

LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL

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

HELD ON 20 JANUARY 2020

PRESENT: Brenda Hill, Jenny Harrison, Rev. Keith Hilton-Turvey, Mike Stephens, Bill McKenzie, Councillor Howells (Chair) and Councillor Manns

ALSO PRESENT: Angie Price (Town Clerk)
Hannah Tettero (Minutes)

1. Apologies

None received

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

- Rev. Keith enquired whether anything should be included in the Church Service – National anthem, hymns etc.

RESOLVED:

That the Town Clerk, Rev. Keith Hilton-Turvey and Jennifer Harrison liaise to coordinate the service content.

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

Re-dedication of War Memorial and Church Service

- Jennifer Harrison provide contact details for Joanna Brace (Ruddock) in order to invite her to the unveiling of the Memorial. Joanna designed the World War 11 'airman and planes' tile on the Memorial.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk to write to Mrs Brace and invite her as a special guest. Letter sent

- Town Clerk updated that Mr Heaton had been invited as a guest of honour for the rededication of the War Memorial following its refurbishment, and this is all in hand, more details of this arrangement to follow.
- Mrs Hill is overseeing the list of families of those who lost their lives in second world war. They will be invited to attend Re-dedication and Church Service and to be given priority place at Memorial.
- Mayor will read the declaration of the end of the War at the War Memorial on 8 May 2020.

Street Party

- The Street Party to take place 4.00-7pm approximately, in High Street from Junction of Bye Street to Top Cross – subject to a road closure being in place;
- Keith Swingler (Landlord of The Brewery Pub) has expressed an interest in providing a singer for entertainment. The singer had been approached and the Clerk had been advised that the singer is available and has agreed to perform free of charge;
- Tim Keyes of Ledbury Bells to be approached to see if they will be available to help ring in the peace at 7pm;
- Volunteers to be encouraged to help with the day, Council staff to advertise on social media and website;

- People will still be asked to bring their own chairs and possibly a table, and some food and drink;
- Discussion on contacting the Traders Association to envisage whether they would like to be a part of the day. Cafés and Restaurant may want to open and contribute towards the day's commemorations. Councillor Howells mentioned that he had been talking to the Traders Association and advised that they had expressed an interest in holding a window display competition for this occasion. Agreed that this would be great for the town and that the Mayor and two other judges be selected nearer the time.
- Town Council will approach Hereford Council to ask for a road closure from 6.00 pm – 7.00 pm and possible exemption of "No Alcohol" restrictions for High Street for one day. Public Houses to be approached to see if they would like to see if they would like outside bar. (note correction from 6pm to 6am from previous notes)
- Brenda said that it would be good to have some games identified for the children with the road being closed. Discussion on types of games to have and who may like to oversee this (Hopscotch etc)

RESOLVED: Town Council to approach Christina Thorpe (LYAS) and Sally Holliday (Youth Council) to see if they would like to ask the Youths of Ledbury to help with this and give them opportunity to take part in organising old-style games.

- ABE to be approached for provision of stage (FOC).

RESOLVED: Town Council to contact.

- Arrange a meeting between LADS, Brass Band, and Ledbury Choirs to discuss possible involvement on the day

RESOLVED:

- Clerk to approach and invite them to further meetings.
- Town Council to provide advertising for the event with press release being sent to Ledbury Reporter and advertised on social media.
- Town Clerk to contact Caroline Green, Chair of Traders Association
- Bunting and flags to be provided by Town Council.
- Appeal to public to collect old newspapers to make party hats (as in 1945); this also could be a craft activity that the Youth Groups could help with.

RESOLVED: That Ledbury Town Council to appeal on social media.
LTC

- Cllr Andy Manns to investigate old recipes – Spam/corned beef sandwiches and will also dress the windows of the Council as he did with Remembrance Day with memorabilia;
- John Masefield High School to be contacted in respect of possible Dance Band (relevant to era) alternatively Malvern or Newent schools.
- Jennifer to enquire whether the WI would like to be involved in the day.
- Jennifer advised 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 when the services take place. The Town Council 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)

SUNDAY, 10th MAY 2020

- Service of Peace to be held in the Church in the morning

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 24th February at 10:00am

Meeting closed at 10:55hrs