



## **GRIFFYDAM COMMUNITY GROUP**

### **MEETING NOTES – 26 October 2015**

Attendees: George, Cliff, Sylvia, Brenda, Katy, David, Amanda, Bis, John, Steve (part)

Apologies: Kevin, Sarah, Carole

#### **Review Of Actions From Last Meeting**

- Katy to advise Sylvia on how to update the GCG website.
- Carole is preparing a mockup of lettering for the Notice Board and the cost will be shared 3 ways between the PC, GCG and School. Keys for the Notice Board will be available once the lettering is in place.
- The Easyfundraising registration process has been completed. The response has been disappointing with only 3 registered users so far. Sylvia/Katy to promote via the next newsletter.
- Access to the Beaumont Centre to view the venue for the Xmas Barn Dance has not been possible as the caretaker has not been available due to personal reasons. Sylvia to contact the chairman of the Centre to assess the current situation.
- The overgrown grass and hedging on the paths from Top Road & Middle Road to Bottom Road have been cleared. Many thanks to Carole for following up with the County Council. We need to ensure that these paths are maintained.
- David to liaise with Sylvia on a letter of recommendation to the Methodist Church Committee to environmentally manage the graveyard prior to the next Methodist Church Committee meeting on the 11 November.
- Information about the free trees and hedging offered by NWLDC was included in the last newsletter. Distribution of the trees will take place in Coalville on 22 November.
- Following further enquiries there are no grants for the acquisition of village gates/planters - these will have to be funded by ourselves.
- Designs for the sunflower certificates were approved. Sylvia to arrange printing of the certificates for the Chapel 'tots' and pass these to Cliff along with the medals provided by Brenda.
- Katy has written to the Headmaster about the status of the school's letter supporting village speed reductions/calming measures but has not heard back. George to follow up with the Headmaster. Carole to follow up the letter of support from the PC.
- Brenda, Sylvia and Amanda to arrange a date for planting the daffodil bulbs around the entrances to the village.

- Speed limit bin stickers costs £5 per batch. Expenditure approved and Katy to purchase.
- Katy has enquired about the replacement of Griffydam's community officer - name of current main contact for Griffydam is Jason.
- Many thanks to David for seeding the path clearing on Rempstone Road.
- The Three Houses walk was a great success and our thanks go to Darren and Andrea for organising the event. Pam/David who participated in the walk have offered to arrange another walk for the village in January.
- Tickets for the Xmas barn dance have been designed by Katy who will email the draft to the group for feedback.
- Katy to confirm the date for the first meeting of the Book Club.
- Many thanks to Katy for the successful application of the North West Leicestershire Health and Well Being Grant (£250). The grant will be used to help with the promotion and marketing of future village events as part of our Get Griffydam Going initiative. A condition of the grant is to report back on all activities including the diversity of the participants.
- Photographs for the Griffydam Calendar to be submitted in high resolution JPEG format. There will be no specific theme for the first calendar which will be entitled 'Glorious Griffydam' and entries to be submitted to Sylvia over the year between now and August.
- Katy provided Sylvia with the software links to create the Newsletter and Sylvia developed and distributed the last edition.

## Events Calendar – Village Improvements

- Speed Watch Update
  - Devices have been installed on Rempstone Road opposite the Chapel to monitor traffic with the possibility of either reducing the speed limit or implementing calming measures.
  - A consultation process for calming measures on Top Road will be established with input from the PC, School and GCG. Consider the option of red lines as these appear to have proved quite successful.
  - Belton have funding approval from their PC to purchase a flashing sign to be shared with Griffydam who will be asked to pay half the cost.
  - We should consider publishing statistics on speeding offences (Castle Donington PC already do this in their local Rural Trader).
- Griffywell
  - Many thanks to Brenda for drawing up draft proposals in conjunction with the school.
  - The school has suggested designing a mural to place on the wall alongside the Well.
  - We need to be sensitive to residents living close to the Well and ensure that they are consulted on any proposed improvements and changes.
  - We should consider creating a children's book about the legend/history of Griffywell using artwork produced by the Griffydam art club or the school.
  - The Well needs to be excavated – Katy has a contact who may be able to offer advice.
  - Brenda to further develop the proposal to include potential costs and timescales and put forward to the PC for their approval and support.

## Events Calendar – Social Activities

- Xmas Barn Dance - 12 December
  - The Crafted Pizza Company has confirmed that it is not viable for them to offer Pizzas on the night.
  - The first meeting of the sub-committee (Pat, Kevin, Amanda, Sylvia & Kevin) will take place on 29 October.
  - The sub-committee to report back to this group.
- Other
  - A new social activity plan will be drawn up at the next GCG meeting (consider including Art Classes, New Year's Day walk/drinks at Bis's place Batson's Court, and BBQ for next year).

## Village Disaster/Emergency Management

- A place is available on a NWLDC initiative to get more people involved in disaster/emergency management plans for their local communities.
- Sylvia has volunteered to attend and will report back to this group
- Katy to contact Brian/Doreen for more details including date of meeting.

## Sunflower Competition – Competition Winners

- The 3 runners up will be informed and the overall winner announced at the Xmas Barn Dance
- Proposal for next year is a 'plant a bucket' competition with prizes for the most colourful flower display and decorated bucket.

## Finance

- Treasurer's update: funds from the North West Leicestershire Health and Wellbeing Small Grant will take the balance is £379.56.
- Funds raised via Easyfundraising will be deposited every 3 months (when donations reach £15 or more).
- Funding priorities and grant applications will be considered at the next meeting.

## AOB

- The Community Bus Partnership are looking for volunteers to deliver promotional leaflets (e.g. reduced prices over the Xmas period). John/Carole to provide further details.
- Posters – Bis can supply a laminator and David a heavy duty stapler.
- Bis proposed the creation/drawing of an old map of the village with the help of volunteers from the art group. Judith/Cliff will provide digitized copies of old village photographs. John to provide notes from his heritage walk. Consider featuring an old property in each addition of the newsletter and having a section on village history/heritage on the website. Bis to take a lead and drive this project.

## Date of Next Meeting

Thursday, 7pm, 26 November, Cliff's house, 82 Top Road

## Summary Of Actions

1	Provide Katy support to populate the website	Sylvia
2	Arrange the lettering for the Notice Board and provide GCG with a key	Carole
3	Further promote donations via Easyfundraising via the next newsletter	Sylvia/Katy
4	Contact the chairman of the Beaumont Centre to assess the current situation with access to view the room for the Xmas Barn Dance	Sylvia
5	Liaise with Sylvia on a letter of recommendation to the Methodist Church Committee to environmentally manage the graveyard prior to the next Methodist Church Committee meeting on the 11 November	David
6	Arrange printing of the certificates for the Chapel 'tots' and pass these to Cliff along with the medals provided by Brenda.	Sylvia
7	George to follow up with the Head on the status of the school's letter of support for village speed reductions/calming measures. Carole to follow with the PC	George /Carole
8	Arrange a date for planting the daffodil bulbs around the entrances to the village	Brenda/ Amanda/ Sylvia
9	Purchase speed limit bin stickers	Katy
10	Email draft design for the Xmas Barn Dance tickets to the group for feedback.	Katy
11	Confirm the date for the first meeting of the Book Club.	Katy
12	Seek advice from personal contact on Griffywell excavation	Katy
13	Further develop the Griffywell proposal to include potential costs and timescales and put forward to the PC for their approval and support.	Brenda
14	Contact Brian/Doreen for more details and date of the NWLDC community disaster/emergency management meeting	Katy
15	Provide more details on the delivery of leaflets for the Community Bus Partnership	Carole/John
16	Drive history/heritage project and liaise with art group on proposed old map of the village.	Bis
17	Provide Bis with digitized copies of old village photographs for history/heritage project	Cliff
18	Provide Bis with notes from the heritage walk	John
19	Create a history/heritage section on the village website	Katy/Sylvia