
Hollinswood and Randlay Parish Council

Chairman of the Committee: Cllr S Vaughan-Hodkinson

Clerk: Katrina Baker MBE

EVENTS COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting held via Zoom on Monday 1st March 2021 at 7 p.m.

PRESENT:

- Councillor S Vaughan-Hodkinson
- Councillor J Creed
- Councillor S Unwin
- Councillor H Unwin (arrived E2021/706)
- Councillor S Snell
- Councillor C Turley
- Councillor L Ricketts
- Councillor V Holt

In Attendance:

- Katrina Baker, Clerk
- Glyn Johnson
- Stuart Fisher

E2021/704 WELCOME

Councillor Vaughan-Hodkinson opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

E2021/705 APOLOGIES

Councillor J Johnson	Work Commitments
Councillor E Dalby	Unwell
Councillor H Unwin	(Arrived at Minute E2021/706)

It was proposed by Councillor Turley and seconded by Councillor Holt, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that these apologies be accepted.

E2021/706 EVENTS CALENDAR 2020/21

Easter 2021

Keeping in mind that we will still be restricted at Easter on what events we can hold, Members were keen to ensure that the Parish Council was not seen to be encouraging gatherings and therefore continuing to keep the local restrictions in place.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would provide hard-boiled eggs to be decorated. This competition will be promoted through the two primary schools and the Chairman will provide Easter Eggs as the prizes.

The age groups will be:

3 – 5 year olds

6 – 8 year olds

9 – 11 year olds

12 plus

St George's Day

As in previous years, the Parish Council will support Randlay Primary and Hollinswood Primary Schools with the provision of book vouchers to be used as prizes for poems, stories and pictures,

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relating to St George & The Dragon. The Councillors will judge the competitions based on the categories agreed by the Schools. This will be promoted through the schools.

We are also investigating the possibility of hosting an online bingo event.

Summer Event

Unfortunately, it is very unlikely that we will be in a position to host a Fun Day, as in previous years, regardless of any lifting in lockdown. The Parish Council is keen to ensure that it is not seen to encourage gatherings and therefore any event, on 4th July, will have to have limited numbers and be aware of social distancing throughout.

This will restrict the activities and entertainment available for the event.

Members agreed that investigations should take place to establish what is available, how they will ensure Covid-secure measures and the costs in order that Members can consider this further when more details relating to restrictions at public events are available.

Members will give consideration to how this will be promoted and what it will be called.

Councillor H Unwin arrived

SNAC Event

Members were reminded that funding had been previously received for a SNAC event from the National Lottery, this has been carried over into the financial year as it has been provided on a pre-paid card.

This will be added to a future agenda for further consideration.

Remembrance Sunday

It is believed that this event will be even more important this year, than in previous years, and that we will be in a position to offer the entire community an opportunity to reflect on a difficult year. We feel sure that a socially distanced event should be possible for 2021.

A Tree has been planted in the Town Park, as a memorial and tribute to the NHS and could be the start of an Arboretum.

The Clerk will contact the Vicar, KSLI, Armed Forces, RBL, Wolverhampton Brass Band, local schools, uniformed organisations, NHS etc. to inform them of the date and time in preparation for further discussions regarding the event.

The Parish Council will also arrange for it to be live-streamed for those unable to attend in the Town Park.

Christmas

Members were keen to provide Christmas Trees to both Primary Schools and to have one on display at Randlay and Hollinswood Local Centres, and outside at the Pavilion.

In order that we do not encourage social gatherings within our buildings, Members considered creating a Nativity Float, with Father Christmas and creating routes around the estates at Hollinswood & Randlay. Initial investigations will take place.

The Parish Council will offer additional support to the schools for their Christmas Events this year, as once again pantomimes are unlikely to be possible.

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Consideration will be given to creating a Santa's Grotto, inviting one family at a time – although concerns were expressed regarding the need to sanitise between visits – this may need further consideration later in the year, depending on restrictions.

Musical Performance

Councillor Holt agreed to consider how best to create a performance, inviting Members (and Staff) to take part.

Senior Citizens

Unfortunately, it will not be possible to host the Christmas Lunches at The Holiday Inn again this year. However, members were still keen to provide a lunch for the residents in the Parish who would normally have the opportunity to attend an event.

It was suggested that a local company may be able to provide a frozen lunch and sweet, which Members can distribute to the senior citizens in the Parish.

This will enable them to enjoy the meal at a time convenient for them and also to meet with a friend should they wish.

We will investigate suitable promotional gifts.

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HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Holiday Activities are to be encouraged and the Clerk is to attend a meeting with TWC on Friday, 5th March to discuss the options available.

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FRIENDS OF HOLLINSWOOD & RANDLAY VALLEY

Easter Trail

From 1st April, a trail of Easter Boards will be around the Valley. These will include rabbits, flowers, eggs etc mounted onto A3 correx boards. Each will have a laminated letter in no particular order and families will be encouraged to find all 16 boards and establish the winning word from the anagram.

The Parish Council will purchase the boards and stakes (which can be re-used).

The event will be promoted through the schools

Members of FoHRV will create the route and attend at periods throughout the Easter Period, fancy dress will be welcomed.

Entries can be emailed to a member of FoHRV and certificates emailed to those who get it right.

Reindeer Walk

A trail will be created using boards and wooden reindeers for a Christmas Event. This will appear on a future agenda for further consideration, depending on restrictions.

Bushcraft

Councillor Creed updated Members on this opportunity for the Valley, no decision has been made as yet, as to if the Valley will be the most suitable location for the project.

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DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

26th April 2020

7pm

Via Zoom

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.55pm thanking everyone for their important contribution to the discussions.

SignedDate