

November 2019 Garrigill Councillors Ward Meeting.

Councillors in attendance:- Elaine Grew, Tim Haldon.

Apologies received :- Ruth English, Doris Raine, Brian Grew, Paula Arkley, Claire Driver, Michael Hanley, Liz Haldon.

Residents in attendance— see separate sheet for signatures.

Previous notes / Minutes Accepted.

1. Tim Haldon gave a brief overview of meetings previously held in Garrigill. THEN, led the discussion re mobile phones and lack of phone masts in Garrigill, These talks rounded upon the difficulty in accessing internet banking , 4G,or any other service. 100%of people attending meeting thought it was a good idea to move with modern times.

Action — Tim to take this for discussion to AMPC, and next MP.

2. Phone Box removal in Garrigill. Elaine led the discussion , pointing out that this had also been a possibility in 2016 , but proof was given that this phone was a necessity for the village.(187 calls in previous month) . Further discussion ensued with everyone in agreement for keeping the phone box as a usable phone. One resident alluded to the fact he was responsible for the phone coming back into working order in 2017. Lissie Sharp said that as the Local Authority, EDC, was taking this to BT. , hence AMPC unreservedly gave a positive response to EDC re keeping this phone box. Action — Individuals could comment and Councillor Grew gave out the e mail address of whom that would be to. (kate.giergiel@eden.gov.uk) Closing date 06/12. to BT.

3. Update on Ambulance— Elaine gave the update on 11 trained EMTs , who were fully committed to running the Ambulance for the people of Alston Moor. However, not all shifts with 2 crews working 12hours , 7days per week could be covered and therefore a number of volunteers would need to come forward to be trained as CFRs (Community First Responder) . So far only 4people have done so other than a number of those already working as EMTs. Discussion ensued and this raised a number of questions from training ,to age and health restrictions to the fact there's no mobile phone signal in the village and Crews at the moment have this latter problem.

Elaine raised the possibility of a further Defibrillator in each area of the Moor that was suitable for Children as well as adults . For Garrigill , this would be situated on the Carricks Farmhouse building. (Thankyou to Kim)

Ambulance reports are available on AMPC website.

Action — Elaine to take the queries to next Ambulance Meeting. And Defibrillators to AMPC

4. Garrigill Cemetery:- Elaine gave a brief outline as to what had led to this. Although no formal Consultation had been received from Paul Emerson at EDC Parks and Cemeteries a vote was taken on the “ Removal of alternate trees in a zig zag pattern “ .See full report on Village Hall website. 100% of those present agreed for the procedure.

Action— Elaine to inform Paul Emerson at EDC of these results.

5 . Road Safety. :- Elaine gave the reason behind bringing this to the meeting i.e.AMPC responding to a parent who had contacted them about the “near miss” of her daughter crossing the road in the Village by a car going very fast on 2 occasions. And wondered why there was no speed restriction.(Elaine had spoken to the lady concerned) However, now some new information had come to light from the Traffic division at CCC., which Elaine read out for the benefit of those whom had not seen the e mail on the Village Hall website . (Government Policy that 30ml/hr speed limit should be the norm through all villages) Full e mail can be viewed on Village Hall website.

Discussion ensued.

Thoughts included— surely CCC should make the decision; / children should be taught how to cross the road safely and perhaps to include Parents in this at school , (at no time did anyone suggest drivers needed extra training !!!) ; / those driving fast are locals and no speed restriction signs will make them slow down ; was this a fair reason to discount possibility of speed restriction ? / Estate drivers drive through carefully ;/ number of 30 ml/ hr signs viewed before on the plans for the village are too many (ranged from 28-50 said several residents) / Tony our local PCSO gave several responses including that a Space Protection Order can only be put in place in a 30 ml/hr zone , .

Action — Elaine to attend Traffic Management Meeting and raise these points. And suggest the Traffic Team Leader attend a meeting in the Village or have a Consultation with plans being available with the team leader or ,CCC make the decision to implement the reduction in the speed limit as Government Policy dictates.

6. Other items. — —- Bridge End roadside overgrown branches from trees riverside need chopping back. Is there any chance the road could be widened on that corner ?.

Signage— There are signs on entering Garrigill Village from The Old Schoolhouse and Tynehead but not at LowHouses Farmhouse.

Actions—- Elaine take both these items to Traffic Management Meeting for actions.

Date of next meeting. 2nd Wednesday in May at 7.30pm.