



## Heybridge Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the **EVENTS COMMITTEE** of the Parish Council held on **THURSDAY 4<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2014** at Plantation Hall, Colchester Road, Heybridge.

### PRESENT

**Chairman:** Dr. Michael Blyth

**Councillors:** Keith Lawson, Ian Dobson, Prof Lew Schnurr

**Non-Council Members:** None

**Officers:** Laurie Wiebe – Clerk

**Public:** Cllr. John Harrison

In the Chair: Cllr. Dr. Blyth

The meeting commenced at 7:45pm.

**14/283**      **Apologies for absence**  
Apologies were received from Cllr. Edwards, Cllr. Prof. Schnurr and PCSO Bishop.

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

**14/284**      **Chairman's Announcements**  
There were no announcements.

**14/285**      **Minutes**  
The minutes of the Events Committee meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2014 were received.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Events Committee meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2014 be approved and confirmed.

**14/286**      **Declarations of Discloseable Pecuniary Interests, Other Registerable Pecuniary Interests, Registerable Non-Pecuniary Interests.**  
None.

**14/287**      **Public Participation**  
There were no comments.

**14/288**      **Remembrance Sunday Review**  
Members generally reviewed Remembrance Sunday.

- i)      Road Closure and marshalling  
There were no issues raised. The marshals were grateful to have had copies of the licence in their person.
- ii)     Service and Music  
It was noted that there had been a problem with the PA system and that sound check would have been helpful. It was suggested that the Parish Council may wish to investigate purchasing their own PA system. Cllr. Lawson indicated that the Basin Regatta have their own PA system and 6 walkie-talkies which could be borrowed.  
It was noted that the service began too early therefore the 2 minute silence was held before 11am.  
It was suggested that a rehearsal would be helpful a week before.  
It was agreed that the Councillors do not need to all be standing at the front.  
Cllr. Lawson suggested that the Committee look for an old person now for next year.  
The music was very well done by the Scouts, especially the bugler. It was noted that having Cllr. Dr. Blyth on the keyboard worked well.  
It was suggested to remove the date from the service sheets so that the service sheets can be recycled each year.
- iii)    Refreshments  
There were no issues raised. It was suggested that big bags of sweets be made available outside the Hall for children leaving after the service.
- iv)     Cemetery Chapel  
It was noted that the Chapel was in a state of bad repair and required general tidying up. Cllr. Dr. Blyth contacted Richard Heard (MDC officer) and was assured that the Chapel was scheduled to be painted. Cllr. Harker has also been involved. It was suggested that an open afternoon could be held in the summer at the Chapel.
- v)      Other comments received  
There was a problem with people crowding around the gates during the wreath laying.  
It would be helpful to have a marshal positioned at Lawling Avenue alerting traffic to the road block.

Cllr. Dr. Blyth asked for two councillors to help with clearing up after the service next year. Cllrs. Lawson and Dobson have offered to help next year.

**14/289**      **Christmas Drinks Reception – 12 December 2014**

The Clerk reported that 71 RSVPs had been received.

Beck and Call will arrive approximately 6pm on the 12<sup>th</sup> December 2014.

**14/290**      **Community Festival Review**

This was deferred to the next meeting.

**14/291**      **Other Events**

Members discussed other events:

- i) Quiz Night – it was suggested that this should be arranged in March 2015;
- ii) Maldon Blackwater Rotary Picnic and Senior Citizens Strawberry Tea could be held together in August 2015;
- iii) Cemetery Chapel Open Afternoon

Cllr. Dobson left the meeting at 8:16pm.

Cllr. Dr. Blyth thanked Cllr. Perry for organising a fundraising dinner for the events budget. Cllr. Dr. Blyth noted it had been a generous evening and socially was successful.

Cllr. Dr. Blyth noted that no members of the public attended the Meet the Councillors event held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2014. Cllrs. Dobson, Perry, Edwards, Prof. Schnurr and Dr. Blyth attended along with Dist. Cllrs. Bryan and Brenda Harker.

There being no other comments, Cllr. Dr. Blyth thanked all Committee Members and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

**14/292**      **Future Meetings**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2014 at 7:00pm.

The next meeting of the Planning Committee will be held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at 7:00pm.

The next meeting of the Events Committee will be held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at 7:30pm.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:20pm.

Signed by Chairman  
DATED: