

MINUTES OF THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AND EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 17TH JUNE 2019 AT THE PARISH CENTRE, ST. MARY'S ROAD, LITTLE HAYWOOD, COMMENCING AT 7:30PM.

PRESENT (For all or part of the meeting): Cllr Bloor (Chair); Cllr Wells (Vice Chair); Cllr Billingsley; Cllr Whitfield and Cllr Dunn (ex-officio).

IN ATTENDANCE: Michael Lennon (Parish Clerk).

PUBLIC PRESENT: Clare Wood.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Clare Wood handed over a cheque from the Young Farmers Santa visit 2018.

MINUTES.

12/19X APOLOGIES were received from Cllr Walters.

Cllr Billingsley noted that he would need to leave by 8:50pm.

RESOLVED to accept the apology.

PROPOSED Cllr Billingsley **SECONDED** Cllr Whitfield.

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

13/19X There were no DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

14/19X There were no WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS UNDER THE LOCALISM ACT 2011.

15/19X CO-OPTION ONTO THE COMMITTEE.

RESOLVED to co-opt Clare Wood onto the Committee in line with s.102(3) of the Local Government Act 1972.

PROPOSED Cllr Billingsley **SECONDED** Cllr Wells.

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

Other candidates were proposed by Cllr Bloor/seconded by Cllr Billingsley and proposed by Cllr Whitfield/seconded by Cllr Bloor. However, as neither had put their name forward it was agreed they should be approached first to see if they wished to be co-opted onto the committee.

16/19X TO CONSIDER AND AGREE THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS PROGRAMME.

The Clerk noted that he had received agreement from Mrs Clay, Headteacher Colwich primary school, for a tree to be erected outside the school.

RESOLVED that the Council arrange and pay for an outside mains power supply for the Colwich primary school lights.

PROPOSED Cllr Billingsley **SECONDED** Cllr Bloor.

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

The Clerk was asked to research the cost of "real" trees as comparison to the Blachere "Nordika" tree.

Cllr Billingsley agreed to check availability of the Great Haywood tree power supply.

The Clerk was asked to obtain details from Staffordshire Highways on the possibility of closing St Marys Road, in the vicinity of the parish office, on the evening of 30th November for the Christmas light "switch-on" event.

Local school choirs and the community choir to be approached to see if they are available to perform at the event.

RESOLVED to establish a "best dressed" house and commercial premises competition with a £5 and £10 entry fee respectively (to go to charity) with judging to take place in early December and the winners announced in the Christmas Newsletter.

PROPOSED Cllr Billingsley **SECONDED** Cllr Wells.

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

There was discussion around introducing a school poster competition to publicise the "switch-on" event with the winning artist from each school being invited to perform the "switch-on".

Clare Wood confirmed that the Young Farmers have spoken with Santa and he is happy to visit the parish again this year. Additional Council volunteers were requested to assist with stewarding on the night.

17/19X THE EVENING MUSIC FESTIVAL ON SATURDAY 27TH JULY 2019.

RESOLVED to set the evening entry fee at £5 per adult and £2 per child with an all-day ticket set at £8 per adult and £3 per child to include Youth Council afternoon Showcase.

PROPOSED Cllr Billingsley **SECONDED** Cllr Bloor.

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

RESOLVED to delegate further arrangements to the Clerk, working with the Parish Chairman and Parish Vice Chairman, including arranging suitable wristbands.

PROPOSED Cllr Whitfield **SECONDED** Cllr Billingsley.

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

18/19X DATE OF NEXT MEETING to be 11th July 2019.

Meeting closed at 9:05pm