

Minutes of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Meeting held at the Village Hall at 2.00pm on Monday 21st February.

Present: Colin Wilkins (CW) (Chairman), Sue Hayes (SH), Dave (DM) and Mel Mileham (MM), Annaliese Cowley (AC), and Mike Hillier (MH).

CW opened the meeting and thanked the committee for attending, CW suggested that the committee should go through the suggestions that were made at the open meeting on Thursday 10th February this was agreed, it was then decided that the following statement should be made with regard to the activities on the Jubilee weekend " The Big Lunch Committee have valued all the ideas put forward but can only focus on the Big Lunch on Sunday 5th June, if anyone would like to organize any other events on Friday or Saturday, please feel free to do so".

Maypole: It was agreed that the maypole would be used and erected on Friday 3rd with new artificial flowers if required. (DM, MH, and Paul Sams).

Live Music: The decision was made to hire "Ali and the Swing Cats" at a cost of £300 (if the third member of the group can play, the cost will be £400), it was agreed that they will play 3 sessions of 40 minutes between 1.30 and 4.30.(CW)

PA System: The Village Hall system will be used, John French has the expertise on operating the system, SH will contact him.

Marques: It was agreed that the marques will be used around the outside of the Village Green with the fronts open, chairs, tables and benches are available together with gazebos it is hoped that the marques can be put up on Friday 3rd (weather permitting), with the chairs benches and tables placed on Saturday 4th. (SH, MH).

12.30 Start: It was agreed to open the event at 12.30, this gives residents ample time to leave the thanksgiving gathering at the church and to attend the Village Green.

Children, presents and community flags: After a discussion it was felt that giving the children a Jubilee memento was old fashioned, therefore the committee hope that everyone, but especially the children will create their design which the Craft Club can turn into flags to be paraded in the pageant. There will be prizes for all the children. The children's designs will be displayed in the bus shelter. All adults will also be encouraged to make a flag and take part in the parade. (SH DM).

Duck Race: It was agreed that the race should take place at 5.00pm, with the ducks being sold for 50 pence each. (SH).

Food Buffet Table supplied by attendees: After a discussion it was agreed that one big table of food was too complicated so everyone attending the Big Lunch will be asked to bring food to share on the tables where they sit.

Cake Table: The decision was made to ask every family to bring a cake or pudding either bought or handmade to be displayed on a cake table for everybody to help themselves. (CW).

Photograph Display of previous Winsford Queen's Celebrations: AC suggested that she was prepared to recall with older residents (coffee mornings) what they can remember from previous village celebrations and make a display together with old photographs from the archives. (AC, MM).

Large Photograph of all Residents Attending: The committee was informed that Anthony Pickhaver had agreed to take a group photograph. (MM).

Classic Car Exhibition: Wavell Urry has agreed to organize and display classic cars by the memorial. (CW).

Download Music: It was decided to ask the group if they supplied music when they were not playing. (CW). The committee will discuss at the meeting in March.

Cake Competition: It was decided not to hold a cake competition.

Large Cake: A decision to be made at the next meeting whether to have a large made cake for every resident to have a piece.

Tug of War; It was decided not to have a tug of war due to having to get a permission to close the road over the ford.

Coronation Chicken: AC agreed to make a bowl of coronation chicken for each table, the committee agreed to help with the cost. (AC).

The committee agreed to design an invitation card to be delivered to every household in the parish, this will be discussed at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 21st March at 2.00pm.