

LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL

NOTES OF A MEETING IN RESPECT OF VE & VJ DAY 75TH ANNIVERSARY 2020

Date 24 February 2020 at 10:00hrs

PRESENT: Brenda Hill, Jenny Harrison, Rev. Keith Hilton-Turvey, M Stephens, B. McKenzie, Cllr P. Howells (Chair), Hillary Jones, David Williams, Sue Hughes, Sue Hill, Mal Hughes, Angie Price, Olivia Bundy (Minutes)

1. Apologies

Cllr A Manns

2. 75th Anniversary Order

- Discussion about whether the event timetable should be different from originally planned. The consensus agreed that the timetable should remain the same.

	Date	Time	Event	Location
MAY	Friday 8 th	3pm	VE – Re-dedication Memorial	Lady Arbour, Hereford Cathedral
	Friday 8 th	3pm	VE – Re-dedication Memorial	War Memorial, Ledbury
	Friday 8 th	3:30pm	VE – Church Service	St Michaels & All Angels
	Friday 8 th	4pm - 7pm	VE - Street Party, Various Entertainment	Ledbury
	Friday 8 th	7pm	VE- Ringing in Peace	Ledbury
	Saturday 9 th	-	VE - Street parties	Countywide
	Sunday 10 th	Morning	VE - Church Services	Countywide
	Sunday 10 th	3pm	County Service (RBL)	St Peter's Church, Hereford
JUN	Monday 22 nd	11am	Armed Forces Flag Raising	High Town, Hereford
	Saturday 27 th	All day	Armed Forces Day	High Town, Hereford (TBC)
AUG	Saturday 15 th	3-7pm	VJ - Street parties and local events	Ledbury
	Sunday 16 th	Morning	VJ - Church Services	Ledbury
	(TBC) Sunday 16 th	3pm	County Service	Hereford Cathedral
NOV	Sunday 15 th	11am	Remembrance Services	Countywide

3. (i) **VE Day 8th May 2020 Bank Holiday Friday.**

Re-dedication of War Memorial and Church Service

- Letter had been sent to Joanna Brace (Ruddock) in order to invite her to the unveiling of the Memorial, however there has been no reply.
- Mr Heaton accepted the offer to be a guest of honour for the rededication of the War Memorial following its refurbishment, and that accommodation had been booked for 7th-10th May
- The Clerk received quotes for a private car hire for Mr Heaton's transport from London to Ledbury, return. She advised that it cost £480 in total.

RESOLVED: That a recommendation is sent to Full Council to accept the quote of £480 to cover the transport for Mr Heaton.

- Brenda advised that she found 22 names of families of those who lost their lives in second world war and hoped that she could find the last 20 names. The British Legion has been provisionally booked the for the families to meet before the Re-dedication memorial.
- The BBC will broadcast Winston Churchills Victory Speech across the County to mark 75th Anniversary of VE Day. Members agreed that the Councils PA system may not be loud enough.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk investigate costs of hiring a PA system for Winston Churchills Victory Speech

- Mayor will read the declaration of the end of the War.
- Jennifer Harrison asked for an update on when works to the memorial would start. The Clerk advised that she contact the Stone Mason

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk update members on the works on the War Memorial.

- Ledbury Council to print programmes provided by Rev. Keith for the Church Service on Friday 8th May at St Michaels & All Angels

Street Party

- Road closure has been accepted by Herefordshire Council for the street party between 4pm – 7pm in the High Street from the Junction of Bye Street to Top Cross.

- Keith Swinger confirmed that Natalie Anne will be singing at the Street Party and that he would like to cover the costs.
- Ledbury Bells will be under major renovations therefore will not be able not be able to ring in the peace. The Clerk suggested using the practise bell under the Market House

RESOLVED: That Tim Keyes is approached to ask whether the council could use the practise bell under the Market House to ring in the peace.

- Volunteers to be encouraged to help with the day via social media and the Council website.
- Members decided that due to health and safety the Council would investigate costs of hiring tables and chairs. Keith Swinger advised that he had a contact and would be happy to look into some quotes.

RESOLVED: That Keith Swinger investigate the costs of hiring 5 trestle tables and chairs

- People will be asked to bring their own food and drink. The Town Clerk advised members that it would be difficult to apply for an alcohol restriction exemption and could be unfair to other Ledbury public houses if only one was granted a licence.

RESOLVED: That the alcohol exemption is not lifted for the VE DAY Street Party

- The Clerk confirmed that she had been in contact with Caroline Green from the Traders Association and advised that they would be happy decorate their shop windows for the weekend. Brenda suggested that the Traders Association could inform shops of the road closures and that they could possibly open for longer hours.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk informs the Traders Association of the road closures and suggest the possibility of opening shops longer from Friday 8th May- Saturday 10th May.

- Councillor Howells advised that he had a discussion with Christina Thorpe from LYAS and that she would be happy to help with organising old-style games for the children during road closures.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact Sally Holiday from the Youth Council to ask if she would like to be involved with organising the games with LYAS.

- A letter had been sent to ABE regarding hiring a stage for the entertainment

RESOLVED: Staff at Ledbury Town Council to chase letter

- Arrange an entertainment meeting between Keith Swingler, LADS, Brass Band, and Ledbury Choirs to discuss involvement on the day

ACTION : Clerk to arrange an entertainment meeting

- Town Council to provide advertising for the event
- A discussion was held

RESOLVED: That the flyers are posted on social media, local shops and the Town Council Office.

- Ledbury Town Council to provide red white and blue and the union jack bunting.
- Appeal to public to collect old newspapers to make Pirate hats (as in 1945); this also could be a craft activity that the Youth Groups could help with.

ACTION: Ledbury Town Council to appeal on social media.

- Cllr Andy Manns will dress the windows of the Council as he did with Remembrance Day with his old memorabilia and create a display of old recipes.
- John Masefield High School to be contacted in respect of possible Dance Band (relevant to era) alternatively Malvern or Newent schools.
- Members discussed the possibility of booking St Katherines Hall between 1:00-9:00 on Friday 8th May as a backup plan if weather does not permit.

RESOLVED: That Rev. Keith enquire about booking St Katherines Hall

- Members of the WI advised that they would be happy to provide some cakes, however, will need to discuss further before committing.
- Jennifer updated that there will be a War Memorial exhibition mounting in the Church on Tuesday May 5th open from 10-16:00hrs each day apart from the services. The Town Council had agreed to loan boards and help print out posters for the event.

Ringling of Peace

- Bells to ring out at 7.00 pm (As per programme provided by Colonel Andy Taylor and hopefully Ledbury Bell Ringers) – **Bells will not be here so need to see if they could use the training bell under the market house**

SUNDAY, 10th MAY 2020

- Service of Peace to be held in the Church in the morning
- Rev. Keith to prepare and print programmes for Church Service on Sunday 10th May

3(II) **VJ DAY – 15th & 16th August 2020**

- It was agreed that this event would be very similar to VE day and VJ Day must be recognised, to be further discussed at the next meeting on the

