



**MINUTES OF THE GROBY PARISH COUNCIL
D-DAY 80th ANNIVERSARY EVENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, LEICESTER ROAD, GROBY, LEICESTER
ON 24th JANUARY 2024 at 7 pm**

Present: Cllr D Hyde (Chair), Cllr L Emmerson, Cllr C Lincoln, Cllr C York

Also present: Parish Clerk
Cllr O O'Shea (Ratby Parish Council)
Cllr C Harris (Markfield Parish Council)

DD/009/23-24 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr P Batty and Cllr N Clarke. Cllr N Jones was absent.

DD/010/23-24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

DD/011/23-24 TERMS OF REFERENCE

Draft Terms of Reference had previously been circulated to members and approval had been deferred from the previous meeting. The Clerk advised that no suggested amendments had been received since the last meeting. Amendments to the Terms of Reference were discussed.

It was **AGREED** to accept the Clause "The Committee have delegated authority to make decisions and put arrangements in place for the D-Day 80th Anniversary Event provided it is within the budget previously agreed by Full Council".

It was **AGREED** to insert a clause under Membership and Meetings to state 'Non-members of Groby Parish Council may be appointed to the D-Day 80th Anniversary Event Committee and will be allowed a vote with the exception of any financial matters where non-members have no vote".

Further to these amendments it was **RESOLVED** that the Terms of Reference for the D-Day 80th Anniversary Event Committee be **APPROVED**.

DD/012/23-24 MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the D-Day 80th Anniversary Event Committee held on 27th November 2023 be signed as a true and accurate record. Cllr Lincoln abstained.

DD/013/23-24 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Cllr C Harris from Markfield Parish Council and Cllr O O'Shea both expressed that they would like to become members of the Committee. It was **AGREED** for the appointment of members to be added to the next meeting agenda.

DD/014/23-24 D-DAY 80th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

The Committee discussed ideas on how to celebrate the 80th Anniversary of D-Day and it was **AGREED** that the celebrations should be split into 2 parts:

- (i) Lighting a Beacon(s) on the evening of 6th June 2024
- (ii) A family event on the afternoon of Saturday 8th June 2024

The two events were discussed in turn:

(i) Lighting a Beacon

It was **AGREED** for this to be a joint collaborative event between the 3 Parishes of Groby, Ratby and Markfield. Discussions included:

- 4 pillars of light at Markfield, Field Head, Groby and Ratby.
- Air raid siren.
- Lighting of Beacons in the 3 Parishes to take place at 9.15pm.
- The location for a beacon in Groby was discussed and it was **AGREED** to speak with the Rev Ed Bampton to see if there was a possibility of a small remembrance service and lighting of a beacon at the Church of St. Philip & St. James in Groby. Cllr O’Shea advised that the lighting of a beacon in Ratby would take place at the top of the Church of St. Philip & St. James in Ratby.

(ii) A family event on the afternoon of Saturday 8th June 2024

A family event was discussed. Cllr Harris advised that Markfield would be holding a ‘fun-day’ event however this would be solely organised by Markfield Community Centre and not the Parish Council. Cllr O’Shea was unsure as to whether Ratby would be interested in holding a second event on the Saturday and would make some enquiries.

Suggestions for a family event in Groby on the afternoon of Saturday 8th June 2024 were put forward and included:

- Event to be held on Stamford Park / Sycamore Car Park
- Entertainment – look to hire electricity generator / PA system with speakers / stage / Book entertainment such as D Day darlings / Ratby Band
- Booking a re-enactment society for the event possibly with vehicles / outfits / equipment
- Involvement of the wider community – Churches / Quarry / Local Businesses / Scouts / Groby Juniors Football Club / Library / Bradgate Rotary / Borough and County Councillors / Groby Singers / Ex-Servicemen’s Club / Stamford Arms / local schools and whether any of these would be interested in taking part e.g. a stall with a D-Day landings theme, providing entertainment or provision of alcohol.
- Possible Funding for the event – Thomas Herbert Smith Trust Fund / HBBC grant funding / sponsorship from Druck and/or Hanson Quarry / Supermarket donations / Make a Difference funding / Lottery funding.
- Outsource food trucks / coffee van / ice cream van

Further considerations were risk assessments / first aider / liability insurance / PRS/PPL Licence

DD/015/23-24 RECOMMENDATIONS

There were no recommendations to Full Council at this time but an update at the next Full Council meeting would be provided.

DD/016/23-24 NEXT MEETING

The date and time of the next meeting to be held on Thursday 22nd February 2024 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

Signed:
Chairman

Date: