



**MINUTES OF THE GROBY PARISH COUNCIL  
EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, LEICESTER ROAD, GROBY, LEICESTER  
ON 6<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2025 at 7 pm**

**Present:** Cllr D Hyde, Cllr L Emmerson, Cllr C Lincoln

**Also present:** Parish Clerk  
Representatives from Bradgate Rotary - 2  
Members of the Public - 3

**EV/041/24-25 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr N Clarke and Cllr C York. Cllr L Collins was absent.

**EV/042/24-25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

**EV/043/24-25 MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Events Committee Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024 be approved and signed as a true record.

**EV/044/24-25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was none.

**EV/045/24-25 CORRESPONDENCE**

- i. Correspondence detailing a proposed new Groby and Field Head online events webpage was circulated to members at the meeting. This was **NOTED** and **AGREED** to enter the details of the two events for VE Day into the calendar.
- ii. Correspondence from Borough Councillor Harris in relation to possible Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council funding towards VE day celebrations was discussed. It was **AGREED** for the Clerk to write to HBBC's Chief Executive to enquire about the available funds.

**EV/046/24-25 VE DAY 80<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

**i. VE Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

Details of the VE Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event planned to take place on Bank Holiday Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025 in collaboration with the Bradgate Rotary Club were discussed.

Standing Orders were suspended to allow representatives from Bradgate Rotary and members of the public to speak.

Bradgate Rotary representatives updated members on their event plans to date which included:

- Hiring of the Village Hall for the whole day
- Event to run from 10am until 4pm
- Holding of dance workshops
- Authentic World War II items on display
- Light refreshments
- Children's craft section
- Enquiries made with Lindi hop club to see if available
- Stalls in main hall

Discussions continued as to the contribution the Parish Council could make to the event.

Standing Orders were re-instated.

The following actions were **AGREED** in order to progress the event

- Application for RAF flypast has been submitted but response not expected until March at earliest
- Leicester Road closure has been applied for through HBBC’s Annual Order. Exact closure to be agreed and traffic management plan needs to be organised.
- Make enquiries with Groby Library for use of the grass to the side for creation of a wartime encampment (tent requires 14ft square and must be erected onto grass)
- Possible firepower demonstration (police would need to be notified)
- Contact Stamford Arms to see if they would like to be involved with the event
- Local resident to supply flags and bunting, may need to purchase more
- Make enquiries regarding vintage cars / wartime vehicles / tanks / fire engine which could be placed on display on Leicester Road
- Contact Groby Fish and Chip shop to see if they would like to be involved
- Contact Ice Cream Van
- Encourage 1940’s style dressing
- Contact local primary schools - creating A4 posters to be used as bunting
- Organise 1st Aiders for the event
- Parish Council to hold a community engagement stall
- Organise outside music – contact Ratby Co-operative Brass Band / Swing Band
- Contact the RAF / Navy – possible climbing wall / tug of war
- Contact the Scout Group to see if would run some outside games (e.g. coconut shy)
- Contact HBBC regarding hire of gazebos
- Advertising the event through website / Spotlight article / social media sites

**ii. VE Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Beacon Lighting Event – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

It was **AGREED** that the Beacon Lighting Event should follow the same format as the D-Day event in 2024 and further enquiries to progress the event were as follows:

- Contact St. Philip & St. James’ Church to see if they would hold a service
- Contact the Stamford Arms to see if they would be involved / put on a special menu
- Organise singer for Stamford Arms before procession (with Stamford Arms permission)
- Beacon Lighting to take place in the Churchyard at 9.30pm / Veteran to light the Beacon
- Contact Ratby Co-operative Brass Band – lead procession up to the Church
- Purchase of VE Day flag (s)
- Advertising the event

**EV/047/24-25 RECOMMENDATIONS TO FULL COUNCIL**

There were no recommendations to Full Council at this time.

**EV/048/24-25 NEXT MEETING**

The date and time of the next meeting to be held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

Signed: .....  
Chairman

Date: .....

Chairman’s Initials .....