

**MINUTES - DOWNSWOOD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD BY ZOOM ON TUESDAY 20 JULY 2021 AT 8.00 PM**

Present: Cllrs Newton (Chairman); Cheesman; Alden-Morris; Fincham; Mrs Irving – Clerk; Mr Everett & Diane Thompson (DCA) + 1 member of the public.

- 1 APOLOGIES:** Cllrs Weeks – conflicting business meeting; Butler – work commitment; Rajalingam – household repairs; Brooks – holiday (received retrospectively).
- 2 NOTIFICATION OF WHETHER ANYONE WISHES TO RECORD ANY ITEMS.** None received.
- 3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/REQUEST FOR DISPENSATIONS:** None received.
- 4 ADJOURNMENT FOR QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** No questions raised.

The meeting was reconvened.

5 OLYMPICNIC – SATURDAY 11 SEPTEMBER:

- Check to be made on the 4 gazebos ASAP to ensure they are still serviceable. JE
- Cllr Newton to transport all large items to Mallards on the day of the event i.e. table + 2 chairs for first aiders, gazebos, etc. GN
- Clerk to make contact with Little Travelling Bean to see if they would like to attend (at no cost to DPC and no conflict of sales with ice cream vendor). Permission will also be required from MBC. TI
- Advice to be sought from Four Jays regarding additional Covid precautions required. TI
- Advice to be sought from Bouncers regarding Covid H & S precautions. TI
- Request for helpers on the day to be sent to: Venture Scout Group, Sea Cadets and the Church. GN/
K AM/TI
- Kung Fu group to be invited to put a display & assist with the event JE
- Richard Young has kindly offered to provide the tape measure for wellie wanging. RC may need help to remove items from loft. RC + ??
- John Everett to provide rope for tug-of-war. JE
- Table tennis bats and balls to be provided for use on the day. RC
- Events: Egg & Spoon, Running/Sack/Relay/Piggy Back races + Tug of War, Beat the Goalie, Skipping, Basket Ball (how many in the hoop). Additional game subject to sufficient volunteers: 10 skips, basketball hoop followed by a keep fit activity.
- Paddling pool with ducks to be provided for the younger children. RC
- Bunting and stakes required RC + ?
- MBC to be requested to cut the grass during the week leading up to the event. TI
- Generators to be provided by Bouncers and GN GN

ACTION

- Cllr Newton to explore possibility of a Spitfire flyover.
- Charles to be requested to play 'rousing music' to get the event started.
- Print info for Newsletter/combined Olympicnic flyer + notice board posters to be provided to the Clerk
- Event to be advertised on the notice boards during August (4 X A3 flyers), with Newsletter*/combined Olympicnic flyer delivered to all Downswood households 2 weeks prior to the event by Cllrs. Help with delivery also to be gratefully provided by John Everett and Diane Thompson.

GN

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ALL

*NL information to include: synopsis of Cllr Rajalingam's history of Downswood, results of Garden Competition, date re Christmas Carols & Lights, DPC meeting dates/Cllr info, news re bat/owl boxes, geological SSSI, Info re Community Centre (Booking Secretary's number).

6 MATTERS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS: Please contact the Clerk if you have items that you wish to be considered for future agendas.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.30 pm

The next full council meeting will be held at the Community Centre on Tuesday, 7 September at 8 pm.