

Minutes of Ackworth Parish Council's Village Events Committee held at the Parish Council Community Centre, Bell Lane, on Monday 7 February 2022 at 7pm

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

1. Apologies

1.1. Apologies were received, and the reasons given as reported in the attendance book were approved from Cllrs S Balfour, 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)

2.2. To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate

None to receive.

3. To review events from 2021

3.1. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the following events took place but were scaled back: Pumpkin Day, Sunflower Planting, Remembrance Day and the Christmas Light switch on. Those that did not take place included the Gala and Santa Day.

4. To discuss arrangements for sunflower seeds distribution

4.1. A discussion took place. It was agreed to recommend that this event should go ahead in 2022, and that the same format is acceptable, no changes required but that the seeds are made available for planting over the Easter break.

It was agreed this does not require a further meeting to finalise details and volunteers.

5. To discuss arrangements for the annual pumpkin event

5.1. Discussions took place. It was agreed to recommend that this event should go ahead in 2022, and that the same format is acceptable. That at the next Allotment meeting on 18th February, the Chair Cllr Galvin asks if more allotment tenants could be involved in the planting day with the children, in order to promote the event and encourage more participants.

It was agreed that this does not require a further meeting finalise details and volunteers.

6. To discuss arrangements for the Platinum Jubilee

6.1. Discussions took place. It was agreed to recommend the following:

- That this event should see the Parish Council joining in with the nation's Lighting of the Beacon and Planting a Tree initiative.
- That the Parish Council consider holding a 'Best Decorated Jubilee House' with the Events Committee judging the entrants, and the Parish Council providing a substantial prize.
- To engage with an events organisation company with a view to them providing a 'Tea in the Park' at Carr Bridge.
- That local groups e.g. Heritage Group, Needles and Pins are contacted to gauge their intentions and if the Parish Council can support them either financially or otherwise.
- That the Schools are contacted (Howard, Bell Lane, Mill Dam, Oakfield and Ackworth School) to ascertain what form of commemorative gift they are open to, based on the

initial feedback that the traditional cups are no longer suitable. Flower Bee Bombs had been suggested by this meeting.

6.2. It was further agreed that a Village Events Committee Meeting to discuss the finer details of the Platinum Jubilee is required and it recommended this be held on Monday 28 February 2022 at 6pm.

7. To discuss arrangements for Ackworth Gala Saturday (25 June 2022)

7.1. Discussions took place. It was agreed to recommend that this event should go ahead in 2022 but on a scaled down version.

7.2. That an additional Village Events committee meeting to discuss the finer details of the Gala's set up and available volunteers is required, and it was recommended this be held on Monday 28 February 2022 at 7pm.

8. To discuss initial arrangements for Santa Day (Saturday 10 December 2022)

8.1. Discussions took place. It was agreed to recommend that this event should go ahead in 2022, and that the same format is acceptable.

8.2. That the 'preferred' Santa is booked as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

8.3. That a meeting is arranged around July 2022 with the previous event organisers Cllrs Mrs Sue and Terry Hollyhead to gain insight on how best to maintain their long-standing organisation of this event and which volunteers are available to do the tasks involved.

9. To discuss initial arrangements for Christmas Lights Switch-On (Friday 25 November 2022)

9.1. Discussions took place. It was agreed to recommend that this event should go ahead in 2022, and that the same format is acceptable.

9.2. That a meeting is arranged the same day in July 2022 to follow on from the Santa Day meeting, to consider which volunteers are available to do the tasks involved.

9.3. The following changes are noted for further consideration; a PA system to be used for the countdown and choir as the sound quality needs to be improved, that the general public are requested to stand on the grassed area facing Wakefield Road and the Tree; to facilitate this a section of the wooden fencing is removed for better access, that more perimeter lighting is sourced. This will allow more people to safely attend and have more room to manoeuvre.

10. To receive correspondence from Ackworth Art Walk

10.1. A letter from Ackworth Art Walk detailing their intentions for the Jubilee event was received and discussions took place. It was agreed that as the areas they intend to use are not in the remit of Ackworth Parish Council, they are advised to engage with the District Councillors for their help in gaining any permissions and sourcing the appropriate Wakefield Council contact.

10.2. That this Committee recommend to Parish Council that, if the community room is required they can use the centre free of charge.

As there was no further business to be conducted, the Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8pm