



COLWICH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 20TH JULY 2023, AT THE PARISH CENTRE, ST. MARY'S ROAD, LITTLE HAYWOOD, COMMENCING AT 7:30PM.

PRESENT: (For all or part of the meeting) Cllr Plant (Chairman); Cllr Hardwick (Vice Chairman); Cllr Birt; Cllr Upton-Loach and Cllr Walters.

IN ATTENDANCE: Revd Mr Michael Lennon (Parish Clerk) and Cllr Bloor.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: One member of the public was in attendance. On invitation from the Chairman the member of the public spoke to item 71/23Ev. The Twinning Association anticipates about 18 visitors from Germany for about 5 days from 23rd October 2023. The visitors are too few for a coach and so transport to local venues will be required. The Association would like to apply for a small grant to assist with this year's visit. Association members cover their own costs including the farewell dinner.

The member of the public thanked the Committee and left the meeting.

Cllr Upton-Loach during the above presentation.

MINUTES

61/23Ev **APOLOGIES** were received from Cllr Upton-Loach who would need to leave by 9pm.

RESOLVED to accept the apology.

PROPOSED Cllr Plant

SECONDED Cllr Hardwick.

On being put to the vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

62/23Ev There were no **RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

63/23Ev There were no **WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION UNDER THE LOCALISM ACT 2011.**

64/23Ev **FEEDBACK FROM THE CORONATION FETE.**

Cllr Plant noted that verbal feedback had been overwhelmingly positive.

Every stall holder was issued with a response sheet. However, only two completed sheets were returned.

Comments:

Parade – unlikely in the current climate.

Additional bar – one bar is sufficient.

More varied stalls – 6 stall holders pulled out in the week leading up to the event.

Parking, whether on site or nearby, needs to be considered.

65/23Ev CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON SCHOOL POSTER COMPETITION.

RESOLVED to invite the three primary schools to submit posters every year.

PROPOSED Cllr Walters **SECONDED** Cllr Plant.

On being put to the vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

66/23Ev CHRISTMAS TREE(S) FOR THE FESTIVE SEASON.

RESOLVED to purchase 2-large trees each year and to plant a living tree as part of the JPF improvement works (location to be agreed).

RESOLVED to light the two fir trees on Oldfields Crescent; the hedge near Roseacre; and the tree at the Colwich junction using battery operated lights.

RESOLVED to continue with the same lighting times as in 2022 i.e., 3:15pm – 4:15pm and then 6pm – 9pm until 22nd December 2023 and then from 5pm - 9pm until Twelfth night.

PROPOSED Cllr Plant **SECONDED** Cllr Upton-Loach.

On being put to the vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

67/23Ev ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS EVENT

68/23Ev MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE CHRISTMAS SWITCH ON

These two items were taken together.

Event to commence at 4pm with Christmas music.

4:30pm – 5:15pm Lucky Lee Magician

5:15pm – 6pm Mighty Jamma

6pm – 7pm School choirs and drama group

7pm lights switch-on assisted by the primary school poster competition winners.

Santa's grotto to be relocated into the building.

PROPOSED Cllr Plant SECONDED Cllr Hardwick

On being put to the vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

69/23Ev SNOW MACHINE

RESOLVED to purchase a snow machine up to the value of £500.

PROPOSED Cllr Plant **SECONDED** Cllr Upton-Loach.

On being put to the vote, the resolution carried unanimously.

70/23Ev REFRESHMENT STALLS FOR THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON EVENT.

RESOLVED to include a licensed bar, Curry; Fish & Chips; Pizza and Mulled Wine, Hot Waffles, and other deserts.

PROPOSED Cllr Plant **SECONDED** Cllr Upton-Loach.
On being put to the vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

71/23Ev VILLAGE FETE

RESOLVED to host an annual fete and to set the following dates:
8th June 2024 (to mark the 80th anniversary of D-Day); and
10th May 2025 (to commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE Day).

PROPOSED Cllr Plant **SECONDED** Cllr Hardwick
On being put to the vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

72/23Ev RIMBACH TWINNING VISIT

RESOLVED to erect a 40TH ANNIVERSARY banner, once confirmation of the visit is received, and to present this as a gift to the people of Rimbach.

PROPOSED Cllr Plant **SECONDED Cllr Birt**
On being put to the vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Cllr Hardwick declared an interest.

Cllr Bloor thanked the Committee and left the meeting.

Cllr Upton-Loach left the meeting.

73/23Ev THE 2023/24 COMMITTEE BUDGET.

The Clerk noted that he had met with the Finance Officer to consider the various committee budget headings, which had not been amended in over 10 years. Once the adjustments are complete the Committee budget will be circulated for comment ahead of the Finance Committee meeting on 28th September 2023.

74/23Ev **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** to be 26th October 2023.

Meeting closed at 9:15pm.