

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF WATER ORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Held at the Pavilion, Openfield Croft, at 12.30pm on Wednesday 14 August 2024

Present: Cllr. N Freeman (Chair), Cllr. S Stuart, Cllr. K Brown, Cllr. D Room

Guests in Attendance: 0

Minute Taker & Clerk: Rachel Scully, clerk@wopc.org.uk

AGENDA

The clerk opened the meeting at 12.35pm.

Agenda Item:	Minute:	Action:
CE24.01	Election Of Chair:	
	Cllr N Freeman was elected to Chair the meeting.	
CE24.02	Public Participation:	
	No members of the public attended the meeting. The formal procedures were followed for the notice period of the meeting and display of the agenda.	
CE24.03	Apologies:	
	Cllr. C Chown	
CE24.04	Declarations of Interest and dispensations:	
	None	
CE24.05	General Discussions:	
	<p>General discussions took place to consider proposals regarding the method, suitability, practicality of sustainable communication with residents, communities and businesses.</p> <p>a) Media for communication-periodicity/content/audience. To consider placing articles in “The Bridge”, (but consideration should be given that there would be no editorial control) and “The Coleshill Post”. Use of the Water Orton Parish Council dedicated Facebook page. Use of the website to advertise events.</p> <p>Discussions about the “The Annual Parish Gathering” on whether it would be feasible to hold this type of event more than once a year, possibly for a date in October.</p> <p>Proposal for the website, to put useful contact numbers onto the website for businesses and other agencies such as HS2, BT, Severn Trent and other contacts for residents who may wish to make contact the if they have any problems or require further information when works being carried out. This would be in the form of an online spreadsheet. Cllr. Room to look in to compiling a list of the useful contact numbers.</p>	DR SS

	<p>Cllr Stuart to look into the online spreadsheet and look at the website for a “Question and Answers” space.</p> <p>Discussions regarding the proposal for a village newsletter. To trial a village newsletter to inform residents across the whole area of the village about community projects the Parish Council has supported and about events that are happening in the village. Cllr Stuart to consider all cost options.</p> <p>There were discussions about running a Village Awards Night.</p> <p>b) Stakeholders/working groups/volunteers/street champions Explore interest from stakeholders getting involved such as commercial businesses in Water Orton, shops, and HS2. To approach the villagers, churches, sports club, the nursing home, youth clubs, boys brigade, scouts and supper club, and those who hire the Pavilion. Cllr Stuart to obtain the timetable from the Link. The Clerk to provide the timetable for the Pavilion.</p> <p>Discussed that street champions could help with the delivery of the village newsletter.</p> <p>To explore whether there are people who would be interested in setting up a working group to work for the Parish Council in running clubs and to consider whether these could be in partnership with others such as the school.</p> <p>c) Opportunities for engagement-meeting spaces/event types. Consider facilitating the running of events for the community, with the use of the Pavilion, the Robert Lloyd room, the library and the school hall. Cllr. Brown to consider and explore event types.</p> <p>Consider events such a quiz night (explore whether any groups round the village would become involved such as Company of the Curtain hosting a murder mystery night.</p> <p>Proposal to holding a big village quiz around Halloween, with fish and chips with donations to school.</p> <p>Cllr. Stuart to explore access to funding for the event.</p> <p>d) Promoting Water Orton Parish Council. Explore the possibility of the newsletter online Look into a Twitter account. Proposal for name change of the Parish Council to reflect a more proactive and visible council. The Clerk to look into the proposal for the name change in readiness for the Full Council Parish meeting set for Thursday 25 September at 7.00pm.</p>	<p>SS</p> <p>SS RS</p> <p>KB</p> <p>SS</p>
CE24.06	Date, Time and Place of the next Community Engagement Committee Meeting:	
	<p>It was proposed that the meetings take place monthly, and it was agreed the next Community Engagement Committee Meeting should be set for Wednesday 11th September at 12.30pm. The place is to be confirmed. The Clerk to consider the “Terms of Reference” for the meeting.</p>	

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 3.00pm.

Signed:.....

Dated:

Chairman Initials.....