

Minutes of the meeting of Ackworth Parish Council's Village Events Committee at the Parish Council Community Centre, Bell Lane, on Monday 28 June 2021, commencing at 6pm

Present: Cllr M Roberts in the Chair
Cllrs S Balfour, A Cook, and M Galvin

1. Apologies

1.1 Apologies were approved from Cllr A Garbutt and G Marshall

2. Declarations of Interests and Dispensations

- 2.1 To receive declarations of interest from Councillors on items on the agenda
- 2.2 To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any)
- 2.3 To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate

None to receive

3. To decide if the Gala / village event should be organised for September 2021

- 3.1. All Councillors agreed that considering the continued uncertainty regarding Covid-19 regrettably no gala event would be organised for 2021

4. To discuss arrangements for Christmas Lights switch on 2021

- 4.1. It was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that the event goes ahead as normal on Friday 26 November with the church service at All Saints Church followed by the lights switch on at the Christmas tree at Rhyddings Drive.
- 4.2. Cllr Balfour proposed and Cllr Cook seconded that up to an extra £2000 be spent on lamppost decorations throughout the village. All councillors agreed this should be recommended to the Parish Council and to delegate back to the committee what decorations are purchased.
- 4.3. Consideration was given to who could be invited to switch the Christmas lights on.

5. To discuss arrangements for Santa Day 2021

- 5.1. Covid restrictions allowing, it was recommended the event will go ahead with a provisional date of Saturday 11 December 2021 and a Santa to be booked,
- 5.2. Consideration to be given to getting to the following
 - 5.2.1. Asking for volunteers to help setup the grotto and organising the gifts.
 - 5.2.2. Look in the feasibility of a ticketing system so people don't have to queue
 - 5.2.3. Look at booking a choir\brass band and a balloon artist

6. To discuss 2022 Events and planning

- 6.1. A discussion took place and the following suggestions were made;
 - Sunflower Seeds Distribution – April
 - Pumpkin Event – April and October,

- Queen's Platinum Jubilee (QPJ) - June
- Gala – June
- Yorkshire Day – August

Cllr Balfour proposed and Cllr Cook seconded that the QPJ to be organised after the next committee meeting in September and invite members of the public to form a committee. All Councillors agreed.

7. To discuss plans for Yorkshire Day 2022

7.1. A discussion took place and the following was suggested;

- Yorkshire flag to be flown at the Community Centre on Bell Lane
- Look into the feasibility of market stalls at Carr Bridge with local suppliers, food vans, local businesses.
- A suitable date, provisionally looking at 7 August

8. To discuss plans for Remembrance Days 2021 and 2022

8.1. It was agreed as in previous years the Parish Council would lay a wreath at the war memorial and there would be Parish Council representation at the Church service.

There being no further business to be discussed the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 6.45pm.