

LYMM PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Council meeting of LYMM PARISH COUNCIL
held on Wednesday 2nd November 2022 at 8pm in
Lymm Village Hall**

Councillors:

- * Cllr B Barr (Chairman)
- * Cllr A Johnstone (Deputy Chairman)
- * Cllr K Buckley
- * Cllr C East
- * Cllr G Gowland
- * Cllr I Marks
- * Cllr T Martland
- * Cllr K Rurlander
- * Cllr B Selwood
- * Cllr S Sharma
- * Cllr J Stansfield
- * Cllr S Towndrow

* denotes attendance

Also in attendance: Kerry Duffin (Clerk)

164. Welcome, introductions and housekeeping

The meeting was opened at 8pm with a statement from the Chairman regarding the wider context and implications of event management on the organisation of events and activities in Lymm. Cllr Selwood, the Chairman of the Events Committee added the difficult decision that was presented at the Events Committee and that the evidence led to the date needing to be changed. As a longstanding volunteer of the Festivities Group, Cllr Selwood raised that he was looking at the items from various viewpoints.

165. Public Open Forum

Around 40 members of public were in attendance. Questions were put to the Council regarding the reasons for the change of date, the financial difference between holding an event on the 23rd and 24th December and the number of volunteers that are needed to be able to move the event back to December 24th. Local business support was raised and queried whether the decision to move the date of Carols was detrimental to village businesses. In addition to Carols, the trees and decorations in Lymm were discussed and the situation surrounding the former festivities volunteers who are no longer delivering the decoration of the village, and the health and safety of the installation of trees, flags and bunting. The Parish Council has commissioned a safety check on the brackets where the small trees are installed.

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Council responded that the reason for the move of date was only partially financial but also related to volunteer availability, availability of partner organisations that support the delivery of the event and health and safety. Council also raised that the Local Government Association is running a project entitled 'Debate not Hate' about the bullying and trolling of local councillors on social media.

The public form was closed at 9.10pm.

There was a pause in the meeting whilst people left the hall and the meeting restarted at 9.23pm.

166. Apologies for absence

Councillor Martland sent apologies.

167. Declaration of Interests

Members were reminded of their responsibility to declare any personal or prejudicial interest that they may have had in any item of business on the agenda no later than when the item was reached.

168. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED: The minutes from the Full Council Meeting on Monday 10th October 2022 were approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

169. Additional funding for Carols and decorating the village

RESOLVED: To allocate an additional budget of £6500 to pay for activities and suppliers to enable Carols from the Cross and the decoration of the village to take place this winter. The cost of living crisis was raised and this context should be considered when making decisions spending residents contributions. All in favour.

170. Acceptance of quotes for:

RESOLVED: to accept the quotes for:

Beechwood Electrical - £745 + VAT to test and certify the sockets for Xmas lights

Jellypress - £346 for the print of the Carols postcard

RCD - £1034 for the delivery of the 6000 Carols postcard to residences in Lymm

All in favour.

171. Purchase of mobile speaker and microphone

RESOLVED: Council to purchase a unit to arrive in time for Remembrance Day at a cost of £279.99 + £4.99 delivery charges.

All in favour.

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172. Xmas tree sponsorship package

RESOLVED: Council approved the sponsorship of Xmas trees to bring in an additional income for Xmas festivities and a budget of up to £465 for marketing and publicity. Clerk to investigate the option of crowdfunding.

Clrs Marks to follow up whether free parking can be offered by the Borough Council on the 23rd and 24th December.

All in favour.

173. Parish Council statement to the public

RESOLVED: Councillors to have a deadline of midday on Thursday 3rd November to contact the Clerk to call in the decision to move Carols. Once this deadline has passed, the Chairman will make a statement.

Voting: 3 abstentions and 8 in favour.

174. Date of next meetings and items for the next agenda

Full Council Meeting 8 November 2022 – 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 10.12pm