



**MINUTES OF THE GROBY PARISH COUNCIL
D-DAY 80th ANNIVERSARY EVENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, LEICESTER ROAD, GROBY, LEICESTER
ON 18th APRIL 2024 at 7 pm**

Present: Cllr D Hyde (Chair), Cllr P Batty, Cllr L Emmerson, and Cllr C Lincoln

Also present: Parish Clerk

DD/024/23-24 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr N Clarke, Cllr C York, Cllr C Harris and Cllr O'Shea. Cllr P Tenwick (Ratby Parish Council) had also sent his apologies. Cllr N Jones was absent.

DD/025/23-24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

DD/026/23-24 MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the D-Day 80th Anniversary Event Committee held on 14th March 2024 be signed as a true and accurate record.

DD/027/23-24 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none

DD/028/23-24 D-DAY 80th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

(i) To receive updates from members in relation to the D-Day 80th Anniversary celebration plans

Updates were received from members and detailed:

Cllr D Hyde:

- Midland Quarry Products had agreed to supply 3 lamp lights of peace for the event.
- The re-enactment group had confirmed they would be able to attend an event in uniform on the evening of Thursday 6th June.
- Lots of phone calls had been made but no success by way of funding. Groby Sings and the local schools had also been contacted but there had been no response.
- Council had approved the submission of a grant application to East Midlands Airport Community Fund, and this was in the process of being submitted. The decision as to whether Council had been successful in their application for 2 beacons at £549 each would not be received until after the EMA meeting which was being held on 8th May.

Cllr L Emmerson:

- Further to speaking with Rev Ed Bampton it had been agreed to hold a service at St. Philip & St. James Church, Groby on the evening of 6th June. It had also been agreed for the bell ringers to do a 20-minute peal.

Cllr C Lincoln:

- The WI would be interested in taking part in the event but needed further information regarding what might be appropriate for them to do.
- The Stamford Arms were putting on a special D-Day evening menu on the 6th June.

Cllr P Batty:

- Further to contacting the British Legion it had been established that there was no-one locally who could attend the event.

(ii) To receive an update on applications for grant funding / sponsorship

An application to East Midlands Airport Community Fund was in the process of being submitted for the purchase of 2 x beacons at a cost of £549 each. All other avenues of funding / sponsorship which had been explored had not come to fruition.

(iii) To consider a detailed programme for a Beacon Lighting Event on the evening of Thursday 6th June 2024 and produce an action plan

A detailed programme for a Beacon Lighting or Lamp Light of Peace Event on the evening of Thursday 6th June 2024 was discussed and an action plan formulated as follows:

Agreed programme for the evening of Thursday 6th June 2024:

- Bell ringers to do a 20-minute peal before the Church service
- Meet outside the Stamford Arms and walk up to St. Philip & St. James Church for the service
- Church Service to start at 8.30pm
- Lamp light of Peace to be lit inside Church during the Service of Remembrance.
- Beacon or Lamp Light of Peace to be lit in Churchyard at 9.15pm.

Actions:

- Cllr Hyde to ask Cllr Clarke if he is aware of a local World War veteran.
- Cllr Batty to ask the United Reformed Church if they would like to be involved.
- Cllr Hyde to draft an article advertising the event to place in the Spotlight / on noticeboards / Council's website / social media / laminated and placed on Council van.
- Clerk to ask the Groby & FH Spotlight / Markfield Herald whether they would include article 'free of charge.'
- Consideration of stewards for the event
- Cllr Hyde to continue talks with the re-enactment group and WI regarding their involvement

DD/029/23-24 RECOMMENDATIONS

There were no further recommendations to Full Council at this time.

DD/030/23-24 NEXT MEETING

The date and time of the next meeting to be advised.

The meeting closed at 8 pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date: