

# Parent Council

Record of the meeting held on Thursday 3 December 2019 at 9.00am.

**Present:** Caroline Degg, Claire Hartland, Fiona Rowe, Cherie Wilkes, Roger Evans, Natalie Wareing, Donna Richardson, and Kate Budd.

**Apologies:** Helen Randles

**Also in attendance:** Alison Bebb (Admin Assistant)

**Chair:** Claire Hartland

## 3. Outcomes from previous meeting

**Website improvements** - This was discussed at the Governors' meeting and a different provider is being investigated. This is in progress.

**T2P app** - Class Dojo is being investigated and how it can link to the website.

**School meals for later sitting** - monitoring has been done on a random basis and there is food available for the last sitting. The menu options were discussed and an analysis could be done on the popularity of meals taken.

Menu options will be discussed with Shire Services.

Size of meals was discussed; more food given to older children. Meals are planned by nutritionist and there is always fruit and yoghurt available.

**Electronic Payment System** - This has been discussed at Finance and Personnel Committee. The new website may have this facility, but the payment for school dinners has to be discussed with Shire Services. There is concern about the parents without access to internet

**Termly reminders about updating contact details** - This has been done.

**Box at front desk for slips** - This has been done.

**SEND Local Offer** - This will be discussed further with the staff.

## 4. Safer Schools (School item)

There were 20 replies to the questionnaire with 100% saying that the school is safe.

The main issues were:

- apples on the ground (there have been less apples, but the tree will be pruned)
- parking on zig-zag lines
- crossing the road opposite the school
- traffic speed on the main road
- need for pelican crossing outside school
- inappropriate parking outside houses in Cruckmeole Meadows.

The Police and Crime Commissioner does not think that there is a problem with speeding in the village, so no need for Community Speedwatch van. The community disagrees with this. It was recommended that parents write to Pontesbury Parish Council to ask for signage. Parking on the zig-zag lines cannot be legally enforced.

The crossing near Caradoc View will be installed in February 2020.

There was a suggestion that school could campaign for reducing speeding as part of Safer School initiative eg children design posters which could be hung throughout the village.

## 5. Communication (School item)

There are different ways of communicating with parents - texts, emails and the pink Home-School links book. Reminders are sent out for key events eg performances.

## 6. Current Issues

- There was a discussion about the snacks that children are permitted to take to the panto - no crisps, chocolate or fizzy drinks. This is in line with school policy that applies at break-times. The Governors made the decision about snacks to promote healthy eating.
- Could letters with parental consent slips, be put on the website.
- More reminder texts or emails could be sent.
- Parents would like a text to say that the Monday Messenger is available.

The meeting closed at 10.15am.