

## Chester-le-Street & District Area Action Partnership (AAP) Board Meeting Minutes of Meeting held Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

### Present:

**Councillors:** Craig Martin, Elsie Forrester (Parish Council Representative), Alan Bell (standing in for Cllr Bill Moist), Phil Heaviside, Danny Wood (standing in for Cllr Alison Batey), Emma Waldock and Tracie Smith.

**Partner Organisations:** Joanne Malki (Business Association Representative), Suzanne Jobson (Karbon Homes), Insp Lee Morris (Durham Constabulary), Graeme Carr (Durham & Darlington Fire & Rescue).

**Public Representatives:** Clare Todd, Khaled Malki, Chris Hoy, Howell Davies and Janet Ford-Davidson,

**Officer Attendance:** Michael Wilkes (Principal AAP Co-ordinator), Pete Garrod (Principal Community Development Project Officer) Allyson Rose (Community Development Project Officer), Laura Sloan (Community Development Project Officer), Bill Lightburn (Towns & Villages), Ben Kelsey (Senior Manager Projects & Performance – Culture & Sport) and Alison Clark (Head of Culture, Sport & Tourism).

**Apologies:** Councillor Alison Batey, Councillor Bill Moist, Mick Rodgers (Public Representative), Colin Stephenson (NHS North East & North Cumbria ICB), Aaron McCormack (Public Representative), Vicky Murray (DCC), and Ian Heaviside (Voluntary Sector Representative).

**Public Attendance:** Eighteen members of the AAP Public Forum were present at the meeting.

### Introductions, Apologies and Virtual Housekeeping Code of Conduct/Protocols

Suzanne Jobson (Chair) opened the meeting and wished everyone a Happy New Year. Housekeeping arrangements were noted. Apologies were also noted as above.

### Agreement of minutes from the previous meeting held on 14th November 2022 & Matters Arising

The Chair went through the minutes page by page.

### **The Board agreed the minutes of 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022.**

Matters Arising – Michael noted that the queries raised regarding the Area Budget approaches around conditions and monitoring had been actioned. As had the query from Cllr Alison Batey regarding Durham Works.

Michael stated that the queries raised regarding the Medium-Term Financial Plan presentation undertaken by Vicky Murray in November had been forwarded and a response received. This response would be forwarded to the AAP Board in due course.

Market Activity Week – Cllr Alan Bell noted the issues with parking during the Market Activity Week. It was noted that this had been actioned by Peter Garrod after a discussion with PCSO Adrian Richards, and this will be considered as part of the overall project in future

### Neighbourhood Issues

Michael asked if there were any neighbourhood issues to be raised, none were forthcoming.



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Michael explained the process for raising a neighbourhood issue from an AAP Board Member/Forum Member, being to let the AAP team know 10 days in advance of the meeting, so that any issues can be assessed, the correct DCC team/organisation contacted, then an answer provided at the following AAP Board meeting.

### Outdoor Sporting Facilities Consultation

Cllr Craig Martin declared an interest as a Trustee of Park View Academy – noted as part of the consultation process.

Ben Kelsey talked to the presentation and updated on both the Riverside & Roseberry sites. He stated that many forms of consultation had taken place and the consultation had just ended, which had largely been positive. The consultation raised many further queries to be considered. He noted that there were also financial pressures to be taken into consideration. The presentation showed how the project had been revised, and he noted that any project would need to be sustainable, value for money and bring community benefit.

Alison Clark added that this work was just the starting point, but there is much more work to be done, and what would come is a more 'what comes next'. An interactive session took place, where people within the rooms could provide their views via a 'thought cloud'. A lengthy discussion took place, then several questions were raised by both the AAP Board and the audience in attendance as follows:

- Q) Cllr Tracie Smith – Had received an e-mail from Amazons FC – Facilitating Chester-le-Street United in a takeover of the whole facility, forsaking all other football clubs use of this facility. How can the site be made more equitable?
- A) Alison stated that she had not heard this from Amazons FC – and would go back directly. Ben noted that a discussion had taken place with Julie Scurfield from Amazons FC, who had been invited to have a conversation regarding this.
- Q) Cllr Alan Bell – needs to be viable. Yet to see a business plan, needs to be sustainable. Too football focussed, local Councillors not listened to. Need further activities taking place – as currently not value for money. Floodlights, what is in place is sufficient for the athletics club – no need for the lights as noted. Not much changed in this consultation to the last one that was circulated. Feel that the Riverside doesn't really deliver anything.
- A) Alison noted that no facilities make a profit but DCC are more concerned around health and wellbeing. Shown that 70% use of pitches, and daytime use allows us to bring in revenue and make the site viable. Ben noted that Chester-le-Street United have requested the floodlights (18m) to adhere to League standards. Lights are old so would need replacing anyway.
- Q) Clare Todd – Tennis courts, netball etc., don't need the lighting noted. Perception is that it's ALL football – this needs to change. The athletics track at Roseberry could be upgraded as could the Riverside – people would use it. A lot orientated towards Park View School at the Riverside, everything badged up in their name.
- A) Alison - Park View do use this facility and they pay for this use during the day. This subsidises other activities. Football makes a lot of money – and this also subsidises other activities. Noted that there is a need to make maximum amount of space available for other activities as possible.
- Q) Cllr Danny Wood – Lots of history regarding the Roseberry site. Not been utilised well by DCC – not enough capacity on the site. Heavy investment through Neighbourhood Budget via Cllr Alison Batey and former Cllr Colin Carr to develop this site (to include community use – never happened) and there is only 1 artificial pitch. Local clubs used to utilise the pitch at Roseberry but now unable to do this due to how the site has developed, but agree we need 2 more artificial pitches somewhere. A meeting of Cllrs took place at County Hall where they were informed of the issues around the 2 pitches at the

Riverside, so it was asked if these pitches could be installed at Roseberry. Complications have ensued regarding DCC selling the land to a housing developer and issues around access to the site and the timing of the planning application. Danny noted that it was in the gift of DCC to enable this site to be better utilised – and concerns have been raised on a number of occasions. How can we be asking for views on this site but allow the planning application to go ahead when DCC are the ones selling the site. Wider issues – difficult one – very disappointed, still a chance to put one of the pitches at Roseberry, needs looking at as this is a strategic site – puts Cllrs in a very difficult position when they are not listened to. Children should not have to travel outside of the area we should have the facilities/capacity within this area and benefit from the revenue this could generate. Not a strategic issue for DCC.

- A) Alison – Pitches on both sites are now part of the consultation – wanted to understand the wider issues – and booking system is an issue. Roseberry site linked to where funding had originated via the Football Foundation/Sport England, which required football use only. Housing has been in the local plan for the site since the Education Department handed over the site. Ben noted that the issues raised by Danny had come through strongly in the consultation.

**Suzanne noted that Michael would forward all of the issues directly to Ben after the AAP meeting. Michael also noted that he had a number of queries from Cllr Moist who was unable to attend on the evening and would be forwarded on after the meeting.**

- Q) Alan Brown - Chair of Riverside RA – Amazed at lack of consultation, lack of business plan, and football centric approach. Supportive of development of the Riverside but needs a multi-sport approach. Various correspondence regarding how this scheme had been ‘steamrolled’ through. Cannot support the plan in its current state. Support comments made by Cllrs. Put many Freedom of Information requests forward – not able to access information. Issues with the opening and closing times of the site – issues with branding of Park View School and Chester-le-Street United – just shows the takeover element of the site – looks like a done deal. Promised that consultation would be more open, appalled – feel totally let down.
- Q) Kate – Riverside RA – Ecological emergency but creating 3G pitches on a green site. Consultation should be transparent and open for discussion. Should be a more holistic approach, not just for the right-hand side of the park (football) but should be for the whole of the riverside area as a holistic entity. The plan looks at the wrong thing, should look at sport, culture, tourism and then look at what revenue can be brought in to support this.
- A) Alison noted that these issues will be considered as the next stage, but Kate noted that this should have been part of the first stage.
- Q) Charles Lodge – Issues with planning processes – looks like a done deal – allowing planning permission – appears very underhand. Just be open and truthful about what’s going on. Danny noted that this was part of the County Durham Plan – but the land at Roseberry was advertised to housing providers – but subject to planning approval.
- Q) Clare – concerned that the public have accessibility to the sites – online system not working properly, things not communicated properly. Management Plan currently in place for Riverside, needs to link up – no reason why other activities cannot be added in and the plan extended.

Alison thanked everyone for their involvement and promised to return to a future AAP Board meeting to continue the conversations around this.

### Area Budget Report

### **Aspire Learning – Aspire to Learn - Community Support Priority (Mental Health)**

The aim of this project is to offer a person-centred, trauma informed, personalised learning and support experience to women in the community, providing a variety of opportunities to raise aspirations. To aid access, the delivery will take place at Aspire. A minimum of six women (maximum of 10), will receive 1-2-1 support and also work in a small group setting. Each will receive an initial induction to assess need and suitability. This project will be a weekly opportunity for women to engage. Some of these women may be in crisis/with complex needs and will need intensive and on-going support. Things that will be provided as part of the project include:

- Engagement activities
- Breaking down barriers
- Confidence building/feeling safe
- Goal identification
- Health improvement

Attendees will choose their own 'menu' of learning and they will be supported on their journey over the duration of the project. Outcomes will include a structured, supported pathway of self-development through informal learning. Learning new skills to enable improvement of resilience and identifying personal goals.

Through the pandemic and now the cost-of-living crisis, there has been a steady increase in demand for services, this has been shown by the partnership working with the County Durham Mental Health Alliance which has increased the number of individuals with complex needs into the centre.

Funding will be used to provide facilitators for courses, creche provision, with a contribution to core costs.

**Area Budget Request - £15,000**

**Match Funding Contribution – £750**

**Total Project Cost - £15,750**

**AAP Board Decision: APPROVED**

### **If U Care Share (IUCSF) – Chester Cares and Shares - Community Support Task Group (Mental Health)**

The aim of this project is to provide a response to the number of deaths by suicide across the Chester-le-Street & District AAP area and the lasting impact this leaves on communities. This project will concentrate on suicide prevention and maintaining good mental health and is split into three strands:

Community Awareness – including:

- Engagement with businesses/organisations across the area to signpost to IUCSF services and to improve how conversations around suicide prevention can be positively framed to promote increased wellbeing. Also, sessions held for local businesses and organisations to find out further information about IUCSF services and wellbeing messages.
- Attendance at key community events across the AAP area throughout the year.
- Promoting positive messaging across the area through message boards and business engagement.
- Source of support made available at near-miss sites to improve how conversations around suicide prevention can be positively framed to promote increased wellbeing.

Local Support – including:

- Additional support provided to employers or organisations, through telephone support, indirect support, drop in's, scheduled appointments etc.

Training – including:

- Eight half days or four full days training with local businesses/community organisations, delivered by IUCSF.
- Community suicide postvention training for businesses/key personnel/community organisations within the AAP area.

It is noted that, supporting those bereaved by suicide is suicide prevention, as those bereaved by suicide are at greater risk of suicide themselves.

Outcomes will include the promotion of positive wellbeing and good mental health messages across the area, increased knowledge and confidence around supporting those bereaved by suicide and a reduction in suicide and those requiring support (this may take a number of years to be reflected).

**Area Budget Request - £14,690**

**Match Funding Contribution – £2,547**

**Total Project Cost - £17,237**

**AAP Board Decision: APPROVED**

**NE First Credit Union – Cost of Living Task Group (Debt Management)**

This project will deliver financial surgeries to engage and encourage residents to get support and advice around finances. A large part of the project will be the promotion of these services and the support available via a leaflet drop to households. The project will also engage a wide number of partners and provide them with promotional literature to distribute to those individuals most in need of financial support and advice.

Due to the cost-of-living crisis, there are worries that many low-income families will resort to high cost lenders or even worse, illegal money lenders. Leaflets will offer guidance on the safer alternative of using a Credit Union and give residents examples of the difference in cost of borrowing money from Credit Unions as opposed to high-cost lenders. There will also be encouragement for residents to save with the Credit Union to build up their financial independence and improve their credit rating/s. The promotional leaflets will outline all the benefits of saving and borrowing from a Credit Union, providing details of how to become a member to join and borrow. The funding would be spent on designing, printing and delivering a leaflet to each household, commencing in February 2023.

Information surgeries at community centres raises the visibility of NEFirst as an ethical, financial organisation, enabling financial inclusion for all. Accessibility enables residents to reach out to save and lend responsibly. The project supports residents in taking control of finances, build financial resilience, leading to improved health and wellbeing. Residents can avoid high credit lending such as illegal lending and access interest free loans through local and government funded initiatives.

**Area Budget Request - £ 5,114**

**Match Funding Contribution – £0**

**Total Project Cost - £ 5,114**

All applications, if approved by the Board, will be forwarded to the AAP Funding Team where they will undergo a technical appraisal and any queries will be communicated back to the applicant. Once any outstanding queries receive a satisfactory response, the applicant will receive an offer letter. Board Members will receive updates on the progress of these projects via quarterly monitoring reports

Q Khaled asked if the use of social media campaigns been considered as part of the project? This wouldn't cost much money, if any? Laura to be supported via warm spaces, so will be social media. Suzanne noted that the social media element is needed as high cost credit is done online. Cllr Alan Bell – how many sessions will there be – Laura to come back. Asked if anyone used the NE Credit Union and Jan from Aspire noted that this was an important strand to their work and much needed.

### AAP Board Decision – APPROVED

Michael noted that all applications were on the dedicated AAP Board Members Teams channel to view.

#### Older Peoples Social Isolation Fund Report

Allyson explained that six applications were submitted, totalling £37,788. The Community Support Task Group met on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022 to assess the applications and decide which they would seek to recommend to the AAP Board for approval. All applications were made available to Board Members on the Teams channel in advance of the Board Meeting, for consideration.

The following projects were recommended by the Community Support Task Group:

Project	Headline Description	OPSIF (£)	Match (£)	Beneficiaries
Aspire - Fifty & Beyond	A weekly befriending group which will serve as a gateway for participants access to other opportunities to reduce isolation and feelings of loneliness.	7,750	4,580	30
Bullion Community Resource Centre – Activities for Older People	To provide a programme of activities for both men and women including, curling (x2), ukulele, carpet bowls, men's crie, ladies together, patchwork quilters and tea dance. To act as match funding to continue to provide these services.	6,000	15,875	130
Fulforth Centre – Older People's Project	To employ a part-time 'Older People Project Worker' to develop work with older people in Sacriston and the surrounding villages. Offering an extended lunch club and further activities.	7,550	16,344	85
Pelton Community Association – Come Together	To host events throughout the year, aimed at bringing people together, encouraging new friendships, encouraging participation and getting out the house, as well as offering home cooked food and	5,638	150	104

	refreshments in a welcoming and warm environment.			
Selby Cottage Nursery -	To take place at Holyoake Communal Room. Offering food and refreshments, entertainment, activities. Including volunteer training.	5,570	34,718	70
<b>Totals</b>		<b>32,508</b>	<b>71,668</b>	

It was noted that one project could not be progressed, due to lack of clarity, focus and relevance of the application to the fund/priority at hand.

Taking the above information into consideration, to fund all OPSIF proposals in accordance with the recommendations of the Community Support Task Group, it was recommended that the Board agree to fund an allocation of £7,508 from this year's Area Budget, in addition to the £25,000 OPSIF.

**AAP Board Decision: APPROVE all approaches.**

**APPROVE the extra allocation of £7,508 from the Area Budget in addition to the £25,000 OPSIF allocation.**

#### Healthy Relationships Fund Report

##### Rape and Sexual Abuse Counselling Centre (RSACC) - Arts-based collaborative project to deliver sexual violence awareness workshops in schools

The aim of this project is to co-produce an arts-based learning tool for use in schools to facilitate open conversations about sexual violence, what it means, consent and healthy relationships, with a particular focus on peer-on-peer abuse. The arts-based learning tool will take the form of an animated film that will harness real lived experience of young survivors in County Durham and will highlight the difficulties faced in current systems for young people during disclosure and beyond.

The costs also include a dedicated part-time worker who will facilitate the delivery of workshops to teachers and staff at schools and colleges throughout the AAP area. Teachers will be supported with comprehensive session plan resources which will be produced, alongside the animation tool.

The project has assured the task group they can still deliver the project if they are not successful in securing the match funding by using their reserves. The task group would like this to be a condition on any subsequent offer for this project alongside confirmation of the schools they will work with in Chester-le-Street & District AAP area.

**Healthy Relationship Funding Request - £6,952**

**Match Funding - £8,952 (not secured)**

**Total Cost of Project - £15,904**

**AAP Board Decision – APPROVED**

Sacriston Youth Project – Healthy Minds: Talk it Out!



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The project will work with young people aged 11-19 years to deliver workshops and engaging activities that will teach young people about healthy relationships, choices and communication. The project will address attitudes, opinions and behaviours, relating to dating abuse and healthy relationships.

These sessions will be delivered in youth clubs by trained youth workers over a period of weeks. Young people will then work with a professional animation artist to create short animation videos, with them talking over topics and sharing their learning and understanding. This will include learning storyboarding, script and/or audio, artwork and/or models and editing.

Once created, these short films will be able to be used in youth club settings in the future, as a resource. The group will also work on healthy relationship promotional items such as posters and bookmarks to give out to their peers. These will include messages highlighting what they have learnt i.e what makes a healthy / unhealthy relationship. They will create these using the computers, camera/camcorder and have them professionally printed ready to distribute.

The costings include a youth lead post and resources to support delivery of the project.

There were several queries that the task group raised which the applicant was asked to respond to. In order to ensure the responses to these questions are fully assessed by the task group, it is thought that it would be best to discuss the responses and the project as a whole at the next Cost-of-Living Task Group Meeting. Any recommendation to approve this project from the Cost-of-Living Task Group will follow in due course.

#### **Healthy Relationship Funding Request - £4,070**

**Match Funding - £0**

**Total Cost of Project - £4,070**

**Michael explained that a further meeting would take place with Task Group members as there was a split decision within the group. This item would then be circulated to the AAP Board for a virtual decision. Depending on this decision, if not supported, the monies would not be lost.**

#### **AAP Board Decision – DEFER for virtual decision**

Howell noted that it would be helpful for more local organisations to apply to this fund.

#### Neighbourhood Budget Report

#### Neighbourhood Budget Town & Villages Allocations

#### **Summary Description – Councillor Tracie Smith - DCC Leisure – Installation of a Swing set at Elmway Play Park**

The aim of this project is to install a swing set within the play park at Elmway. Through local consultation this has been requested by local residents.

**Declaration of Interest:** None

**NBTV Allocation: £5,322** (match of £12,643 coming from main Neighbourhood Budget making a total allocation of £12,966)

**AAP Board Decision: Supported**



### **Neighbourhood Budget Small Grant Allocations**

#### **Summary Description – Councillors Beaty Bainbridge, Simon Henig, Craig Martin and Tracie Smith - Cornerstones Centre for the Community – Reach for the Stars Film Making Project**

The aim of this project is to contribute to the ongoing support of the film club which caters for those with learning difficulties. The film club has been very successful and sees local people with learning disabilities taking part in all aspects of making a film, from planning to production to acting in the film.

**Declaration of Interest:** None

**NBSG Allocation: £999** (Cllr Beaty Bainbridge committing £100, Cllrs Craig Martin and Tracie Smith committing £250 and Cllr Simon Henig committing £399)

**AAP Board Decision: Supported**

#### **Summary Description – Councillor Tracie Smith – Selby Cottage Childcare Centre – South Pelaw Warm Space**

The aim of this project is to work in partnership with the local resident association to continue the work of providing a warm space for residents. This will also include the development of various activities within Holyoake Communal Room for residents of the area of South Pelaw and beyond.

**Declaration of Interest:** None

**NBSG Allocation: £999**

**AAP Board Decision: Supported**

#### **Summary Description – Councillor Beaty Bainbridge – DCC Safer Communities – CCTV Camera**

The aim of this project is to support the installation of a CCTV camera to a location within central Chester-le-Street. This is due to on-going community safety issues that both DCC and Durham Constabulary are encountering in the area.

**Declaration of Interest:** None

**NBSG Allocation: £500**

**AAP Board Decision: Supported**

### **Neighbourhood Budget Allocations**

#### **Summary Description – Councillor Beaty Bainbridge – DCC Clean and Green - Installation of Picnic Benches and Seating**

The aim of this project is to supply and install three picnic benches in the area around South Burns. This receives heavy footfall with people visiting the park, school children on breaks and events in the area. The project will also see the installation of two seats at Riverside Park to aid the ongoing development of the area.

**Declaration of Interest:** None

**NB Allocation: £3,472**

**AAP Board Decision: Supported**

**Summary Description – Councillors Emma Waldock and Simon Wilson – Jubilee Close, Edmondsley - Installation of Handrails**

The aim of this project is to install two steel handrails on the public steps at Jubilee Close, Edmondsley. The handrails will be fitted to the adjacent existing ones on these wide steps, providing additional support and security for its users. These steps are used as a main access from the bungalows to the main road through Jubilee Close to the local facilities.

**Declaration of Interest:** None

**NB Allocation: £6,550** (Cllr Waldock and Cllr Wilson will each commit £3,275)

**AAP Board Decision: Supported**

**Summary Description – Councillors Alison Batey, Paul Pringle and Danny Wood – DCC Leisure – Transfer of Urpeth Play Are**

The aim of the project is to contribute towards a commuted sum for the installation and maintenance of Urpeth Play area. The play area was installed as part of the new Persimmon housing development, with agreement that this would be transferred to DCC upon completion.

**Declaration of Interest:** None

**NB Allocation: £10,000** (Cllrs Alison Batey and Danny Wood committing £3,333 each and Cllr Paul Pringle committing £3,334)

**AAP Board Decision: Supported**

**Summary Description – Councillor Tracie Smith – DCC Leisure – Installation of a Swing set at Elmway Play Park and an Adventure Trail at The Glens Play Park**

The aim of this project is to supply and install a swing set on the Elmway Play Park and a new adventure trail within the play park at The Glens. This work has been supported by local residents who want to see further play equipment in the area.

**Declaration of Interest:** None

**NB Allocation: £12,643** (match of £5,322 coming from NB Towns and Villages as above)

**AAP Board Decision: Supported**

Monitoring & Budget Update

Due to time available, it was agreed to defer this item until the next meeting in March.

## Partner Updates

**Police** – Lee noted the Santa in a Van Christmas project, supported by funding via Cllrs. Huge response to this from the communities. Lee noted his thanks for the support.

Lee noted a large-scale cannabis growth located in the old Crocodillos site. There had been a number of arrests, charges brought and those individuals were awaiting trial.

Care packages for which there had been lots of support and this project was heavily used across the area – this also included some Christmas gifts for care homes. Cllr Bell noted that 21 had opened its doors to support the homeless of the area. Lee noted that various agencies were looking at support.

Cllr Bell noted the PACT drop in at Lumley was very helpful and a good piece of work. Lee noted resources are tight but multi-agency work is the way forward. Moving away from traditional PACT meetings.

Cllr Tracie Smith noted that our Town Centres are vulnerable due to the amount of empty properties. Lee noted this was a national issue – empty properties being exploited – need regular inspections and Lee noted that this would form part of a partnership approach. Michael noted that there were a number of issues around the town centre, when officers could be brought along to Task Groups and the AAP Board. Charlie noted the need for further CCTV across the area, and Lee noted his support for this but DCC oversees this and not Durham Constabulary, costs for installation of CCTV are high, difficult to manage especially issues around data protection etc. Agreed this is something that needs to be looked at – Michael to arrange a meeting with Lee.

**Health** – No report as no representative was in attendance

**Fire & Rescue Service** – Graeme noted that the Chief Fire Officer Steve Hobbs was not in post. Thank you to Laura re warm packs and get in touch if anyone is struggling. Graeme noted his thanks to Cllr Alan Bell regarding the Chilton Moor incident regarding the fire.

**Karbon Homes** – Funding from AAP to undertake employability services/business sector/recovery from COVID. Includes Employability Form – taking place regularly, job events taking place linking with Business Durham – will provide more of an update at a future meeting.

Cllr Alan Bell asked about Lambton Estate. Consultation on tenancy of One Stop Shop & Great Lumley Methodist Church (housing advice surgeries). Suzanne noted that she would get an update on Lambton Estate and the One Stop Shop. Housing surgeries would be something that Karbon would like to trial and she would be touch.

Action: Suzanne

**Business Sector** – No report but Michael noted that the Christmas Event went really well – thank you to everyone involved. Clare noted that the Christmas tree for 2022 was the best one ever – need a good one for 2023.

**Voluntary Sector** – No report as no representative was in attendance. Michael noted that Ian Heaviside had submitted his resignation to the AAP Board, which was accepted.

## AAP Co-ordinators Update

Holiday Activity with Healthy Food – Closing date 11<sup>th</sup> January – need AAP Board members for the Funding Assessment Panel – need a response from AAP Board Members.



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Flood Wardens – More volunteers are needed as Clare is currently the only one. Clare has further information if needed, Allyson has placed something on the AAP Facebook page.

Chesters Best – Clare mentioned that she will be working with the AAP to see how this can be achieved. Anyone with a keen interest in gardening who would be interested please let Clare know.

**Date and Time of the next meeting**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March, Chester-le-Street Cricket Club, Ropery Lane, Chester-le-Street.

It was noted that the Car Park is accessible from Ropery Lane.