

Youth Council Meeting, St Barnabas School  
4:30 pm, Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2025

**Present:** DK, IS, RK, OM, FB, JC, Cllrs. Chloe Stevens and Jane Taylor.

**Also present:** Four pupils of St Barnabas, Jack Mason and Jacky MacQueen representing Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, Mrs Clough, Headteacher, Wilts Cllr Dominic Munns.

This meeting was held at St Barnabas for pupils interested in joining the Youth Council to meet existing councillors, and to discuss matters that could inform the Neighbourhood Plan.

Following introductions, the Youth Council finalised arrangements for the Spring Clean at 2pm on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March, meeting at Broadwell.

**Action:** Some councillors to meet Jane at The Old School to collect litter pickers etc (arrange via WhatsApp). Jane to send details to St Barnabas.

Jack then outlined what a Neighbourhood Plan is, and we split into three groups to discuss concerns about the village, what they'd like to see etc.

These groups then came together again to share comments, of which there were very many thought out ones, and included:

- Skate park / BMX track site off White St
- Footpaths in better condition to get to both schools and centre of village with adequate lighting
- Water station at Elisha Field
- If bigger developments, need green spaces to play in
- Protect and support wildlife by creating spaces eg area opposite turning into Drove Lane)
- Speed awareness signs
- More bins
- Crossings at bottom of Drove Lane and new Co-op
- Affordable housing

Jack and Jacky thanked everyone for their contributions.

RK and OM presented the bird boxes that they'd made which are brilliant, and a date will be arranged to place them along a footpath.

IS presented new posters re dog fouling, litter and speeding with the idea to get them made up. It was also agreed that it would refresh awareness to move the existing ones around.

Jane thanked everyone for attending, with special thanks to St Barnabas for hosting the meeting.