



# Heybridge Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the **EVENTS COMMITTEE** of the Parish Council held on **THURSDAY 12 November 2015** at Plantation Hall, Colchester Road, Heybridge.

## PRESENT

<b>Chairman:</b>	Dr. Michael Blyth
<b>Councillors:</b>	Gary Young, Lew Schnurr Simon Burwood, Richard Perry
<b>Officers:</b>	Amanda Hilton - Assistant
<b>Public:</b>	Non Present

In the Chair: Cllr. Dr. Blyth

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

**15/270**      **Apologies for absence**  
Apologies received from Cllr Mike Hall and Cllr Michael Edwards.

**15/271**      **Chairman's Announcements**  
No announcements made

**15/272**      **Minutes**  
The minutes of the Events Committee meeting held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2015 were received.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Events Committee meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2015 be approved and confirmed.

**15/273**      **Declarations of Discloseable Pecuniary Interests, Other Registerable Pecuniary Interests, Registerable Non-Pecuniary Interests.**  
None.

**15/274**      **Public Participation**  
None

**15/275**      **Feedback Remembrance Sunday Service – 8<sup>th</sup> November 2015**  
i) Members were asked to refer to the report from Cllr Edwards. Cllr Blyth brought to attention the one letter of complaint from a

member of the Public regarding the early two minute silence that took place. It was suggested an extra hymn be added to the Order of Service to act as a stop gap for next year. Members said that it was hard to hear the PA system at the back of the cemetery so it was agreed to look into the possibility of extra speakers. Admin said that the Road Closure and Car Park attending had all gone well and believes this contributed to the procession leaving Plantation Hall early.

- ii) It was suggested to contact the Pope and Smith Football League to ask them to consider not playing a game on Remembrance Sunday. Admin to look into whom to contact.

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**Meet Your Councillors Feedback**

- i) Cllr Blyth asked for general comments. Cllr Burwood said that around 8 members of the public came. It was agreed for more meetings to be held and suggested we plan 3 meetings for next year. One resident commented on the fact that they had only received their Heybridge Herald the day before the Meeting and felt that it would be beneficial to the residents to have more notice.

15/277

**Community Spring Bulb Plant 2015**

- i) All members who attended agreed this was an enjoyable event despite the poor turnout of public support. It was suggested that we do something similar but ask the community their views on what they would like planted around Heybridge as this year we concentrated on our properties.

15/278

**Christmas Drinks Reception**

- i) Admin informed members that Cllr Moodey is no longer able to provide any refreshments for the reception. Cllr Blyth asked for members to dissolve responsibility to Admin and the Clerk. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk, Admin and staff will purchase and serve refreshments at the reception. Cllr Perry said he was happy to help if needed.
- ii) Admin confirmed to date there have been 22 acceptance replies.

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**Community Festival 31 July 2016**

- i) The possibility of looking into replacing our Marquee was discussed following erecting it at the Clarks Farm show members felt it looked unsightly. Suggestion that maybe Admin look into some prices before full council are approached.
- ii) The issue of the toilets were discussed and Cllr Young agreed to attempt to source a cheaper price to last year.
- iii) It was suggested that as this festival is to celebrate 30 years of Heybridge we have a 80s theme. Cllr Blyth asked all members to have a think about this and send Admin their ideas for the next events meeting.

- iv) All members agreed that we should have First Aid Event Cover. Admin suggested she contact St John's and The Red Cross. Cllr Blyth asked that the First Responders be contacted as well.
- v) Cllr Perry agreed to hold the Temporary Events Notice in his name and do the necessary.

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**Other events**

i) Quiz night – Cllr Blyth asked that Admin invite Mark Heard to our January Events meeting to discuss our plans – possible dates for the quiz night 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

ii) Cllr Perry gave an update on his staff fundraising dinner

iii) A Vintage Dance Evening was discussed, Cllr Young to get more information.

iv) Admin suggested looking into the possibility of having a carnival float. Members agreed if we can support the float properly then it is a great idea.

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**Events Budget**

Members are happy with the current budget. It was agreed to defer recommending a budget for 2016-2017 until the next Events meeting.

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**Future Meetings**

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at 7.00pm.

The next meeting of the Planning Committee will be held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 7.00pm

The next meeting of the Events Committee will be held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.32pm

Signed by Chairman  
DATED: