

# Recreation, Events & Amenities Advisory Group

Meeting of 3rd January 2024 8pm at Hartlebury Parish Hall Committee Room

Present: Clare Atkinson, John Cosham, Allun Evans, Ed Hancocks,  
John Hellens, Jan Hipkins & Chris Neale,

## Draft MINUTES

1. **Election of Chair** - Chris Neale elected as Chair with Jan Hipkins as Vice-Chair
2. **Apologies:** Keenan Pratt
3. **Community Conversation 2 (CC2)** - Previous to this meeting John Hellens had circulated an Action Plan, which were his first thoughts, in order to stimulate discussion. Using this as a guide the group began to go through it making comments and suggestions.

The Group debated the format and details of CC2 as they wanted to put forward their thoughts to full council for discussion. It was queried if the Clerk had booked the hall for 15th February 4pm until 7:30pm (to be confirmed).

It was felt that the original format used for Community Conversation1 (CC1) worked well, so could be replicated for CC2. Each Advisory Group Chair will be asked to suggest what their group would like to be included on a table alongside the topics that had been highlighted at CC1.

Topic tables of 6ft as before with vertical display boards sited behind. Post-it notes and pens available on the tables for writing comments. Possibly having a power point presentation using a laptop or a projector to assist at one table. Each table will be the responsibility of at least two councillors.

**Planning Advisory Group** could include a presentation on the Solar farms and battery storage utilising what had been shown at the Ombersley Memorial Hall. Ed volunteered to make enquiries about this. It was also mooted that representation from both 'those against' and 'those for' the Solar farms ought to be invited to be on hand, as they would be more qualified to answer attendees questions.

**Crime, Speeding, Traffic & Road Safety Advisory Group** could update on VAS positioning and thoughts on going forward. Fly tipping being another major problem along with speeding. It is hoped that recruitment of volunteers to form a Speed Awareness Group could be achieved at CC2.

**Recreation, Events & Amenities Advisory Group** would like to promote the idea of establishing a 'Hartlebury Hero' competition via the HPC website and the CC2 event. Also, they would like to approach the Hartlebury School (via the Clerk writing to the Head) to talk about setting up a Youth Council to be held at the school. Other topics and concerns were:

- Removal of the concrete blocks from the Hall's car park so that the Recycling Pods may be returned (has the Clerk received a response or written again about those blocks?)
- More dog poo bins - Clerk to be asked to investigate the cost and process of obtaining more
- Footpaths & hedgerows, perhaps the Clerk could invite the Footpath Warden to CC2 if full council agree?

- Wychavon Parish Games. If full council agree, the Clerk could send an invitation to attend CC2 to the Chairman of the WPG (Doug Langdon) so he could explain everything in person. This advisory group think that it will take a lot of organising and will need a lot of volunteers, time and enthusiasm to set this up and hopefully with the aim to be ready to join in by 2025. The Cribbage, Ladies Darts, Mens Darts, Dominoes, Pool & Skittles are held in August through to October. The Angling, Bell Boating, Bowls, Cross Country, Mens 5-a-side, Pétanque, Rounders, Junior Table tennis & Senior Table Tennis are all held on a knockout tournament throughout June to November. If all events were to be entered it will cost HPC a max of £80.

**Digital Communications Advisory Group** might like to display their newly launched social media platforms and provide information about live streaming of council meetings in the future. They may also have information to show on the prospect for security cameras around the MUGA & car parks which full council have already discussed.

JH had attended the Wychavon District Council event “Planning Communities Together” on 23 November. The Community Officer for North Wychavon, Patrick Connelly has been approached by JH and may attend CC2, if full council agree. He could explain the ways in which the District Council can offer resources of people and money for developing community support. This could include working with youth, support for the elderly & support for young families.

It was noted from JH’s notes that the deadline for an article inviting attendance at CC2 to go into the Parish Magazine February issue falls on 19th January. Perhaps the same advert as before could be used, with just the dates changed?

4. **Annual Parish Meeting** - The group suggests that plans ought to be put in place for this Annual meeting, an agenda needs to be formulated and speakers need to be booked. Looking at the availability on the Parish Hall calendar, Wednesday 24th April is free if full council decide to book this. (Usually 5.30pm for 6pm meeting until 7.30pm)
5. **Next meeting** - to be advised. Meeting closed at 9pm.

## SUMMARY

### Items requiring Full Council’s discussion &/or approval:

**Tables** ~ Topics / decide on allocation of Councillors for each table  
**Annual Parish Meeting** ~ set a date & agenda & guest speakers

### For Full Council to agree for the Clerk to contact:

**Solar Farm information** ~ Ombersley Parish Council Chair for Action against Solar Farms powerpoint presentation and Landowner/Farmer at Norchard.  
**Speed Awareness Group** ~ local PCSO Ben Mawby  
**Youth Council** ~ Hartlebury School Headteacher  
**Dog Poo Bins** ~ Wychavon District Council to get quotes & details  
**Footpaths** ~ Footpath Warden  
**Parish Games** ~ Doug Langdon, Chair WPG  
**North Wychavon DC Community Officer** ~ Patrick Connelly  
**Hartlebury Parish Magazine** ~ to insert an advert by 19th January