

LCN Meeting 16 October 2025 Draycott Memorial Hall

Hosted by Nataliya Wells Link Officer, Draycott

Chair Jackie Farley

1. Election of Vice Chair – carried over
2. Notes from last meeting – unavailable. Notes from the above meeting have also not yet been distributed
3. Updates from working groups:
 - ☐ A new Local Plan is starting to be created. This will come before every LCN. Public consultation will be included.
 - ☐ Planning Working Group – should the LCN have one, or would it be just a talking shop?
 - ☐ Little to report from Highways LCN or Environment and Nature LCN
4. Directory of Services: this has been a recurring topic ie the idea of a one-stop platform or site where local residents can find out about and access a huge array of services and opportunities
 - ☐ It had been thought that an app was the answer, specifically an app called Joy, until it was pointed out that apps with this or similar names might produce content rather different from whist drives or flower arranging...
 - ☐ Facebook was discussed in this context but the time needed to administer and maintain such a site across an LCN was problematic
 - ☐ May end up as a pdf page on the Council website, with links
5. Public Health: Nataliya had printed out some interesting data drawn from eg the 2021 Census, Somerset Council data and other very recent sources to help inform Parish Councils about their populations: education, employment, health, crime, house prices etc. This was at LCN level.

There was also a very detailed Powerpoint presentation breaking this down further into parishes. Unfortunately this was hard to read and the Powerpoint has not been sent out to us yet.