

## **PLATINUM JUBILEE WORKING PARTY MEETING**

**Wednesday 27th October 2021 – 3.30pm Millennium Hall**

Present: Cllrs Mr R Flemming, Mrs D Glenville, Mrs M Sherwin, Mr B Walker, Mr P Williams

In attendance: J Perry (Principal Officer)  
K Jones (Deputy Principal Officer)

### 1. TO ELECT A CHAIRMAN

There being only one nomination, it was agreed by all, Cllr Mr Flemming be elected Chairman of the Platinum Jubilee Working Party.

### 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Cllr Mrs Hoelmer and were noted.

### 3. BEACON LIGHTING

The first event of the Platinum Jubilee weekend discussed was the beacon lighting, which will take place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 9.15 pm. The Principal Officer confirmed that the Estates Officer had already commenced work on the beacon which will be sited at Far Lash. There are plans for it to stand within a paved circle, surrounded by gravel, with paths leading up to it for easy access. This would also leave scope for future expansion with benches, etc. Cllr Mr Williams requested that, if possible, could the Estates Team look to reduce the height of the hedge fronting the road to improve visual amenity into the open space. The Principal Officer to look at options for registering the beacon. Further consideration to be given to what other activity could be arranged to enhance the beacon lighting event.

### 4. BIG JUBILEE LUNCH

The second event of the Platinum Jubilee weekend discussed was the Big Jubilee Lunch, which will be held on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June. Following discussion, it was decided that the Big Lunch/street party will be held on Church Street, as the last street party, for the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday in 2016 had been held on Windsor Street and it was felt that it was fair to alternate between the two. Cllr Mrs Sherwin raised some concerns about the volume of traffic that may be affected by a road closure, particularly traffic from the A5 but it was agreed that closing either Windsor Street or Church Street on a Sunday should not cause too much inconvenience with signage in place from the A5 onwards. Cllrs Mr Flemming and Mrs Sherwin provided details from the last street party held in Church Street in 2012 and confirmed best places for tables to be positioned. It was agreed to utilise and highlight the Horsepool in some way, perhaps using this as a location for the entertainment, as we have our own electricity supply there. It was felt that the event should have a 1950's theme, with era appropriate games and entertainment, and potentially some period motor vehicles.

It was agreed by all for a budget recommendation of £5,000 to be put forward to F&GP, to meet the costs of expenditure including road closure, hire of tables and chairs, additional street cleaning, street decoration, entertainment and potentially a commemoration booklet, with space for advertising.

It was agreed, in principle, for a road closure to be in effect from 10 am to 4 pm, with the event to take place from 11 am to 3 pm.

5. THE QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY

The final item discussed was the Queen's Green Canopy, a tree planting initiative which is encouraging people to 'plant a tree for jubilee'. The Principal Officer confirmed that enquiries had already been received from residents regarding this. Cllr Mr Williams stated that it would be good to plant a Jubilee Tree with a commemorative plaque in a prime, visible position. It was discussed whether to attempt to plant 70 trees, either all together or in separate locations, or if this was felt to be too many, perhaps 7 trees, one for each decade of the Queen's reign. A few potential location options were mentioned, all options to be explored further. The potential use of the field earmarked for the cemetery extension was also discussed. The Principal Officer to discuss with the Estates Officer to see if this is a possibility.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

No date was agreed for a further meeting.