

LONG ASHTON PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

19:30, 19th November 2018, Jubilee Pavilion

Present: Vice Chairman – Mr R Sterland (in chair)	Absent: Mr A Wilkinson (Chairman)
Mr A Cartman	Mr A Batt
Mr C Cave	Mrs B Mackwood
Ms S Hardingham	Ms S Hughes
Mr M E Harris	Mr A Johnson
Mr P Jackson	Mr J Thomas
Mr D Johnson	
Ms L Lansley	
Mr S McQuillan	
Mr N Moorcroft	
Mrs J Pullin	
Mr M Semple	
Mr I Scoones	
Miss M Uppington	

In attendance - The Clerk, Dr JE Turp, Tracy Warren, Assistant Clerk (minutes) and 10 members of the public.

Prior to the formal meeting Mike Jordan PCSO and Jess Aston, Neighbourhood Team Inspector gave a report and a representative of LULA gave an update. The police left after their report.

The meeting opened at 19:55

C18.183 - Apologies for absence; were received from Cllrs Batt, Hughes, Thomas and Wilkinson and Mr M Riggall, NS Parish Liaison Officer.

C18.184 - Declarations of Interests and Grant of Dispensations

Interests to be declared during the meeting and no dispensations were requested.

C18.185 - Exclusion of the press and public

No matters necessitate the exclusion of the press and public.

C18.186 - Chairman's remarks – None

C18.187 - Parish Council Minutes - The minutes of the meeting held on the 10th September having been circulated, following the amendments below were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman:

- C18.155c – “Community Interest Company” replaced with “Charitable Incorporated Organisation”
- C18.157a – the first paragraph modified to read “The details of this engagement with the youth club are being worked on and are likely to”
- C18.165 – Cllr Sterland’s name was corrected.
- C18.168a – Cllr Cave was added to the list of Cllrs on the RBL working group.
- C18.172 – The second sentence corrected to read “Workshop topics suggested to be included are community engagement, strategic issues and how the council works”

C18.188 - Matters arising for information

- a. C18.151a - Flying of flags; the initial response from the RBL was noted and the formal response awaited.
- b. C18.151b – Long Ashton Flag update. It was agreed to defer this item until the Community Engagement group has met and discussed the issue. The guidance document on community flags has been circulated.
- c. C18.154c – Microphones; these are to be fitted soon.
- d. C18.171 – Plastic Free Long Ashton (PFLA); response from NSC re litter pick – NSC noted that the Great British Spring Clean will be a popular day for equipment use and volunteer groups will have first call on equipment though NSC will pick up the collected rubbish. The working group will liaise with PFLA to confirm suitable dates for the litter pick and NSC will be contacted to see if they can contribute equipment on any of the dates. Leigh Woods have two litter picks a year which NSC support supplying pickers, sacks and determining pick-up points. It was agreed that the PC registers on the Keep Britain Tidy website as planning to take part in the Spring Clean.
- e. C18.179 - Battles over; report. The Drumhead service was a well organised, very successful event with good attendance from all generations. The seating for 500 was full with many others standing. The showing of the film of Madam Peel's life was sold out; however, the book launch was not as successful as hoped. Cllr Cave noted that there was a shortfall in the funding for the event and he asked the PC to consider providing additional funds. It was agreed to write to Mr D Addis to thank him for his efforts in organising this very successful event and it was agreed that Cllr Moorcroft would do this.

C18.189 - Planning Committee Reports

The reports of the Planning Committee of the meetings held on 17th September and 15th October were adopted. Proposed by Cllr Miss Uppington, seconded by Cllr Cave. All in favour.

C18.189 - Highways and Burial Ground

- a. The report of the Highways and Burial Ground Committee of the meeting held on 8th October was adopted, subject to any alterations by the committee. Proposed by Cllr Moorcroft, seconded by Cllr Cave. All in favour.
- b. Garden of Remembrance – Cllr Moorcroft having attended a site visit with Cllr Mrs Pullin, gave proposals for remedial work, noting the site was dark. Proposals for works included the removal of four self-seeded Ash and two self-seeded Field Maples (at the rear by walls, limb reduction on two other trees and shrubs cut to wall height. Costs of works were estimated at £2-3,000. It was agreed to consider the budget for works and the long term vision and maintenance of the site at the Highways meeting and that quotes for the work should be sought.

C18.190 - Finance and General Purposes Committee

- a. The report of the Finance and General Purposes Committee of the meeting held on 22nd October was adopted, subject to any alterations by the committee. Proposed by Cllr Hardingham, seconded by Cllr Cave. All in favour.
- b. To note External Auditors report – the unqualified auditors report was noted.

C18.191 - Long Ashton Community Association

- a. Cllr Mrs Pullin gave the following report for information:
“One meeting plus the AGM has been held since the last report. Regrettably the November meeting not being quorate, with many advance apologies, has been postponed to the end of the month. One trustee has resigned in the last week creating a vacancy. The AGM took place in September where reports were emailed to users in advance. Two speakers attended who gave short talks on the Co-op's community aid schemes and about the Village Market. Unfortunately, we attracted only the usual small number of people and very few others, but were pleased to welcome the Chairman and

Vice Chairman of the Parish Council.

The Treasurer and Manager continue to meet with representatives of the Parish Council working towards a long term strategy for the future administration of the Centre. LACA was not successful with its application to Garfield Weston to extend the Club Room but the Bristol Airport Diamond Fund allocated £500 to LACA which will be used with other monies towards the Outdoor Gym Trail. The new Manager's Assistant is settling into her role."

- b. It was RESOLVED to agree to the appointment of Chris Davis as Trustee. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Pullin, seconded by Cllr Cave. Carried with one abstention.
- c. Cllr Pullin informed the meeting that she wished to resign from her role as PC nominated trustee on LACA with immediate effect to take up a position as an ordinary LACA Trustee. It was noted that this leaves two vacancies for PC representatives. The Chairman asked Cllrs to consider putting their names forward for these positions as good links with LACA are important. As there were no immediate nominations appointment to fill the vacancies will be considered at the next Council meeting.
- d. Acquisition of a portacabin to provide meeting and storage space and/or possible use by a Library. It was agreed to discuss this with agenda item 21.

C18.192 - Community Safety - Local Action Team; reports from Long Ashton & Leigh Woods teams for information.

Cllr Cave gave a report. He is aware that the hedges at the junction of Warren Lane obstruct the view and is looking to get the issue resolved. The Leigh Woods parking scheme is progressing but is being delayed due to a general review of parking in NS, but is considered favourably. He and Cllr Thomas met with a NSC Highways officer to discuss Hollis Close and explained why parents and residents wish to reinstate the pavement edging (mainly for children's safety). The Officer suggested that if the PC funds the works, NS may consider them. Together with Cllrs McQuillan and Thomas he met with Dr Liam Fox, MP who agreed to support this issue and place an article in The NS Times. This will be discussed at the next Highways meeting.

Cllr Harris confirmed that after 18 months of trying to get it started the Leigh Woods speed watch scheme has yet to take off as the police have yet to provide the necessary training. This has been raised with PC Rudden.

C18.193 - Youth Matters Youth Club and Long Ashton Network

a. Youth Matters - Cllr Jackson gave the following reports
Youth Club;

"The junior session has now moved to a Monday evening and starting to build, with the older young people having their session on Thursday evenings. The outreach session where the youth workers are out on the streets engaging with young people continues on Wednesday evenings.

Discussions between Bristol City Community Trust and the youth club have resulted in an agreement for the football club to run a number of sessions on health and nutrition, this programme has now started on Thursday evenings and will run for six weeks culminating in a visit to Ashton Gate where the young people will get shown around the ground, its facilities, through the tunnel and onto the pitch; it is a great opportunity for the young people involved. I reported last time that street dance now has funding for the immediate future through the Quartet Express fund, and we have also been successful in the Tesco Bags for Life scheme. One of the larger community projects that the youth club was involved in was the mural painting at the end of the Club Room and looked forward to the next big community project. I'm pleased to report that the Youth Club has been successful in engaging with the Co-op Community Foundation. The plan is to undertake an intergenerational project with young

people engaging with older generations on history whilst upgrading the youth shelter. Please support this project by indicating your preference for the youth club when shopping at the Co-op.

The main fundraising event will be in the village hall on 24th November pm, all are welcome to support the fundraising activity. There will be many stalls, tombola, refreshments and a bouncy castle for children. There will be a raffle on the day, and I have tickets with me this evening if you would like to support the fundraising. Please come along and support this event on the day.

To note, that with Cllr Collin's resignation, the PC now has only one representative on the Youth Club management committee.

Children and Young People's Network;
Preparations are being made to launch this year's Youth Grant for organisations in the village."

b. Skate Park;

It was noted that the PC has received a petition containing 235 signatures gathered by a young resident in support of a skate park.

Cllr Jackson gave the following report

"I wasn't at the last full Council meeting, so would like to provide a report on the skate park. I would like to start by talking about the role that skate parks play within a community. Skate parks are not just for young people, they are used and enjoyed by adults as well and experience shows that many adults do enjoy using skate parks. We use the terms skate parks, but what we talking about here is users including roller skates, skateboards, scooters and BMX bikes. Skate parks are social spaces that nurture certain types of behaviour; they are not 'lawless' or 'chaotic.' They are models of behaviour – waiting in line, or applauding skill – that brings users together; skate parks are places that both require and teach mutual respect, discipline and togetherness, skate parks are socially inclusive places.

It should also be recognised that a great many people are not getting nearly enough exercise; we have a growing problem of obesity. Skate parks are places that teach people from a young age that exercise is not only necessary for good health, but a good thing in itself. They help promote the good health and general well-being in the community.

Far from places of lawlessness, skate parks are places where people work within codes of behaviour, and are spaces where energies are focused on positive sporting goals. A skate park plays its role in reducing and not increasing anti-social behaviour.

On location, it is well established that a skate park should be close to populated areas but not too close. In Peel Park we have a fantastic asset where recreation such as football and a skate park can exist together. From the work we've done, there is ample space in Peel Park, a relatively small strip of land around 16 metres in width, including safety run at the rec end, would be the best location in the village. Sound is a necessarily consideration in the design and siting of a skate park. Progress in the construction methods and materials in making skate parks have in the past 15 years been significant. The older wooden and metal designs are now universally replaced using sprayed concrete.

Summarising the advantages of sprayed concrete

- It provides an ideal hardwearing surface
- It will not rust, rot, decay, burn, break, or bend
- It's much quieter than steel or wood.
- It gives good traction and the least slippery when wet
- Concrete is far more durable and low maintenance than any other skatepark material

Sprayed concrete construction is also significantly quieter than older metal or wooden designs. No longer can you hear skate boards crashing down onto metal surfaces. This can be seen in recent constructions such as that in Nailsea that use sprayed concrete.

Many years ago, North Somerset Council used to apply a distance criterion in permitting skate parks. This no longer applies and designs in Weston for example are being granted at distances down to 20-25 metres, supported by the advances in construction methods and material. The location in Peel Park would in any case, result in a separation distance in the region of 50 to 60 metres from the nearest house, and this distance increases significantly for the other houses at the end of Fenswood Road. British Standard 8233 provides good guidance for acceptable levels in gardens and indicate tolerable noise levels, this equates to conversational speech and light traffic. Sound measurements of skate parks exist aplenty, which confirm that steel structures have a sound level around four times that for sprayed concrete designs. Given that the manner in which sounds dissipates over distance, and using measured sound volumes of skate parks, a good rule of thumb indicates a minimum separation distance of greater than 100 metres for a steel based construction, falling to around 40-45 metres for sprayed concrete constructions, (this being at the level at which point the sound falls below the ambient noise level). The location proposed in Peel Park meets this rule of thumb with a separation distance of greater than 50 metres from the nearest house.

This is a facility that people in the village want. In the NDP consultation, a skate park consistently came out as a need in the village. The NDP voted for by the villagers recognised this need. The Youth Club has carried out a number of consultations and found that young people, and mums and dads came along to engage. From these discussions we have established an outline design which can benefit from the slope in the land in Peel Park as you move north towards the gate leading to the Bristol University field adjacent to Peel Park. Very recently, a petition from a young person in the village attracted 235 signatures from young people and parents; 235 signatures represents a significant need expressed by the community.

I put it to the Council to support the move to the next phase, to allocate some space in Peel Park, to allow more detailed work to be undertaken. This move will show that we are listening to the needs of the community, addressing issues such as developing our community, physical activity and addressing obesity. We should assume that the skate park can be funded substantially from local fundraising. I am sure that we all want Long Ashton to be a vibrant thriving Community, and to achieve this we must listen and cater to all its residents.

I propose to Council that we set up a working group including local people and young people to progress the skate park on behalf of Council.”

Cllr Jackson noted that a skate park would be funded substantially from local fundraising with indicative costings at £60-70,000 with the Nailsea park costing £100,000 but being twice the size.

20:51 – two members of the public left the meeting.

Following discussion and highlighting of concerns that a working group would need to consider it was RESOLVED to set up a Skate Park working group. Proposed by Cllr Jackson and seconded by Cllr Miss Uppington. All in favour. Cllrs Cartman, Jackson and Semple were appointed to the group.

It was agreed that a letter should be written to the young person who gathered the petition to thank him for his hard work in collecting the signatures and informing him of the outcome of the council's discussions.

C18.194 - ALCA

- a. NS Group Report – no report
- b. ALCA AGM – Cllr Scoones was unable to attend but the minutes of the meeting were noted.

C18.195 - Parish Councils Airport Association (PCAA)

Minutes of the meeting in September had been circulated. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to the PCAA thanking it for its well-considered responses to planning applications and consultations. It was noted that the noise contours presented by the airport are based on modelling rather than measurements and that the volume of aircraft noise has increased around higher areas of the parish.

C18.196 - Superfast broadband working group report.

Cllr Moorcroft confirmed further funding from central government has been announced and will provide more information when further detail is available.

C18.197 - Community Engagement/ Website working group report

- a. To explain the Facebook weekly report – Cllr Semple confirmed as there is quite a low level of posts on the PC page a big spike in numbers will be seen with popular posts. A key metric is the number (187) of likes of the page which shows the number of users who get updates from the page.
- b. Website – at the moment the website is used primarily a vehicle to disseminate information from the PC and not as a marketing or news site for Long Ashton. It was agreed that the working group could re-draft the home page, if they wanted to, to celebrate Long Ashton. It was noted that there are currently no non council members of the Community Engagement working group.

A member of the public left the meeting at 21:13

- c. Apple Day stand - the feedback received had been circulated. It was noted that there had been no comments on The Vale but encouragement was received from the community for a 20mph limit in Long Ashton. The request for an additional dog bin will be discussed at the next highways committee meeting.

C18.198 - Scout Group HQ Working Group report

Cllr Cave confirmed that this is progressing well and a planning application is expected to be made soon.

C18.199 - NDP Review

- a. Working Group Report – no meeting has taken place but comments have been submitted on the 2036 local plan.
- b. Reply from NALC re NDP review - NALC have confirmed their receipt of request for advice on the review of the NDPs

C18.200 - Public Art Working Group report – no meeting has taken place. A reply to a letter re the status of the S106 matters is still awaited.

C18.201 - VES working group report – Cllr Hardingham confirmed that speed surveys showed a 20mph limit in the shopping area of Long Ashton is allowable with no build-outs or speed bumps required. A coloured surface will be installed at the bottom of Brocks Lane. Drawings have been received from NSC (and were circulated at the meeting) along with costings. It was noted that the survey showed that the 85th percentile speed was 25/26mph and it is hoped that the new zone will reduce average speed. The area could be extended in the future. A meeting at the working group will take place next week and businesses and residents will be consulted.

C18.202 - Library working group – report and to agree any action

Cllr McQuillan gave a report. It was noted that 350 responses have been collated so far with some paper surveys still to process. So far there have been 30 offers to volunteer regularly with a total of 118 offering to volunteer with mixed views. As expected the responses show mixed views but 90% support setting up a community library. The considerable work of non-councillors in the working group was noted.

The working group now plan to formally close the survey, process results and work out how many hours volunteer time is being offered and to look how best to involve those supporting a library. The group will assess the options, the associated costs including set-up and ongoing costs and future steps and present a report to the December F&GP meeting. It was thought that a small element of paid staff as with the LACA café would be needed. The costs of buying or renting and installation of a second hand portacabin as a short term solution on land owned by the PC are being investigated. Cllr Cave suggests costs will be about £5-6,000. Cllr McQuillan asked that a member of LACA is found to sit on the working group.

The long term solution would not be considered by the working group and this could be taken forward by the council in partnership with LACA.

It was confirmed that a second hand portacabin would need planning permission and the availability of land/second hand units may determine what size could be used. It was noted that this could possibly also be used to meet LACA's storage needs and as a meeting room.

C18.203 - Community Resilience; update.

Cllr Moorcroft confirmed he is still pursuing matters re the bund. Cllr Cave is in discussion with NSA as the Lead Flood Authority re new inundation modelling of a breach of Barrow tanks to take account of the South Bristol Link Road.

2 members of public left at 21:33

C18.204 - RBL war memorial working group - report.

Cllr Cave attended the working group in place. An architect is involved in the project with the site near the flagpole in Theynes Croft as the preferred site. The Clerk noted that there is a restriction on the use of the site and it can only be used as a car park.

C18.205 - Resignation of Councillor Collins and to note process for replacement.

It was noted that Cllr Collins resigned on 28/10/2018 due to a house move. As there is more than 6 months before the PC elections in May the normal process has to be followed and the notice of vacancy has been displayed. If a poll is called, this will take place before the end of January 2019. The Clerk will advertise the vacancy if a poll is not called.

C18.206 - Code of Conduct; this was agreed with no amendments.

C18.207 - To note Payment of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) by NSC and to discuss and agree how it should be spent.

A payment of £7,251.60 has been received, though this includes an overpayment of £1840.60 which will be deducted from future payments. How the money is to be spent is set out in the Long Ashton Infrastructure Delivery Plan (LAIDP) which identifies implementing the Village Enhancement Scheme and support of and making improvements to the Community Centre and sports facilities. It was agreed that its expenditure would be included in the December F&GP meeting.

C18.208 - Budget 2019/20

- a. To agree items that the Council would request F&GP to include in the budget for the next financial year.

- Provision for Library as the working group suggest
- Clearing of the drainage trench at the top of the football pitch. £500.
- Initial skate park fees - £1,000

b. Community Grant – It was agreed to continue with the grant as currently offered with a maximum of £2,000 being granted with F&GP to finalise the arrangements.

C18.209 - To consider request from Police for space they can use when working in Long Ashton and to consider making the committee room available.

It was agreed that the Police can use the committee room as a base when the clerk is in the PC office.

C18.210 - A Parish Council for the 2020s

Feedback from the workshop held on the 24th September; due to the shortage of time it was agreed to defer this item the next meeting. Cllr Hardingham will circulate a draft document with suggestions as to what the clerk can expect of Cllrs and Cllrs of the clerk.

C18.211 - To consider invoking the High volume Correspondence policy.

The Clerk reported correspondence from the resident is much reduced, with just over 30 emails received since he was contacted. It was agreed that this was still quite high and Cllr Hardingham will write to him to say that the level of emails will continue to be monitored.

C18.212 - GDPR; the clerk encouraged Cllrs to use their parish council email address and asked that they tell her when they start using them. Cllrs were also reminded to check their register of interests to ensure they were still current.

C18.213 - Balloon Fiesta

- The debrief meeting is on the 4th December.
- From resident re a Judicial Review of Balloon Fiesta road closures. A resident has concerns about the legality of NSCs road closures during the balloon fiesta and has written to the PC enquiring whether it would be minded to help fund a JR to question this. It was discussed but was not thought a prudent use of public money so a response will be sent declining the offer.

C18.214 - Correspondence

- From NSC re new CEO – noted.
- From ALCA Government guidance re byelaws – noted.
- From NSC rough sleeper outreach – The process was noted.
- From Environment Agency re Flood Campaign – It was agreed to support the campaign's launch if time allowed.
- From resident suggesting the PC should have a reserves policy. This was discussed and it was agreed that the current yearly consideration of the level of reserves is sufficient so a policy was not thought to add value; however his further comments about risk assessment would be considered by F&GP.
- From CCG re Healthy Weston – It was noted that residents use Weston Hospital and it was agreed that if any Cllrs have comments they should be forwarded to the Clerk who will pass them on.
- From resident re Peel Park fence – It was noted that LACA are dealing with this issue.

C18.215 - Any items for information - none

Next meeting: Monday 21st January 2019

Meeting closed at 22:06.

Additional Notes; Meeting and talks prior to the Council Meeting

Officer Jess Aston was appointed as Neighbourhood Team Inspector in July 2018 and Mike Jordan, PCSO joined the police in June 2018.

It was confirmed the neighbourhood policing model changed on 1st October 2018 with a renewed focus on core elements of neighbourhood policing such as engagement, offender management, and problem solving.

Officers now have an overspill to the Neighbourhood control team from residents phoning 101 with an aim to get ahead of demands on policing and their causes.

The NS results are good for the team; a change in shift pattern of neighbourhood policing has occurred. The previous team from Nailsea now split into two meant previously there were half the officers and one Sergeant available with half the team being unsupervised at any time - now there is double the amount of officers and they are all supervised now having two Sergeants. It was confirmed when neighbourhood team Officers are on rest days, there will be no cover for non-urgent matters (i.e. parking); the longest wait will be 4 days due to shift rotation patterns. The control team will make assessment to go to neighbourhood team if they are low risk matters, if a matter is high risk, it will go to normal beat officers.

Questions from Cllrs and the public were addressed by the Officers as follows:

1. Anti-social behaviour; calls should be made to 101 if there is no risk to safety. If there are no other priorities and a quiet policing shift, beat team may approach but if they are not available, it will be dealt with by the neighbourhood team.
2. Issues can be logged online and will be received initially by the Beat team; go to the Avon and Somerset Police website to 'log an issue' - this avoids staying on hold on the telephone for an extended time. All police cars have Wi-Fi fitted and with mobiles; officers can check emails – can be in community a lot more (in Long Ashton 4 to 5 times that hasn't been called to area but in area)
3. Mike Jordan, PCSO covers the Leigh Woods, Flax Bourton, Dundry, and Winford areas as well as Long Ashton, with the neighbourhood team being the PCSO and the Beat Manager.
4. The spike in garage and car break-in attempts in particular burglaries to sheds and garages in July in Leigh Woods has been noted; crime statistics are available online for an area in recent months by viewing the Redwood area. In direct response to the increased crime, Leigh Woods subsequently has had a Crime Reduction event held; grants were obtained for ground anchors to chain up bikes with bike-marking and advice given. It is believed that crime has since reduced.
5. It was acknowledged by the Officers that the new roads including the SBL make it easier to access the area; offenders are often cycling in and stealing bikes, leaving the original bike behind. There were 31 crimes in the area in September including 3 burglaries. It was confirmed that the prolific offender of thefts to the Co-op thefts and other properties and who was also linked to other crimes is now in custody with a sentence of 44 weeks imprisonment and crime reducing since this imprisonment. The two problem-solving plans for the area included the custodian of this offender. The other plan is for the abandoned RBL building in Providence Lane; it was noted the building is being used to access neighbouring properties, but police are not allowed to access at this point. A further update will be given at the next meeting with the Police.

Street lighting being on as well as CCTV was confirmed by the Officers to be a deterrent but does not stop crime. High hedges and shrubbery mean an easier approach to properties by offenders and it is common to see a spike in burglaries in summer months due to doors and windows open. It was noted that whilst some footage relating to autumn break-ins has been posted online, identification cannot determine faces and residents are frustrated that crimes are happening in the early hours of the morning but responses from Police to secure items better, is causing frustration. Officers confirmed their message that prevention is the key and in the Leigh Woods and local area, a Bobby Van offers advice

on doors, locks and windows (not suppliers) and will offer to fit anchors. Vulnerable residents will be offered patrols if needed.

6. Cllr Cave confirmed the PC always values the PCSO's and their ability to engage with young but communication needs to be improved - of the three PACT meetings in a year, May and November's were cancelled by Police with no indication given that Police were not going to attend despite it being on the Police website and it is vitally important Police attend. Officer Jordan, PCSO advised that there has unfortunately been the pre-mentioned changeover with himself new to the role, he was unaware of the previous meeting and had changed shifts to attend the PC's meeting tonight.
 7. Officer Jordan, PCSO confirmed posters have been developed and will be ready in the next few weeks and Sargent Mark Raby is lead for engagement.
 8. Officer Jordan, PCSO confirmed he is willing to give his email address for contact.
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A representative of LULA addressed the council to confirm the Christmas lights switch on will be held in Lovelinch Gardens at 4:30pm on Saturday 24th November. A Pizza van and bar will be at the event with entertainment including an Elf visit and Samba Band. A request for volunteers was made.