

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting
held in Carbrooke Village Hall on 11 April 2023**

Present: Cllrs G Redfern (Chair), J Borrett, N Defew, M Mawby, D Page, L Poole, S Yerby. In attendance: N Hartley (Parish Clerk) Cllr H Crane (Breckland Council). Six members of the public.

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Tinson and Cllr Bowes (Norfolk County Council).

2 Minutes

The meeting confirmed and the Chair signed the minutes of the meeting held on 12 April 2022.

3 Parish Affairs

None.

4 Chair's Report

Cllr Redfern submitted the following report.

This year, has again been a busy year for the Parish Council. During the course of the year it has seen the resignations of Councillors Sampher, Wormall, Long and Tinson. The Council would like to thank Councillor Tinson for all the work she has done since taking over as Chair, much of it behind the scenes. They have been ably replaced by Councillors Defew, Yerby, Poole and Page.

The New Community Hub is now fully functional, having been formally opened by Lady Dannatt on the 20th May.

After taking advice the Parish Council appointed a sub committee to run the Hub. This now appears to be operating well and already several activities/functions are taking place. These have been well attended.

The Parish Council agreed that during the winter months (Oct-March) it would meet at the Hub and the summer months would meet at the village hall.

Solar Lights have been installed at the village hall car park, which has made it a much better place to park.

The Parish Council has continued to Welcome applications from the wider Parish and village organisations.

The Parish Council has received grants for two flagpoles, one at the village hall and one at the Hub.

There are ongoing plans to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles the Third.

After some discussion it was decided to leave the two War Memorials in their current position. As it was considered too costly to have them moved.

5 County Councillor's Report

Cllr Bowes (Norfolk County Council) submitted the following report.

Norfolk County Council Budget for 2023/24 approved by councillors

Norfolk County Council has set its latest budget, which tackles spending pressures and protects key services.

The budget approved includes:

- A net spending increase of £29.6m to meet rising costs
- A Council Tax increase in line with the Government's cap of 4.99 per cent – 2.99 per cent for general Council Tax and two per cent for the adult social care precept. This would increase the County Council's share of band D bills from £1,516.95 to £1,592.64.
- A "significant proportion" of the £59.7m savings coming from "doing things better for less", including £17m from the first phase of a strategic review of the council

The proposed spending for each department is:

- Adult social services, £249.5m
- Children's services, £232.6m
- Community and environmental services, £177.1m
- Strategy and transformation, £12.8m
- Finance and commercial services, £35.8m

The meeting also considered £956.9m capital investment in buildings and equipment, funded by grants and property sales. In addition to a range of existing schemes, like the Great Yarmouth Third River Crossing and investment in special education needs (SEND) schools, there are new investments totalling £35m:

- County Farms refurbishment and carbon reduction schemes (£9.4m)
- The rolling Technology Improvement programme (£8.2m)
- Scottow Enterprise Park refurbishment (£8.6m)
- Estate Buildings Decarbonisation initiatives (£4m)
- Highways improvements (£2.5m)
- Fire and Rescue services equipment and site improvements (£1.2m)

- Expansion of waste recycling sites and services (£0.51m)
- One Million Trees for Norfolk (£0.5m)

£133m for highways and transport in Norfolk over the next year

Carbon-cutting transport schemes are set for a £29 million boost in Norfolk, despite the tough financial climate.

Norfolk County Council's Cabinet approved a forward looking and carbon-cutting transport budget for the new financial year at a meeting on Monday 6 March.

At £133m the 2023/24 highways and transport budget represents a £29m increase on the previous year's budget. Despite inflation being expected to dent the authority's spending power the highway and transport team have been focusing on maintaining and improving the network and continuing strong investment in carbon cutting transport strategies.

£50m Bus Service Improvement Plan Funding for Norfolk

Norfolk County Council was only one of around 30 authorities who successfully received an allocation from the Bus Service Improvement Plan from government, receiving one of the largest allocations at £50m. The first £10m phase of this funding was received in November 2022. Through our Enhanced Partnership, we are now working closely with the Bus operators to implement enhanced routes and services as well as reviewing infrastructure and fares to encourage passenger growth and improved bus journey reliability. This should enable bus routes to be more sustainable in the long term. Following the receipt of the first payment, measures have already been implemented. which includes an increased frequency on the Coastliner 36 service, more frequent buses from North Walsham to Norwich and new late night bus services serving Thorpe St Andrew, Thorpe End, Rackheath, Salhouse, Wroxham and **Watton**.

Thousands more trees and hedgerows to be planted in Norfolk this winter

As part of the [1 Million Trees for Norfolk project](#) Norfolk County Council is preparing to plant more than 75,000 young trees and hedges across the county this winter.

In 2019, Norfolk County Council agreed an ambitious scheme to plant a million trees over five-years. The pandemic brought many challenges and caused delays which meant at the end of last year the total planted trees stood at just over 68,000.

Now the project is picking up pace rapidly, and early in 2023 the Council's Hedge Restoration Fund will planted 55,000 hedge and tree plants on six County Farms owned by Norfolk County Council.

The hedges will see improvements in nature connectivity across the farms by filling in gaps in hedgerows. This is particularly good for our wildlife as it helps join up habitats and provides corridors for wildlife to safely travel along. The project is funded by a grant from The Tree Council.

£1.5m boost for 12 pioneering jobs and skills projects

From commercial use of seaweed to improving home insulation – 12 projects to boost Norfolk's economy are set to receive £1.5 million from the county council.

Cabinet approved funding for 12 pilot projects to shape Norfolk's economic future, using £1.5 million from the local business rates fund.

The proposed projects are the first phase of the Norfolk Investment Framework (NIF), which will identify long-term investment priorities for the county, to boost the economy and improve public services.

I'm pleased to say that one of the successful projects was the Wayland Digital and creative Media Centre in Watton which secured 125k in funding from the County Council. I have been very pleased to support this initiative and the funding will help facilitate the first stage of the project.

Norfolk's Social Infrastructure Fund gives 10 organisations money to improve community impact

Norfolk County Council has awarded £770,000 to organisations who will be able to make a large positive impact in the communities in which they operate.

This is the third round of Social Infrastructure Funding, which has provided capital grants to organisations who can use the money to improve facilities for communities and boost the level of local community services. This year's funding pot totalled £1 million, with £225,000 to continue the successful partnership with Norfolk Community Foundation in expanding their Nourishing Norfolk food hubs across the county, and £775,000 available for individual projects to improve communities across Norfolk.

Again I was very pleased to see the successful bid for funding made by the Charlotte Harvey Trust, who will receive £38,000 for refurbishments at the Youth and Community Centre in Watton.

Care farm among six new tenancies for Norfolk's County Farms

Norfolk County Council has welcomed six new tenants to its county farms estate later this year.

Among the new tenants are two couples who are set to join forces to create a new care farm in west Norfolk. NHS workers Alex and Ed Webster will be working with Ben

& Gemma Human to set up Ingleborough Care Farm after they discovered both parties were interested in applying for the same tenancy.

In total the six new tenants have taken on just under 750 acres of county farms land from October last year. This follows a thorough application process that began at the end of last year and recently concluded with an interview with a panel of experts.

Norfolk Museum Service secures further funding

In November 2022, Norfolk Museums Service secured £4.126 million of Arts Council England National Portfolio Organisation funding for the period 2023-2026. The funding will enable Norfolk Museums Service to deliver new Early Years' programmes across the County, expand our formal learning offer, deliver new targeted programmes to young people 11-25, along with a range of new health & wellbeing activities for residents of all ages. The funding will also support the delivery of new community learning programmes through the NCC Environment Hub at Gressenhall.

No Cold Calling Zones introduced

308 individual No-Cold-Calling Zones (NCCZ) have been set up in the county with 11 new zones being launched in 2022. The 308 NCCZs protect 14,474 individual households across the county.

NCCZs are designated areas where residents have declared that they will not accept traders calling at their homes without an appointment, and act as a deterrent to traders and bogus callers who don't want to be recognised as working in a particular area. The zones are particularly useful and effective in areas where residents might be at a higher risk from cold calling, such as neighbourhoods with a large number of vulnerable or elderly residents. Creating an NCCZ is an effective way of helping to protect them and send a clear signal that residents do not wish to be approached in their homes.

Trading Standards follows up all reports of cold calling in an NCCZ, which may simply involve finding out why a trader has ignored the zone but may include more formal action. While there is no law preventing cold calling, consumers have 14 days to cancel contracts which have a value of more than £42 when signed at their home or place of work. Traders who do not issue a cancellation notice allowing the 14-day cooling off period are breaking the law and Trading Standards may be able to take enforcement action in these case

£1m funding for out of school activity facilities

Active Norfolk, who are hosted and supported by Norfolk County Council, have secured £1m to support schools to open their facilities outside of school hours to enable local communities to be more active.

Working with the Integrated Care System through 2022, Norfolk County Council will be launching an ongoing programme to enable people to access physical activity opportunities as part of the treatment pathway for long-term conditions such as diabetes, stroke, and cancer. The programme will also build community capacity to support greater equity of access to opportunities for people all across the county.

Working closely with Children's Services, we provided holiday activities and food at Easter, during the summer holidays and over Christmas, for around 10,000 children in 2022. Around 1 in 5 of those children were those with a disability or SEN. This was delivered by c.100 local community providers and invested c.£2m into local organisations.

Adult Learning leads the delivery of numeracy skills of adult residents in Norfolk

The need nationally to improve the numeracy skills of both children and adults has been highlighted recently both through central government and the media.

Norfolk has received £4.7 million to improve the numeracy skills of adult residents through a government initiative called Multiply. This funding will last until the end of March 2025, and by then our target is to secure 11,000 adult registrations onto Multiply programmes in Norfolk.

Adult Learning is leading the delivery of this major new programme, delivering both in-house and through grant funding arrangements with the colleges and other, smaller organisations and grassroots providers. The funding enables us to work with small groups and even individuals on a one-to-one basis.

The funding targets adults who need support with and lack confidence in their numeracy skills and a wide range of interventions are already taking place across the county. These include:

- Introductory courses which help increase people's confidence with numbers
- Courses designed to help people understand and manage their money, particularly during the cost-of-living crisis
- Specific workplace courses, delivered with employers to provide skills relevant to the workplace
- Numeracy courses aimed at parents who want to increase their own skills to be able to better help their children
- Additional maths modules built into existing vocational courses
- Intensive and flexible courses which lead to a Functional Skills Qualification.

Whilst the Council is in the early stages of the programme, this funding has already made a difference to some of the first learners to complete a course.

Norfolk to benefit from new Family Hubs and Start for Life funding

Children and parents in Norfolk are to benefit from a new cradle to career approach to family support.

The government has announced that Norfolk County Council will be one of 75 local authorities receiving some of the £302m new Family Hubs and Start for Life funding.

It means the county will receive approximately £6m to further develop its prevention and early help services for families with children and young people up to the age of 19 (25 if they have special educational needs and disabilities).

This is not about introducing a new service or opening new buildings but to allow the county to further develop support for families. Using a whole family approach, the Family Hubs network will give families a single access point to support services that are integrated across health (physical and mental health) and social care as well as voluntary and community organisations and education.

Whilst there will be at least seven physical Family Hub sites in existing community buildings, which families will be able to walk into, services will be delivered largely on an outreach basis. The Family Hub approach will bring together a wide range of services so that families can access support in the spaces and places that they live and visit, such as libraries and community buildings.

The Family Hubs network will provide simple access to 'Start for Life' services, providing the best support for babies in the first 1,001 critical days from conception to the age of two, setting them up to maximise their potential for lifelong emotional and physical wellbeing including:

- Perinatal mental health and parent-infant relationships support for families who are expecting a baby or have a baby under the age of two
- Infant feeding support services
- Parenting support for parents of children aged 0-2
- Home learning environment support for parents of children aged 3-4

Locally, through NCC Highways Dept, we are applying for Government funding to finance a scheme to reduce the speed limit past Carbrooke school and through Caudle Springs, I will keep you updated on the progress/success of the application.

6 Breckland Councillor's Report

Cllr Crane (Breckland Council) submitted the following report.

It has been an honour and a pleasure to serve this ward over the last 4 years and I hope to be able to continue to do so after the local elections. The ward covers a large

geographical area stretching from Bradenham through to Scoulton with over 2,500 households. I have been proactive in attending parish council meetings and other committee meetings of community groups. I have been able to get to know many residents and community groups who I have helped along the way. I was pleased to instigate a surgery with both MP George Freeman and County Councillor Claire Bowes at Carbrooke. I have successfully supported many grants in the ward including Jubilee celebrations, green grant funding at both Saham Toney and Carbrooke millennium Green and match fund grants at Bradenham Cricket club, Saham Toney Sports pavilion, Carbrooke Community Hub, Carbrooke Millennium Green, The Wayland partnership and most recently the Kings Coronation grants for community celebrations.

Here are a few key Breckland Council achievements from 2022-2023

Thriving Places

750k has been invested in our 5 market towns to support the local high street. We are supporting economic growth in the district by project managing and funding a new electric sub-station in Snetterton. 4.2 million allocated to help businesses bounce back from Covid. Refurbished the Queen Mothers Garden in Dereham. Supported over 45 new enterprises and created over 65 jobs with a successful start-up programme. Secured 1.6million national funding to for local projects to boost local skills and training, reduce carbon emissions and support our most vulnerable residents. Started to plan how we will help people in Breckland access better homes through a new strategic housing plan.

Inspiring communities

Providing accommodation for our residents by investing over 4.6million in emergency housing. We have supported the Daisy programme with 100k over 3 years to help the survivors of domestic abuse. Supported local communities by introducing a local food store and a mobile food bus. Along with MIND and YANA have trained over 200 mental health first aiders throughout the district. Our new social prescribers are easing pressures on the national health service. We have piloted a new handyperson scheme to help people stay in their own homes and avoid admission to care homes. We have awarded over 120k to local community projects. Over 12k given in grants for the Platinum Jubilee celebrations and launched a 10k educational bursary. We welcomed almost 100 Ukrainians into the district and have worked with partners and families to provide temporary accommodation.

Sustainability and the local environment.

We have reduced our CO2 emissions by 437T since 2019/20 and invested in £850k in LED street lights, reduced emissions at Elizabeth house . Along with SERCO we have been trialling alternatives to chemical weed treatment. New pool covers and LED lights have been installed at our 2 leisure centres.

We have taken action against 100 offenders for fly tipping or littering.

We have distributed 100k in grants to enable communities to further their own green agenda. Contracts have been awarded in Swaffham and Watton for EV charging points.

Planted 700 trees in Attleborough and Swaffham and a further 3000 trees will be planted at Oxburgh Hall in partnership with the National Trust.

Supported more businesses by providing cost effective trade waste collections which will generate an income to be ploughed back into other Council services.

Alongside our normal waste collections we have introduced battery collections and small electrical items.

Increased the protection of our natural environment by employing a forestry officer.

Working Smarter

Made our website more user friendly and accessible for our residents, particularly those with a disability. Breckland is in the top 10 councils for website accessibility.

Enabled residents to get answers to their queries 24/7 through our new Chatbot 'Bobbie' and soon residents will be able to get answers to their queries through Alexa.

Generated nearly 3.4 million from commercial property which enables us to do far more than statutory services for our residents.

Made £344k efficiencies this financial year.

Processed over 5million£ of government money in council tax rebate payments.

High levels of trust from residents with 79% telling us so in a recent survey.

We have the lowest council tax for any District Council in Norfolk. A band D property saw an increase of £4.95 per year for all statutory services. 75% of our residents live in Bands A-C and the increase will be much less.

This report shows that Breckland Council is not a 'Lights on only' Council we do so much more to enhance the lives of our residents and make Breckland a good and safe place to live, work and thrive.

7 Village Hall Report

Debbie Muller delivered the following report.

Carbrooke Village Hall has had a busy year as it tried to attract new business and carry out renovation work following 18 months of disruption because of Covid. In June, the Hall succeeded in winning a grant of just under £7000 from the National Lottery to set up a Heritage centre in the Hall. This was a joint application done with the village's heritage group. Having received it, the Portakabin has been renovated to turn it into the hub for the heritage centre and a range of wall materials for the Portakabin and Hall commissioned. The centre is now open three mornings a week for anyone

interested in the parish's history or wanting to trace their roots. The village school has also been bringing classes to the hall to learn about local history. Angela Weatherill deserves a huge thank you for all her hard work in bringing this project to fruition.

In the hall, a newly established entertainments committee has been set up to organise a monthly event to bring in more people to the hall and to build up our profile in the area. So far we have seen pig racing nights, band nights and quiz nights. A murder mystery evening is planned for later this month and there are more bands books in the months ahead so please come along. All events have had good attendances and there have been great takings at the bar. Many thanks to Rob Poole, Angela Birkby and Chrissy Hewitt for their organising and please do come along. You will have fun.

On the subject of events, the Village Hall has also just received a £400 grant from Breckland Council to put on a Coronation event. We are planning a right royal knees up on the Sunday afternoon of May 7, the day after the Coronation, with plenty of bunting, food and the bar open. Admission is free but will be ticketed so we can control numbers and amount of food bought. If you would like a ticket visit our Facebook page or website.

Beyond these one-off events, we have regular clubs coming in such as yoga, creative and dancing. The bar is open on Friday evenings and every other Sunday and we have a very successful café on Wednesdays. A big thank you to Angela Birkby and Alan Willer for putting in such hard work to organise these and tend the bar.

To try to improve the hall and bring in more people, renovation work is going on to update the hall. This is an uphill task as we are not funded by parish taxpayer's money unlike the Community Hub. At present, rewiring work is progressing and we are soon to install a projector and speakers. This will allow for a better sound system and we hope will lead to the setting up of a film club or at least film evenings. While we carried out major renovation work before the pandemic to rebuild the kitchen/toilet and bar area, the main corrugated roof on the hall needs work to do as it is old and lacks insulation. We are currently getting quotes for replacing and then will be seeking more grants to try to pay for the renovation.

Finally, if anyone has a club or an event that they would like to hold at the Hall, we would be delighted to hear from you. You can find us on Facebook or carbrokevillagehall.co.uk

8 Millennium Green Report

Jerry Darby delivered the following report.

We have seen a few changes of trustees, now 8 as follows.

Jerry Darby Chair/Secretary

Nathan DeFew Treasurer

Will Durgan

Edit Davies

Helen Gore

Trevor Carlin

Clare Talbot

Jo Naylor

Easier year to manage with no Covid restrictions. The year saw a severe drought which impacted on the flora and fauna. Benefits were less grass cutting and we didn't lose water from the wildlife pond one of the few ponds which didn't completely dry up.

We have continued to cut less grass and created pathways through the lower field allowing wildflowers to flourish.

We have planted a commemorative tree in honour of the late Queen and replaced the Bob Buscall tree both courtesy of the PC. We have also planted several native trees courtesy of the Queens Canopy initiative.

Following donations for a memorial bench for a Carbrooke resident and regular user of the green this was installed at the front of the wood.

We were successful in two Tesco bags of help grant applications. We have used the money from the first to further restore the pond and the second money yet to be confirmed will go towards a wild life information board trail around the site.

We have successfully won grant funding from the Breckland PC Green initiative schemes. One is well in progress, restoring the wild flower meadows and the large children's maze. The second was funding to purchase a wood chipper to reduce the burning of prunings and generate a sustainable supply of wood chip for the paths. Dawe estates have been very helpful with the former project and have also helped with hedge cutting which was beyond the abilities of the volunteers.

We have been able to engage with the Community Payback project from January and have been very grateful for their help with the more heavy lifting. We have a workforce of around 7/10 people fortnightly and this will enable us to be more ambitious with projects. This will greatly enhance the core of volunteers we currently have to call on. We are grateful to the village hall for allowing us to use the toilets on work days.

We are trying to engage more with social media to show everyone what we are doing and elicit feedback. The usage of the green is always growing particularly with the increasing population of Carbrooke and neighbouring parishes. The school continues to use the green for forest school and we are keen to maintain a dialogue.

We have engaged with wildlife agencies who have given advice where required, attending pond maintenance workshops and had local visits. We are pleased we have a breeding pair of barn owls who are being monitored regularly.

Money is always tight for us to achieve our ambitious plans and we are always looking for grant streams we can tap into. We are again grateful to the Parish Council for their

continued moral and financial support especially around our insurance without which we couldn't function.

9 Carbrooke Heritage Group Report

Angela Weatherill delivered the following report.

The year began slowly following the easing of lockdown, due to a number of our members being unwell or shielding.

However things soon took off. We approached the Village Hall committee, for use of the Portacabin as a permanent centre, where we could store and exhibit, all our memorabilia and artefacts.

The Village Hall committee applied for and won an HLF grant on our behalf to convert the portacabin behind the village hall into a Heritage centre.

Members of the group spent time converting it, and it was officially launched at the Bazaar in November. We aim to be open three mornings a week.

We had a series of parish history boards produced, which are on display around the village hall.

In March we helped the school with their local history project on 2 occasions, inviting them to the village hall, and providing information and tasks for them. They all seemed to enjoy it, and were very enthusiastic.

We are now working on a new project with 'Nimble' a photo and film making company in Dereham, to create a parish wide documentary style film, of Carbrooke, past and present. In recent years, as with many other parts of the country, Carbrooke has undergone major changes. It will also be an interesting reminder of a new era, with the Coronation of a new monarch. The project is proving very exciting, we hope that members of the Parish council will take part, along with many other organisations in the parish who have been contacted. We aim to have it ready for November for a public showing, to complete the year since we launched the Heritage centre.

We also held a 'Tea and Memories' afternoon tea in May 2022, and Harvest Tea in September.

On the last weekend of April this year we have some visitors from Australia, descended from the Vicar of Carbrooke late 1800's.

10 Carbrooke PCC Report

Angela Weatherill delivered the following report.

Church congregations have been rather low, following lockdown, and as a result of regular churchgoers and their families having longterm health problems. As this year has begun, numbers are beginning to rise.

However, we have continued to maintain a weekly service, with our own Authorised Worship Assistants leading services. Followed by coffee. We still do not have a Vicar in the Benefice, following Revd Jane's retirement in August 2021. Rev'd Tim, who used to live in Carbrooke, takes Communion services roughly monthly if he is available.

Regular special services, such as 'Darkness to Light Advent service', 'Remembrance service', and extras such as the Platinum Jubilee and Service of Thanks giving for Queen Elizabeth II have also been held. The school use the church for special services. St John Ambulance Norfolk, also hold their Christmas Carol service in Carbrooke Church.

We have had several funerals during the year, with one or two baptisms and weddings.

The building continues to deteriorate, and it is becoming increasingly difficult for the small congregation to maintain. The heating is becoming less efficient.

However out of the blue, a lecturer from the College of West Anglia, popped in before a service, to offer his services to find some options for installing renewable sources of heating, using the students to help with some of the work. We have had a couple of meetings with him, and he has a particular family interest in the connection with Knights Hospitallers.

Last autumn, Mark Ward planted a selection of Daffodil bulbs along the church path, which are now in full bloom and looking lovely. They were donated in memory of a former churchgoer.

Keeping the churchyard in order continues to be a problem. Now the Community payback workers are back at the village Green, we hope they might also be able to help us too.

Our most recent service for Easter Sunday attracted more of our congregation back, and hopefully the better weather, will encourage those with health problems to attend more regularly. We also had a reasonably well attended Good Friday service.

We will be holding a Service to celebrate the Coronation on 7th May.

11 Carbrooke Fuel Allotment Charity Report

Paul Kerrison submitted the following report.

At last years Fuel Allotment Charity A G M in April, held by kind permission of Derek Watts at his home ,I Paul Kerrison was duly elected, proposed and seconded as a trustee of said Charity .

Sadly Derek Watts after over thirty years of dedicated service to the charity has decided to stand down as a trustee, We are now in need of two more trustees, so anyone wishing to put themselves forward, please apply in writing to Secretary/ treasurer of Carbrooke Fuel Allotment Charity ,Jo Borrett 4, Willow Corner, Carbrooke with your application .

In December 2022 ,39 Elderly persons grants of £35.00 each were paid out ,along with 5 disabled grants of £30;00 each to Carbrooke residents, making a total of £1,415:00.

Annual returns are submitted to The Charity Commission as they request a year in arrears, so year ending Dec 2020 were as follows ; income £5,896,-63 expenditure £5,896-63 bank balance community account £1,871-70 and Business Saver £2,549-63 .

12 Blenheim Grange Residents Association/Runway Community Group Report

Laura Fox submitted the following report.

The Blenheim Grange Residents Association has been involved with the local community by granting £100 to the Community Hub Carbrooke for Christmas decorations, £100 for materials at the Crafty Coffee group and supplied storage bags for the storage of the second-hand uniform sale.

In the past 12 months the Blenheim Grange Resident Association has only been able to meet once, an AGM in November, where they found no new members wanted places within the committee in the absence of Mr Wormall stepping down as Chair. This meant that the association would have to think of new measures or to cease.

After the meeting Laura Fox proposed that she take the Chair and convert the association into a community group, opening it up to the wider community living in the area. This has been agreed. The constitution and bank account have been changed over and current recruitment of committee members is underway. Once the committee is together a meeting will be held to create a proposal in order to assist resident and the community hub.