the prize money.

Clerk

CE/026 Website and Social Media.

It was agreed that Cllr Thomas would continue to look into this matter.

MT

It had been agreed to keep the PC's Facebook account separate from that of the new Residents FB page, as they clerk needed to control PC posts, but would share anything relevant from their page.

CE/027 Parish Plan Update.

More changes had been made. Feedback from the fun day had been beneficial and the questionnaire now had more 'free text' boxes, comments from which could be passed to the relevant committees.

The questionnaire had been expanded to cover things that may be considered 'future needs'.

It was noted that all the incidences of 'not satisfied' should be changed to 'dissatisfied' as it was less negative.

CE/028 Village in the Park Event. Review and forward planning.

Held in abeyance until the next meeting.

CE/029 Village Groups.

The Section 137 account could be used as grain aid for local groups, but an application process needed to be devised.

CE/030 Other Forthcoming Events;

- **Carol Evening**

20th December.

CW to liaise with Ian Dougherty regarding songs.

Clerk to email Ocean Harmony to ask if they would attend.

CW would provide an update at full council.

Poster would be prepared and put up in the village and in the magazine.

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- **December Meeting**

The Clerk would liaise with Cllr Lacey regarding the proceedings. It was decided to reduce the agenda and move the full council meeting to 6pm, in order that it would be finished by 7.30pm and guests could be asked to arrive for then.

CE/031 Precept and Forward Planning for 2017/18.

Addition of £500 for website maintenance and clerks time.

Parish Plan, potentially £1000.

Hearing loop, portable, could be considered in the future.

Consider moving fete money to VIP day budget.

CE/032 Any Other Business. (No decisions may be made under this heading, but information may be exchanged).

Matters for next meeting;

Village fun day

Website

Colbury Hall affiliation

Next meeting; 6th February, 9am.

Meeting closed 10.54am.

Signed: _____

Date: _____