



Wroughton Parish Council

Youth Working Party

Tuesday 31 January 2023

5-6pm

Ellendune Community Centre

Agenda

1. Update from Aaron Webb, Youth Team
2. Karate Event – Tuesday 21 March
3. Basketball at Maunsell Way update
4. Summer youth programme/youth session dates/times venue and staffing
5. PCSO update
6. Joint working with Ridgeway School on Tildesley Trail and potentially secret garden
7. Youth for Christ information update
8. Recommendations to Community Assets/Full Parish

Invitees

Cllr John Hewer

Cllr Nathanael Hooper

Cllr Graham Overbury

PCSO Justine Trueman

Aaron Webb Youth Worker, Central Swindon North Parish Council (CSNPC)

Emma Freemantle – Clerk to Wroughton Parish Council

Note taker and Chair – Amanda Woodhead

Apologies

John Hewer

Notes of meeting

All in attendance other than John who sent his apologies.

Update from Aaron Webb Youth Worker

Numbers of young people being seen are ok but they do die down a lot in winter months. Have noticed that there is good feedback on youth events. No safeguarding issues were raised at either site. The youth team see an average of 15-20 young people per week, sometimes 25. There are a core of 7 or 8 young people at Maunsell that they see regularly. A few play for WYFC and one goes to a boxing gym in Swindon. Age range from 8 or 9 to 16 but mainly 11-14. The youth team see a younger cohort at Thorney Park. The youth team often have good feedback from residents eg parents and grandparents about youth provision. The young persons seen are mainly pupils at Ridgeway School.

Karate Event – 21 March

We discussed the free youth event which will be held in the Ellendune Community centre by local Karate coach Jim Rendell who will offer the session free of charge. Young people will need to prebook and we will advertise via flyers in schools, posters and on social media. The age range offered is likely to be 11-17 as with previous activities. We may also offer the option for young residents to meet and talk to the youth team that night. Aaron and Jo from the youth team will ensure parental consent forms are completed before the karate session.

Basketball court

Existing court will be marked Feb by Pete Cowdy local resident and mural artist. Will obtain a quote for a new court by other basketball hoops. This may not be affordable as would also need a path from the car park for accessibility. Lights would be good from a policing point of view but may not be popular with residents. Justine PCSO asked that no bench is installed there.

Summer Youth Programme

Deferred pending youth provision being secured.

PCSO update

No criminal activity /antisocial behavior reported to the police. Same faces are on the streets who are not in clubs and parents are not worried where they are. Young people on street are mainly kids upto year 10. Currently an older cohort congregating around Willow Walk.

Ridgeway new Head is very good. PCSOs have been into Ridgeway school and Deanery to talk about child exploitation and other matters. Ridgeway also have been paying for a drama group to do productions, next is on knife crime. Wroughton schools all have a big problem with parking at drop off and pick up. Worse on Boness and Dunbar Road for Juniors during drop off and pick up times. Near recent accident outside Infant school last week. Police and traffic wardens will work together to help address this.

Secret garden and Ridgeway School joint working

Meeting to be arranged soon. May ask work experience volunteers to come up with some ideas on this. As these discussions are based on goodwill and no money changing hands we're not in a position to drive this forward quickly – more a long and sustainable collaboration with school. They have already made bird boxes for us.

Work experience

We are hoping to have a Sixth Form placement from Ridgeway during work experience week from 20 March. A summary will go to WPC February on this.

Wildflower planting half term

Amanda is in touch with Southern Forestry to arrange a date for this planting during February/March. Both Graham and Nathanael as Chair and Deputy of Open Spaces and Community Assets both thought that a half term daytime session would be good. Amanda explained that we do not have capacity for too many residents to participate as it is quite a small scale job which would take a couple of hours at most with just a few volunteers. (Update – due to recent frosts the plug plants are being stored in a nursery and are not ready to be replanted as they are recovering from the cold snap).

Youth for Christ

Josh from Swindon Youth for Christ helps with CSNPC football session weekly. Josh has also helped with Little Lambs. This is a faith led youth provision and very open about this - WPC would need to consider whether they felt it appropriate to affiliate to one particular faith group given it's usually impartial approach. Amanda has already approached Youth for Christ with a request this year on what they might be able to offer to WPC but no reply has been received.

CSNPC – Termination of Service Level Agreement

A separate paper on the current position was circulated and discussed as CSNPC will cease to provide youth services to WPC from the end of March 2023. This was surprising news. Aaron stated that there may be an opportunity for a qualified youth worker to be available to WPC for 3 hours a week. He will know more when recruitment at CSNPC starts in March. We have been happy with the outreach work as it does provide some support and engagement to those children out and about on the streets and in local public places who may not be in structured youth organisations such as youth football, guides, scouts etc.

The main issues as laid out in the paper for the youth working party are that without an umbrella agreement with a larger Parish Council, WPC would need to formulate and implement it's own policies, procedures including call in and call out procedures, ensure a Designated Safeguarding Lead is trained and appointed, recruit it's own staff, supervise and manage the staff, organize and pay for their training (eg. Basic safeguarding, first aid etc) and also find more money as this has not been provisioned for in the budget for 2023/4. Also review our insurance cover. For one two hour youth session a week this is a considerable amount of work, especially as there is no likelihood of a designated youth hub being built soon. Availability in the evening of other suitable sites within Wroughton is quite limited.

Actions arising

- Aaron to scope availability of new CSNPC youth worker wanting to pick up some extra hours in Wroughton every week.
- Aaron to send existing policies from CSNPC.
- Aaron to check with SBC if there may be a possibility for central Designated Safeguarding Lead within SBC which WPC can link to
- Emma to contact Chiseldon PC to find out where they are with regard to setting up Youth Services, who their youth worker is etc to see if there are any ways we can join together for mutual benefit.
- Emma/Amanda to contact Haydon Wick/other to see if they would be interested in providing an SLA for outreach youth services to WPC.

- Emma to ask SSPC for electronic editable copies of their youth policies and procedures
- Amanda to sort out advertising flyers for Karate session in March so that Aaron can hand these out on Tuesday sessions. Also to consider ordering some pizza for the session and inviting young people to come to give their feedback on youth services.
- We agree a next working party date in March when we have some recruitment news from CSNPC.

Recommendations to Full Parish

- 1. A paper is prepared for the Full Council in April 2023 with another meeting with the Youth Working Party beforehand.**