

Wheatley Parish Council Wellbeing Committee Minutes

Thursday 8th July at 11.30am

Present: P Ramsdale (PR), A Sercombe (AS), L Tully (LT), P Willmott (PW) (Chair)

Officer: Michelle Legg, Clerk to the Parish Council (Clerk) **Members of Public:** 6*

Meeting started at 11.30 am and closed at 12.35

No	Item	Initial
11.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – none	
12.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – none	
13.	TO RECEIVE MINUTES FROM MEETING ON 26TH MAY 2021 were signed, by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting. There were no outstanding actions.	
14.	TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE CHAIRMAN Chairman thanked those who has returned their 'Change' document and reminded others to return them to the Chairman or Clerk by 31st July 2021. Any organisation that requires further advice or assistance is urged to contact the council.	Groups
15.	TO DISCUSS RETURNED CHANGE MODELS Covered in item 14.	
16.	TO INVITE REPRESENTATIVES OF COMMUNITY GROUPS TO SPEAK ON HEALTH AND WELLBEING ISSUES WITHIN THE COMMUNITY UNDER THE THEME OF LONELINESS	

The meeting was opened to the public at this point and discussions took place on the theme of tackling loneliness.

Wheatley Parish Council – hope to start a Youth Council in the Autumn (this has been delayed due to C-19). Funding for a youth club was not successful. Another application is being made. Council may need to consider funding in-house.

Wheatley Primary School – have begun to develop a wider understanding of wellbeing within the school environment and with pupils and their families.
An initiative is being launched in the Autumn to increase intergenerational activities. More information will be available soon.

Fusion – offer a weekly Youth Club, which is attended by approx. 20 children and employs a Youth Leader. WPC to contact Wheatley Community Church to discuss involvement in village Youth activities.

Good Neighbourhood Scheme – are concerned over low numbers of volunteers who have come forward, but they are arranging an information fair on 4th September. They have found that engaging with residents who have not been outside for many months is hard. The key is finding shared interests.
It was suggested that a clear job/volunteer role is created so that people are clear of the commitment, skills etc.

Active Communities – are offering Move Together Project. Information

Other comments: Renewing Village Information Leaflet.

17. TO DISCUSS NEW OPPORTUNITIES

Communication was identified as being key. The council provides many opportunities to share information. It is also about to start a consultation on this topic, which the whole community can respond to. The results will feed into a Communication Policy. In the meantime it is available to spread information and opportunities across the village.

It was agreed to organise a Coffee and Cake event sometime in the next 4-8 weeks. This would complement any existing offering but would be free and open to all. Involving other organisations would be helpful and will be contacted.

Intergenerational engagement, befriending opportunities may exist between older residents and those from either Brookes, language school or possibly Wheatley Park School. These are to be explored further.

18. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND ITEMS NEEDING URGENT ATTENTION – None

19. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION - None

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – To be arranged for September 2021

*The following community groups were represented: Wheatley Good Neighbour Scheme, St Mary's PCC, Active Communities, Wheatley Primary School, Wheatley Society.