

Minutes of the Open Public Meeting held at the Village Hall at 7.00pm on Thursday 10th February to discuss plans for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations in Winsford.

Present: Colin Wilkins (CW) (Chairman), Sue Hayes (SH), Dave (DM), and Mel Mileham (MM), Brenda (BS) and Tracey Staples, Orla and Martin Jones (MJ), Mike and Liz Hillier, Anthony Milner-Brown, Annalise (AC) and Tony Cowley, Lynne and John Davey, Jayne and David Luscott, Jane Orchiston, Sarah (SC) and Jonathan Cox, Jill and Wavell Urry (WU), Nick Robinson, Sally Bradley (SB), Carol Cottle, Anthony and Caroline Pickhaver, Paul and Claire Sams, Ros Dearing, John Titcombe.

CW thanked everybody for attending the meeting and outlined the reason behind the meeting, which was to come up with ideas on how to celebrate the Platinum weekend (Thursday 2nd June to Sunday 5th June) with emphasis on the "Big Jubilee Lunch" on the Sunday. CW informed the meeting that there was a budget of £500 made up of a gift of £250 from Winsford United Charities and a grant of £250 from the Parish Council. CW told the meeting that the arrangements had already been made for the lighting of the beacon on Winsford Hill on Thursday at 9.30pm.

BS informed the meeting that there would be a thanksgiving church gathering on Sunday morning at 11.00am, which would be approximately 45 minutes long. The gathering will take the form of hymns and well-known songs, accompanied by local musicians.

SB told the meeting that The Royal Oak are planning for the duration of the Big Lunch that if a glass mug was purchased for £3, a pint of beer would cost 10p (1952 price).

CW then opened the meeting to the public and the following ideas were aired.

Maypole (DM)

Band at cost of circa £400 for 2 Hours. Availability to be checked (MJ)

PA system available from Village Hall. Check who operates system (SH)

Marquee around the green, chairs and tables available (SH)

12.30 start and no finish time agreed (All)

Children, presents, and community flags (MM)

Homemade adult flags for pageant (DM)

Duck Race (SH)

Food buffet - food supplied by attendees (AC)

Cake table (CW)

Photograph display of Queen's Winsford celebrations in bygone years (AC)

Large photograph of all residents attending (CW)

Classic car exhibition (WU)

Download music (All)

Painting a plaque (MM)

Cake competition (MM)

Tug of war (SC)

The following residents agreed to form a committee with CW:

Annalise Cowley, Sue Hayes, Dave Mileham, Mel Mileham, Mike Hillier, and Jonathan Cox.

The next meeting (of the committee) will be held on Monday 21st February at 2.00pm in the meeting room at the village hall.

CW thanked every resident for attending and showing interest, the meeting closed at 7.55pm.