

**LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY FULL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 9 FEBRUARY 2023**

PRESENT: Councillors Bannister, Howells (Chair), Morris, Sims, Sinclair & Whattler.

ALSO PRESENT: Angela Price – Town Clerk
Sophie Jarvis – Minute Taker

C689 APOLOGIES

No apologies were received.

C690 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

RESOLVED:

Councillor Sinclair declared a personal interest in minute no C692, Events Working Party minutes in respect of the King's Coronation, as he had provided details of a friend who owns a mug company.

C691 TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL HELD ON 2 FEBRUARY 2023.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of a meeting of Full Council held on 2 February 2023 be approved and signed as a correct record.

C692 TO GIVE CONSIDERATION TO RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE EVENTS WORKING PARTY IN RESPECT OF THE KING'S CORONATION FOLLOWING THE DECISION TAKEN AT FULL COUNCIL ON 2 FEBRUARY 2023.

Members discussed and accepted the recommendations in respect of the King's Coronation from the Events Working Party minutes on 8 February 2023. Members made additional comments listed below.

- I. That the Council hold an event on Monday, 8 May 2023 to celebrate the King's Coronation, noting that the event can only proceed with confirmation that 20 volunteers will be available to assist on the day, in addition to staff and Councillors.**

All members were in favour of accepting this recommendation and agreed that the target of 20 volunteers should be achieved by 9 March 2023 in order for this event to take place and there should also be a minimum number of 6 Councillors volunteering for this event. Members stated that if these volunteer numbers were not met then the event would not be able to take place. Members agreed that an advert should be published on the Council's social media

platforms asking for volunteers and that an email also be sent to all Councillors asking for help.

- II. That a road closure be applied from 9:30 am until 7:30 pm, noting that the event will take place from 12:00 noon until 5:00 pm.**

All members were in favour of accepting this recommendation.

- III. That food traders are invited to trade in the street during the Ledbury Coronation Celebration. No street traders selling alcohol will be permitted.**

All members were in favour of this recommendation. They agreed that there needs to be a minimum of 6 food traders and there will be no charge for them to have a pitch at the Coronation event.

- IV. That the Town Clerk contact local companies to seek possible sponsorship and funding for the event.**

All members were in favour of accepting this recommendation and agreed that the Clerk should write a letter to be signed by the Town Mayor asking for sponsorship and funding of the Coronation event.

- V. That the High Street, including the Market House, is decorated appropriately for the Coronation.**

All members were in favour of accepting this recommendation and suggested that Balfour Beatty be asked whether they could provide a cherry picker to help decorate the Market House and Town appropriately for the Coronation. Members suggested that Commonwealth flags be placed around the Market House as well as Union Jack flags and that plain coloured bunting could be placed around the rest of the Town. It was suggested that these should be non-plastic and these decorations should be up no later than 2 weeks before the Coronation. It was suggested that no more than £2,000 be spent on the decorations for the Coronation and that this will be delegated to the Clerk, the Mayor and the Chair of Finance. Members voted on this budget for decorations 4 members voted for, 1 voted against and 1 abstention.

- VI. That Officers confirm the availability of a Town Crier for Monday, 8 May 2023.**

All members were in favour of this recommendation.

- VII. That the Community Development Officer engage with organisations and traders in the Town to confirm participation in the Coronation event. In particular, to participate in a window display or golden crown trail, similar to the Platinum Jubilee.**

All members were in favour of this recommendation. Members also discussed ways in which local volunteer groups could be more involved in this event by

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offering funding of up to £50 each to help them put on children's activities. It was suggested that groups like Ledbury Scouts and Ledbury's Children Centre could be contacted to have an area for activities and create a 'lost children's zone'. Members voted on funding these groups £50 to help support them with putting on activities, 5 members voted for and 1 abstained.

VIII. That Officers obtain three quotes to purchase commemorative mugs for all children that attend Ledbury Primary School.

Councillor Sinclair had declared an interest in this item and stated that he would not take part in this conversation.

Members were all in favour of this recommendation and stated that these mugs should be sourced as locally as possible. The clerk suggested purchasing 400 mugs to cover any potential new pupils at Ledbury Primary School. One member queried if the 'official design' Coronation mugs could be purchased, the Clerk informed members that this could be done but would cost significantly more. Members agreed that at least 3 quotes be obtained including an official design mug quote, the designs will be sent to Councillors via email to be approved.

IX. That the Council produce a Coronation Souvenir Programme of the day, similar to the late Queen's Coronation.

All members were in favour of accepting this recommendation. Members suggested that the sponsors be printed on the back page of the souvenir programme expressing thanks and that there should be enough copies of these for one programme per household.

X. Tables and Chairs

The Clerk advised that a recommendation had been missed from the Events Working Party minutes regarding the tables and chairs for the Coronation event. Members discussed that it would be better to contact local places such as the Burgage Hall, Community Hall and St Katherine's to borrow their tables and chairs for this event. It was noted that a representative from these places would need to help transport them into town. Members also agreed that the Council's outdoor tables and chairs could also be used. It was suggested that John Masefield could also be contacted to ask if they could loan their gym benches for this event.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the recommendations on the Events Working Party meeting from 2 February 2023 be accepted, noting the additional comments as listed above.**
- 2. That an advert be prepared and published asking for volunteers to help with the Coronation event and explaining that without the volunteers the event will not be able to proceed.**

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3. That the Clerk email all Councillors asking them to volunteer on the day.
4. That a road closure be applied for from 9:30 am to 7:30 pm, noting that the event will take place from 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm.
5. That the Town Clerk write a letter for the Mayor to sign to go to local companies to seek possible sponsorship and funding for the Coronation event.
6. That officers contact Balfour Beatty in the first instance to ask whether they would be able to provide a cherry picker free of charge to help put up the Coronation. If BBLP are unable to assist quotes be obtained from companies who can provide a cherry picker.
7. That Commonwealth flags be put up around the Market house as well as Union Jack flags and that plain coloured bunting be put up around the rest of the Town. These decorations must be up at least 2 weeks before the Coronation and there will be a budget of £2,000 to be overseen by the Clerk, the Mayor and the Chair of Finance.
8. That Officers confirm the availability of a Town Crier for Monday, 8 May 2023.
9. That 3 quotes be obtained for Coronation mugs for the pupils of Ledbury Primary School including a quote of an official design. These designs will be sent to Councillors via email for approval.
10. That the Council produce a Coronation Souvenir Programme of the day, similar to the late Queen's Coronation and that there be enough printed for one per every household in Ledbury.
11. That local places such as the Burgage Hall and the Community Hall etc be contacted to ask if they can help provide tables and chairs for the Coronation event along with a representative to help transport these into town.

C693 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note that the next meeting of Full Council is scheduled for 30 March 2023 at 7:00pm in the Burgage Hall.

C694 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED:

No members of the public of press were present.

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C695 TOWN COUNCIL PAYROLL SERVICE PROVIDERS

Members discussed the annual costs of the quotes received for the Town Council Payroll service providers. A vote took place as to which company should be selected, all members voted for Thompson.

RESOLVED:

That Thompson be appointed as the new Town Council payroll service providers and that the Clerk proceed with this

The meeting ended at 6.50pm.

Signed *P. B. Howells* Date *2/3/23*
(Town Mayor)

