

# CRAG Minutes

Location: Coaley Village Hall  
Date: 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023  
Time: 19:30  
Attendees: Cllr. Caroline Eardley (CE) – Chair, Elizabeth Ely (EE), Libby Steel (LS), Sam Clark (SC), Les Compton (LC)  
Apologies: Ben Bywater (BB), Sarah Lorkin (SL), Cllr. Martin Pearcy (MP), Jess Hutchinson (JH)

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	<b>Actions</b>
<p><b>1. Minutes of the last meeting</b> Approved and can be sent to Parish Clerk</p>	
<p><b>2. Matters arising:</b></p> <p>CE has emailed Abbey Birkbeck regarding the logo and has still not received a message back. CE emailed SC to ask Graham Hardy if he wanted to attend these meetings.</p>	<p>SC to add Graham Hardy to the distribution list.</p>
<p><b>3. Design Brief</b> LC agreed that ages of the Starlings and Owls should be added to the text. LC to email SC with the ages so they can be added.</p> <p>LC questioned whether a link to the latest ROSPA report should be added to the design brief? CE agreed and stated she can add this to the shared drive so a link can be added. LC queried CE as to whether Betworthy park should be included in this? It was agreed it should be mentioned.</p> <p>EE stated that signage may be useful to tell those who use the park in the Rec as it can be missed by those who are not aware. CE stated that she can add photos of Betworthy</p>	<p>LC to email SC with the ages.</p> <p>CE to circulate the design brief with the logo once this</p>

to the design brief.

EE stated that there may be difficulties in with families who have large age gaps between ages of children using the playground as Betworthy may not be suitable for older children.

is completed, and then she will circulate this to the tender companies.

LC stated he wrote to Play England for a list of potential designers. They couldn't provide this however they sent a document 'API supporting the UK play industry' which are a list of bodies that fund recreational areas. LC will send to SC and she will upload to the shared drive.

There was some discussion about whether EE could to use her professional knowledge and design the Rec using her local knowledge? CE stated whether she could collaborate with anyone else with experience of commercial design? EE stated she would consider how much she should charge for such a design and whether there is anyone she can collaborate with, if this was possible.

#### **4. Survey**

LS stated that the park was being used a lot at the produce show.

If people have completed surveys, please let CE have the surveys by the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023. CE will construct a spreadsheet of the results.

#### **5. Fundraising**

No further fundraising has been completed as of yet. CE commented that she believes the quiz was a good way of raising money.

LS stated that she has conducted a silent auction and posed whether this would be suitable as a fundraising option? All agreed it could be and will discuss further in next meeting. LC stated that the village fete isn't going on this year and so whether we could apply to the companies that would usually donate to the fete, to donate to CRAG.

SC outlined her idea to contact Rocket Rentals to request donations towards a 'digger' area. All agreed this would be

a good idea. Discussions had regarding the suitability of maintenance and whether a non-sand digger area would be better.

EE said that she had previously been given a voucher to the escape room in Dursley and suggested this may be a good raffle or auction idea.

CE thought that we may be able to get funding to engage an inclusion organisation to help ensure the designs and implementation create an inclusive space

CE to research

CE commented whether we could put a bucket out on the Christmas lights to see whether anyone would donate to the Rec. LC stated that we could ask the Produce show to donate and the panto group.

LC to follow up

EE outlined her thoughts regarding any Ash trees in Coaley that have to be cut down due to ash dieback, to potentially be used for furniture or equipment? All agreed this was a good idea and to consider.

## 6. **Communications and marketing**

CE queried whether everyone can access the shared drive? Anyone who cannot access to let SC know.  
LC stated the next newsletter is November so if we want to submit something we need to think about what.

All to think about possible topic for submission

## 7. **Any other business**

CE let people know that there are pickleball sets in the tennis courts.

SC stated that SL had passed on the playgroup request of asking for CRAG to take on the Halloween trail. It was discussed that this seems to be in hand as Steve Birkbeck seems to have created a sub group for this.

## 8. **Date of next meeting**

16<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at Les's house (2 The Street)