

Rugeley Town Council

Minutes of the Festival Committee held at the Rugeley Town Council Offices, Taylor's Lane, Rugeley,
at 7.00pm Wednesday 11 January 2017.

PRESENT:

Councillors: D. Gaye (Chair)
J. Bowater
G. Grant
M. Grocott
Mrs S. Rose

ALSO PRESENT: Mrs R. S. Mason – Assistant Town Clerk
Mr D. Hancock – CESS
Mr D. Podmore – Showman's Guild
7 Members of Public

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs P. Hancock, I. Hodgson, R. Jones and Miss S. Whitehouse.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of Interest were made.

3. TO RECEIVE ANY REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

No requests were made.

4. MINUTES

- 4.i) It was proposed by Councillor Mrs S. Rose and seconded by Councillor J. Bowater that the minutes of the Festival Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 21 December 2016 were approved and signed as a correct and true record;

RESOLVED: That

The minutes of the Festival Committee held on Wednesday 21 December 2016 be adopted by Full Council.

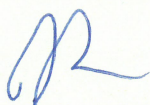
VOTE: 4 For

1 Abstention

5. **CHARTER FAIR 2017**

The Chairman of the Committee Councillor D. Gaye introduced himself to the members of public in attendance. Due to the nature of their concerns the Chairman allowed the public to speak and ask questions. The public were concerned over the siting of Charter Fair to Green Lane Playing Fields. A list of concerns was answered by the Committee, the Assistant Town Clerk and Mr D. Podmore, who represented the Fair. It was explained to those present that the Town Council organises the Saturday event and were hiring the field from Cannock Chase Council. Due to the symbiotic relationship with the Fair they had decided to also come to Green Lane Playing Fields and were themselves hiring the field from Cannock Chase Council. The concerns are listed below with the actions to be taken to assist these issues:

- People attending the Fair causing trouble and damage to houses nearby
The police were well aware of the event and would be calling in more staff to police the 3 days. Also the Fair were organising 6 security people to monitor the Fair and move people off the field at closing.
- Noise and the times Fair would be open
The Fair were well aware of being in a residential area and would this year by shutting at 9pm Thursday and Friday. On Saturday they would be shutting at 8pm. They would not stay open later. They also would be turning the music down, especially the base level. They would also stop dismantling the Fair at 10pm on the Saturday night and not start until 8am on the Sunday morning.
- Parking and the roads by Green Lane
It was explained that on the Saturday Green Lane will have No Parking Cones along it and will be monitored. Arden Close, Hawthorn Way and Charnwood Close would have barriers that will be marshalled so that residents can still have access. A member of the public asked if it would be possible to let residents have permits. The Assistant Town Clerk said that this would be a good idea and if the residents let her know how many permits they need she will issue them. It was explained that parking would be available at the Hart School and other areas were being looked at. Fernwood Shopping Centre would be closed due to the Lorries for the parade using it and the stallholders.
- The issue of sewerage and the pipes
As Green Lane Field had flooded in 2016 with waste and sewerage there was a concern that the pipes may get damaged and it happen again. The Assistant Town Clerk explained that if the field was damaged due to the Town Council or Fair both entities pay a bond to Cannock Chase Council so that repairs can be made using that money. However the Assistant Town Clerk had also been told by Cannock Chase Council the sewerage issue was resolved but she would look in to the matter.
- That if held there once it would set a precedent and give Cannock Chase Council the chance to change the land from Green Belt to Brown belt
The Assistant Town Clerk explained that the Fair only comes once a year and that both the Environment Agency and Staffordshire County Council have said we will be back on Hagley Field in 2018. The Fair wish to be on Hagley Field as they can bring bigger rides and more of them. It was a stop gap so that Charter Fair did not need to be cancelled. As for building on Green Lane Playing Fields there were 6 members of the Council in the room who live in the vicinity of the field who would fight this issue.
- Alcohol
The Assistant Town Clerk explained that unlike Hagley Field there is an order on the field prohibiting alcohol which means the Police have more authority to either arrest or confiscate alcohol from people on the field. The Town Council also does not allow any stalls or tombola's to have alcohol as prizes.



It was also noted that Cannock Chase Council were stating they were not in charge but the Town Council was. It was explained that the Town Council and the Fair are both renting the field of Cannock Chase Council therefore they were responsible for allowing both to happen on the field. The Chair of the Festival Committee thanked the public for attending the meeting and hoped that this unique experience will be a success. A member of public thanked the Committee and the Assistant Town Clerk for listening to the concerns of the residents and she felt more reassured regarding the event. The Assistant Town Clerk stressed that any questions or concerns to please contact her so she can look into resolving them. The Assistant Town Clerk apologised to the public for not getting the letters out to them before it was announced on Facebook.

5.i Route for Parade

The Assistant Town Clerk had a meeting with SI Kevin Lee regarding the parade route. It was found to be slightly shorter than the normal route. However the closing of the road from St Pauls Island to Eaton Lodge Island could be an issue. It was agreed that a Councillor or such would marshal with a member of the police at these points which was, St Pauls Road, Sandy Lane, Elmore Lane, Hagley Road, Green Lane and Eaton Lodge Island. Due to this the Assistant Town Clerk asked if she could purchase better radios to ensure contact could be made clearly. Councillor Mrs S. Rose proposed that new radios be purchased up to the value of £500.00 (five hundred pounds only) this was seconded by Councillor M. Grocott and it was

RESOLVED: That

New radios be purchased up to the value of £500.00 (five hundred pounds only).

Vote: Unanimous

5.ii Acts

- Councillor Mrs S. Rose proposed 'Musical Ruth' be hired for Charter Fair at a cost of £620.00 (six hundred and twenty pounds only). This was seconded by Councillor M. Grocott and it was

RESOLVED: That

'Musical Ruth' be hired for Charter Fair at a cost of £620.00 (six hundred and twenty pounds only).

- Councillor M. Grocott proposed that 'Grow your Own' be hired for Charter Fair at a cost of £875.00 (eight hundred and seventy five pounds only). This was seconded by Councillor Mrs S. Rose and it was

RESOLVED: That

'Grow your Own' be hired for Charter Fair at a cost of £875.00 (eight hundred and seventy five pounds only)

- The Assistant Town Clerk suggested that the Council hires an act for the Town Centre. Councillor D. Gaye proposed that Nik Robson be hired at a cost of £375.00 (three hundred and seventy five pounds only) to entertain in the Town Centre. This was seconded by Councillor J. Bowater and it was

RESOLVED: That

Nik Robson be hired at a cost of £375.00 (three hundred and seventy five pounds only) to entertain in the Town Centre.

6. BATTLES OVER –WW1 BEACONS OF LIGHT 11 NOVEMBER 2018

A discussion took place on whether to take part in the WW1 Beacon of Light on 11 November 2018. Councillor G. Grant felt that as the Council had a beacon already and the propane it would be silly not to and therefore proposed that the Council organises a beacon lighting on 11 November 2018 and contacts Rugeley British Legion to join us in the venture. This proposal was seconded by Councillor J. Bowater and it was

RESOLVED: That

The Council organises beacon lighting on 11 November 2018 and contacts Rugeley British Legion to join us in the venture.

VOTE: Unanimous

7. ANY OTHER MATTERS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR

The Chairman thanked the Committee for helping reassure the members of public regarding the Green Lane Playing field he also thanked David Podmore of the Showman's Guild for also coming to assist. The Chair also thanked the Clerk for her hard work in the matter of Green Lane. The Assistant Town Clerk was asked to supply the Fair with 30 A3 'No Alcohol' Signs. The Assistant Town Clerk and Councillor Mrs S. Rose would deliver the letters to residents on Thursday 12 January 2016.

8. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 08 February 2017 at 7.00pm. It was noted that Councillor M. Grocott would be absent on 08 February 2017.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8.50pm.

Signed:

Date: 01-03-2017

CHARTER FAIR 2017COSTINGS to 11.01.2017

Green Lane Rent		£300.00
Green Lane Deposit		£500.00
Road Closure		£230.00
Skip		£190.00
Barriers		£300.00
Toilets		£650.00
PA System		£750.00
First Aid	?	
Poster	?	
Adverts	?	
Prize Money		£300.00
Trolley Parade		£150.00
Art Brasil		£400.00
Melton Mowbray Toy Soldiers		£685.00
Easton Highlanders		£650.00
Ferret Racing		£500.00
Big and Little		£625.00
ShadowQuest Working Dog Display		£795.00
Savage Skills		£1,550.00
Animal Mania		£450.00
Dinosaur Invasion		£995.00
Cones	?	
Walkabout Acts		£1,870.00

TOTAL £11,890.00

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