



## Heybridge Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the **EVENTS COMMITTEE** of the Parish Council held on **THURSDAY 12<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2015** at Plantation Hall, Colchester Road, Heybridge.

### PRESENT

**Chairman:** Dr. Michael Blyth

**Councillors:** Prof Lew Schnurr, Michael Edwards, Richard Perry

**Non-Council Members:** Mr. Cook and Mr. Pitt (Maldon Blackwater Rotary Club), Paul Antonio (Solar9), PCSO Bishop

**Officers:** Laurie Wiebe

**Public:** none

In the Chair: Cllr. Dr. Blyth

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

**14/421**      **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr. Lawson and Andy Potts. It was noted that Cllr. Lawson has stepped down from the Events Committee due to other commitments.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the apologies.

**14/422**      **Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman welcomed everyone.

**14/423**      **Minutes**

The minutes of the Events Committee meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2015 were received.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Events Committee meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2015 be approved and confirmed as amended.

**14/424**      **Declarations of Discloseable Pecuniary Interests, Other Registerable Pecuniary Interests, Registerable Non-Pecuniary Interests.**

None.

**14/425 Public Participation**

It was noted that Mr. Cook, Mr. Pitt, PCSO Bishop and Mr. Antonio were welcomed to join in the Community Festival discussion.

**14/426 Community Festival 2015 – Sunday 26 July 2015**

Members considered appointing two lead Councillors with oversight/coordination responsibilities. The Chairman volunteered to be one of the lead Councillors. It was noted that with the pending Elections in May, that this item be deferred until the May Parish Council meeting.

It was **RESOLVED** that appointing two lead Councillors for the Community Festival be deferred to the May Parish Council meeting.

Members reviewed the Action Plan for Heybridge Community Festival 2015 and added additional actions.

It was noted that the Maldon Blackwater Rotary Club would like to help make the Community Festival successful.

There were general discussions regarding the PA system, size of stalls, and funds being raised for charity.

**14/427 Other Events**

Members discussed other events:

i) *Quiz Night – 21 March 2015 at 7:30pm.*

It was noted that only four teams had confirmed to attend the Quiz Night. It was suggested that the Quiz Night be cancelled and be considered again towards autumn.

It was **RESOLVED** to cancel the Quiz Night scheduled for the 21<sup>st</sup> March 2015.

ii) *Maldon Blackwater Rotary Picnic and Senior Citizens Strawberry Tea.*

Mr. Cook and Mr. Pitt were very supportive of having a combined event. They will be contacting Wilkins for strawberries. The Rotary Club would be interested in helping fund the event.

Mr. Cook and Mr. Pitt will report back at the next meeting with proposed dates to hold the Picnic/Strawberry Tea.

iii) *Cemetery Chapel Open Afternoon*

The Chairman reminded Members that the Parish Council had contacted Maldon District Council regarding the poor state of repair of the Chapel. The Council wrote to MDC regarding the

Chapel and they responded that maintenance works have been scheduled for the Chapel. The Chairman recently inspected the Chapel and no maintenance works had taken place. The Chairman will be contacting MDC Cemetery Officer.

It was noted that a Chapel drop-in event would be of benefit for the community. It was also noted that local community groups such as Heybridge Neighbourhood Group and Residents Association might be interested in helping to clean up the Chapel.

**14/428**      **Events Budget**

The Clerk reported that the budget for Events was £1500 for 2015-2016. The only committed expense to date was for the band.

A general discussion took place regarding Festival programmes.

**14/429**      **Future Meetings**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2015 following the Annual Parish Meeting.

The next meeting of the Planning Committee will be held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2015 at 7:00pm.

The next meeting of the Events Committee will be held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 7:30pm.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9:28pm.

Signed by Chairman  
DATED: