

Minutes of the meeting of Ackworth Parish Council's Village Events Committee held at the Parish Council Community Centre, Bell Lane, on Monday 20 February 2023 at 6pm

Present: Cllr M Roberts in the Chair
Cllrs S Balfour, J Bell and M Galvin

1. Apologies

1.1 Apologies were received from Cllrs A Cook and A Garbutt

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 receive and note the minutes of the Village Events meeting held on 28 November 2022

3.1. The minutes were **noted**.

4. To receive matters arising

4.1. **None to receive.**

5. To discuss the pumpkin event

5.1. A discussion took place regarding expanding the event to include other vegetables that don't take as much space in the garden; it was agreed to **recommend to full council** that this year the event would be for pumpkins and squash and that other vegetables could be considered in future years, and the event would be held on Saturday 29 April from 11am to noon.

6. To discuss the distribution of sunflower seeds around the village

6.1. A discussion took place.

It was agreed to **recommend to full council** the following:

- The seeds are left at the noticeboards in the village and at the allotment main gate; to include a request for photographs of the blooms.
- An invitation to be sent to the library to ask if they will help children plant seeds; and to plant up an area in the car park at the community centre.
- An invitation is sent to each primary school in the village to see if they want to take part

7. To discuss plans for the King's Coronation

7.1. To receive correspondence from a resident

A resident had written to ask what the Parish Council was planning for the King's coronation, and if anything would coincide with the annual scarecrow festival.

A discussion took place and it was agreed to **recommend to full council** the following:

- A royal themed best dressed house\garden competition is held to coincide with the scarecrow festival.
- To look at environmental gifts for children and bring options and costings back to the next meeting
- To look at funding options for bushes and trees for Old Holes Quarry
- To look at funding options for a "Coronation Hedge"
- To contact Cllr Jack Hemingway, Deputy Leader of Wakefield Council and Climate Change and Environment to advise him what the Parish Council are looking to do and ask for guidance.
- To hold a site visit at Old Holes Quarry and Ackworth Quarries Community Centre to look at planting location.

8. To discuss sponsorship of hanging baskets

8.1. The hanging basket brackets have a fitting for a sponsorship plaque. A discussion took place regarding the feasibility of the Parish Council allowing local businesses and residents to sponsor a hanging basket and in return their details will be put on the plaque. It is to be noted that there are restrictions on what can be advertised on the plaques; no alcohol, tobacco and junk food, and telephone numbers are not permitted. The full list of restriction is to be obtained from First Impressions.

It was agreed to **recommend to full council** the following:

- The Parish Council look into this sponsorship, limiting the number to 10 this year so that the administrative overhead can be assessed.
- A charge of £100 per sponsored display; this includes the hanging basket, personalised plaque and an administrative fee.
- The sponsorship opportunity to be advertised and issued on a first come first served basis.

9. To discuss arrangement with Churches Together regarding Christmas Lights Switch On 2023

9.1. It was noted that a date for a meeting with representatives of the Church had not been set yet.

10. To discuss actions for Ackworth Gala 2023

10.1. A detailed discussion took place. It was agreed to **recommend to full council** the following:

- work to begin on sourcing food stalls including ice-cream provision.
- costings are obtained for holding a parade; to include traffic management, marching band, transport for the Gala King, Queen and Attendants, additional staff and volunteer numbers; and reviewed at the next meeting.
- Stallholder application forms for constituted community groups and registered charities to be sent out in April.
- Invitations sent to Ambulance, Fire Service and Police.
- Make enquiries with the heritage bus charity.
- There will not be a poll for the theme, as the gala date is close to the Coronation, the theme will be Royalty.

11. To review Santa Day 2022 and discuss initial plans for Santa Day 2023

11.1. The event was a great success receiving positive feedback.

It was agreed to **recommend to the full council** that Santa is booked for this year's event.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7pm.