

Minutes of the meeting of Ackworth Parish Council's Village Events Committee at the Parish Council Community Centre, Bell Lane, on Monday 24 April 2023 at 6pm

The Committee has delegated powers. Granted on 13 March 2023

Present: Cllr M Roberts in the Chair

Cllrs J Bell, S Balfour and A Cook

1. Apologies

1.1 Apologies were received from Cllrs M Galvin and A Garbutt for reasons recorded in the attendance book.

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 20 February 2023

3.1. Noted.

4. To receive and approve the minutes of the Village Events meeting held on 4 April 2023

4.1. The meeting was not quorate.

5. To receive matters arising

5.1. The events manager produced a flyer detailing the summer events, this was sent to all the schools.

6. To discuss plans for the pumpkin planting day

6.1. A discussion took place. The event has been advertised in the latest newsletter, on posters around the village and on Facebook. An invitation to be sent to all councillors. Free crafts will be available along with refreshments.

7. To discuss distribution of the sunflower seeds

7.1. A discussion took place and the following was agreed:

- Sunflower seeds will be left at the parish council noticeboards around the village and the gate at the allotments.
- Participants will be encouraged to send in photos of the planting \ growing of the sunflowers. A prize would be given for the best photograph.
- Advertising through social media and the newsletter.
- To invite Rainbows \ Brownies etc to get involved along with the community library. A planting space has been allocated on the grassed area to the rear of the community centre on Bell Lane.

8. To discuss items for the King's Coronation and to decide a course of action

8.1. A discussion took place and the following was agreed

- Best dressed house competition prizes (garden centre vouchers) £50, £40 and £30 for 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively. Judging to take place w/c 8 May

- Advertising of the event to be displayed around the village on noticeboards, social media and newsletter.
- Bunting to be put up w/c 1 May.
- Community gifts to be purchased – lapel pin for children attending the village primary schools along with a bird feeder for each of the primary schools.

9. To discuss the Scarecrow Festival and decide a course of action

9.1. A discussion took place. The following was agreed

- Parish Council to work in partnership with the scarecrow festival. Ackworth Community Hub are mapping the scarecrows. Prizes (garden centre vouchers) £50, £40 and £30 for 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively to be provided by the Parish Council.
- Contact the festival entrants to ask them to bring their scarecrows to the gala.

10. To discuss the Gala preparations and decide a course of action

10.1. Gala Parade – a discussion took place and the estimated cost of running the parade is in excess of £3000; covering traffic management, transportation, marching band. Concerns were raised about the management of the parade and staffing levels required to run it safely and effectively. It was agreed that there would be no parade in 2023 however it would be looked at as its own entity for 2024 with a need, if going ahead, to have its own budget.

10.2. Following a detailed discussion, the items below were agreed:

- Tender document to be sent out for Ice Cream Van attendance
- There would be a small parade around the gala field
- The music and entertainment as identified can be booked
- A special invitation to the event will be sent to Councillors Sue and Terry Hollyhead.

11. To receive correspondence from the Boys' Brigade regarding volunteering opportunities.

11.1. The Boys' Brigade are looking for volunteering opportunities for some of the year 10\11 boys. A discussion took place about what opportunities are available at the Parish Council. Initial thoughts were litter picking, community gardening, help at the gala. It was agreed to contact the Boys' Brigade to advised that the Parish Council are keen to help but would need to ensure the appropriate safeguarding measures are in place.

12. To receive an update on Santa Day 2023

12.1. The event is booked for Saturday 9 December. It was agreed to investigate the possibility of hosting the event over 2 days given the preparation and effort put into the event. A meeting has been arranged with Santa to check availability, over two days if required, and explain what is required on the day.

A brief discussion took place about the setting of "Freedom of the Parish" award. This would be investigated at a future meeting.

There being no further business to be discussed the Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.45pm.