



WOMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Sub-Committee of Finance and General Purposes High Street Recovery and Rejuvenation Committee Meeting

held on **Wednesday 28th July 2021** at 7pm

This meeting was held in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Gravel Hill, Wombourne, WV5 9HA.

Present -

Councillors: Barry Bond MBE (left at 830pm), Dan Kinsey, Mary Roberts, Daisy Tait

Retailors: None

Clerk: Rachael Wright

44/21 – Apologies

None.

45/21 – Declarations of interest

None.

46/21 – Matters arising from the meeting of 19th July 2021

None.

47/21 – 24th July 2021 event

The Chairman read out a piece she had prepared for the Parish Council website.

Members agreed for the next event, they needed a detailed checklist including the names of helpers, times, and duties. They suggested Councillor Daisy Tait as Chairman of the Committee needed to be in the central area meeting acts, and co-ordinating volunteers rather than visiting the shops, as Councillor Dan Kinsey as Chairman of Council could do that. More volunteers were required to help on the day, and there needed to be a more specific role to the HQ as it seemed like a missed opportunity.

Comments had been made on social media about people not seeing the adverts, despite being advertised in several places. Members discussed distributing flyers to the new estates, but that there simply wasn't enough time or volunteers to drop them into every home in Wombourne.

Members agreed to see if they could put a write up in the Chronicle advertising the next events and advertise on local radio stations, either Signal Radio, Radio WM, or Wolverhampton Community Radio.

The Chairman asked for thanks to be recorded for all Councillors who volunteered their time, to staff Edward Tromans, Joseph Ingram, and Glenys O'Sullivan for their assistance, as well as Cara Hickman's partner and friend who put the gazebo up. She also thanked the Clerk for her efforts in organising the event.

48/21 – Feedback

The Clerk read a summary provided by Councillor John Pike on Common Road.

Feedback hadn't been greatly forthcoming on the retailers WhatsApp group although when Members had spoken to retailers on the day, they all seemed to suggest they were busier than normal. Taylors Greengrocers

had sold more than double the number of boxes of strawberries they usually would, Beau Regards advised they were a lot busier than normal as did Let's Go Round Again.

Comments on Facebook (with the exception of those not seeing the event advertised) were all positive, with comments such as 'good for the shops, Wombourne seemed busy today', 'brilliant day, best of all was seeing our local retailers doing a great trade and lots of happy, smiling faces out and about', 'it brightened up a difficult week, thanks to whoever organised it'.

The Chairman agreed to provide the Clerk with a write up to issue to South Staffordshire Council.

49/21 – 21st August 2021 event

Members agreed they needed to think outside the box when it came to heroes. Councillor Dan Kinsey advised he had been able to secure a group of WW11 re-enactors and had made enquiries with Alison Brasier-Creagh about reading some of the stories collected by the Community Assistance Group from VE Day. He had also contacted Star Wars themed group and had found a website 21 entertainment who offered impersonators such as Batman and Spiderman. In addition, he noted that the RAF Cosford Voluntary Band were available for hire. Councillor Mary Roberts advised she had contacted Spike Riley (Falkland veteran) who was happy to do a talk. Members agreed the local emergency services should be contacted to see if they wish to take part. Councillor Barry Bond agreed to contact Councillor Henry Williams from Royal British Legion to see if they were available to take part. In addition, The Crag Band, Got 2 Sing and Karen McKee had all been asked to take part again if they were able to theme their music to heroes. The Chairman agreed to issue a message on the retailers WhatsApp group and visit shops to encourage them to take a poster of a hero in their window so that a treasure hunt style activity could be set up.

50/21 – 18th September 2021 event

The Clerk advised Every Little Dream were able to take part again either as Anna and Elsa or Belle and Tinkerbell. Members agreed to Belle and Tinkerbell to offer something different.

51/21 – Costings

Members noted that the costings were approved at the last Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting.

52/21 – Date of the next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 4th August at 4pm.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Signed:

Dated: