

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EVENTS COMMITTEE HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2024 AT 5.30PM AT BROCKENHURST VILLAGE HALL**

<b>Present:</b>	Cllr Paul Pearse	Chairman
	Cllr J Korbey	Cllr R Wolstenholme
	Bronya Szatkowska	Janet Ward
	Liz Dodwell	Elaine Blachford
	Sue Jory	Evelyn Bartlett
	Celia Jowett	Assistant Parish Clerk

**24/01 Apologies for absence:** Philip Dinn

**24/02 Declarations of Interest:** None

**24/03 Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023 were signed as a correct record.

**24/04 Debrief from Christmas Fun Evening 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023 and arrangements for the 2024 Christmas Fun Evening 6th December 2024**

There had been good attendance with many appreciative comments about the Fun Evening. There was a good atmosphere and visitors had stayed for the whole evening. The Paddle and The Commoners had been very busy. The Snow machine was very good.

The joint winners for Best Dressed Window were the Brock Charity Shop and Village Veg

The Brockenhurst School Parents Teachers Association (PTA) won the Christmas tree competition.

**Points for Review for 2024 Event**

The Funfair

It was agreed that the funfair adds lights and music to the festive atmosphere but there were mixed feelings regarding the arrangements for the 2024 event. It was not as financially successful as previous years, and it is unclear whether the funfair would attend again. Enquiries to be made for 2024. It was noted that the income from stalls and businesses was less than in previous years.

Power cables and Barriers

In 2024 we should review the power and cabling arrangements and the spacing of the stalls and attractions to ensure the free flow of pedestrians.

The PA System – The Church's PA system is good but needs long power cables.

**24/05 Pancake Races 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

The Brookley Road Active Travel Scheme is not scheduled to start yet so the event will take place on Brookley Road.

It is not yet confirmed that Brockenhurst Primary School will lead the event. Obtain confirmation from Krys Yates, Brockenhurst School head of PTA .

### **Action points:**

- Obtain confirmation from Krys Yates, head of Brockenhurst School PTA as to whether PTA will run event - **Assistant Clerk (AC)**

The following will have to be organised :

1. List of helpers if PTA does not lead event **–(AC)**
2. Invite A&T for photos and report – get permission for photographs **(AC)**
3. Notify Tesco's re stock pancakes and donation of sweet prizes **(AC)**
4. Invite local groups to sign up to races **(Bronya and AC)**
5. Put posters up and application forms in Pot Pourri, Tesco's and around the Village. Distribute posters on social media. **Bronya and AC**

### **24/06 80th Anniversary of D Day event 1st June 2024**

What was agreed: -

- The date for the event was confirmed as 1<sup>st</sup> June 2024.
- The core events of musical entertainments, attractions, vehicle exhibitions, history boards, window displays will be at Brookley Road between 11am and 2pm.
- The road will be closed between 10am and 3pm.
- Celebrations will be at the Football Club from 12pm. A barbecue, Bar and possibly teas will be served. There is also a large clubhouse if the weather is bad. Games and stalls will be located at the Football Club. There will be no charge for these.

This will be on the same date as BrockFest at Brockenhurst College but it was agreed they are separate events and will attract different audiences, although it is always possible that BrockFest will attract passing D-Day visitors and vice versa.

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BrockStock is to be held at the Football Club on the Bank Holiday Weekend of 25/26 May 2024. The D-Day event can share the facilities that Brock Stock have hired – the toilets and 3 large marquees (12m x 6m)– and share the costs. It also has a clubhouse if the weather is bad.

Vintage Military vehicles and cars for display on Brookley Road

Enquiries made to Steve Wilkes about obtaining vintage cars and military vehicles for display on Brookley Rd.  
Enquiries will also be made of local military vehicle clubs; Sammy Millar; Young Farmers (for vintage tractors/Land Rovers); Land Girls?

### Musical Entertainment

Confirm date with *Fifinellas* who have already been contacted.

Book for 2 slots for *Fifinellas* :

11-30 am to 12.15pm

12.45 pm to 1.30pm

Also contact

Lemon Fizz

Friday Girls

Kurt Munro (Busketeers)

### Beacon

The possibility of a beacon to be lit in the evening at the Memorial Garden was raised. Ideas were discussed – lit sandbags, lasers, LED . It was noted that night fall would be late and Forest restrictions will be in force, prohibiting fireworks etc.

### **ACTION POINTS:-**

- Speak to Brockenhurst College about the clash of dates with BrockFest - **Paul**
- Application to close Brookley Road 1<sup>st</sup> June from 10am until 3pm-AC
- Barriers and Gazebos - **JK**
- Liaise with Steve Wilkes about vintage and military vehicles- **AC**
- Liaise with Young Farmers about vintage tractors-**JK/AC**
- Obtain further information about WW2 ideas and plans for Brookley Road– **AC**
- Liaise with John Purkess and David Bennett about history boards
- Book musical entertainers and agree play lists and costs. **AC**  
Fifinellas for 2 slots between 11-30 and 1-30pm)  
Friday Girls (**AC**)  
Kurt Munro
- Check with Football Club about holding a bar, barbecue and teas – **Bronya**
- Check with Football Club that 3 large marquees (12m x 6m) and toilets will be kept up after Brock stock until after 1<sup>st</sup> June – D-Day. Find out costs and confirm they will be shared. - **Bronya**
- Confirm Brockenhurst community groups and school involvement and ideas for stalls and entertainments –**AC**
- Research whether a beacon is viable- **AC**

**24/07 Date of Next Meeting: 21 February 2024 at 5.30pm in the Craft Room at the Village Hall.**

The meeting finished at 6.30pm

Signed:

Date: