

QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION

PROGRESS REPORT 14.03.2022

There are approximately 140 Moor Monkton properties of which at least 4 No are either vacant or having alterations carried out and do not as yet have permanent residents. The questionnaire was emailed to a potential 57 No of those addresses via the Parish Council email circulation list and the remainder were covered by manual letter drops. Only 33 No responses have been received in total from the two collection boxes and via email with only 10 No coming directly from the latter so we may need to review how we circulate information in future albeit that most of those that responded have included their email addresses.

A meeting was held on Thursday 10 March 2022 with Lynne Tomlinson, Parish Council, Les Hitchings, MMVA and Paul Harrison and Kathryn Wright representing RKC. Minutes were taken and will be circulated in due course.

The purpose of the meeting was to set out our 'Aims and Guidelines' and to review the returned questionnaires to create a selection of events that might be 'fine-tuned' along with locations, dates and timings to form the overall celebration. In doing so it was agreed by all present that it was of great importance to respect the wishes of those who didn't want to see a Village Celebration as much as those that did and that in all cases the Privacy, Security and Safety of everyone within the village would be upheld. It was agreed by all that the Celebration had to be 'All Inclusive' and that all parties would work together to achieve that.

As well as the returned questionnaires a letter was received from Jill Gordon of Red House and there were other verbal comments and suggestions received during the consultation period which were also taken into account. PH agreed to speak to JG direct with regard to the matters raised regarding possible collaboration and or support of different events over the bank holiday weekend.

In collating the responses there were some clear winners with regard to the numbers of people who would like to see certain activities and it will be those that will potentially be the mainstay of our Village Celebration. Various scenarios and options were presented by those attending and whilst we are unable to give specific details of everything that will be included it was felt that great progress was made. More detail will be released over the coming weeks but currently it is intended that the celebrations will be held on a single day over the extended Bank Holiday and that there will be events which will hopefully interest and engage all sections of the village, young and old, covering the Morning, Afternoon and Evening sessions. Obviously all this will only be possible once we have been able to overcome all the logistical challenges, secured suitable locations and followed up the offers of help and assistance from many villagers.

To that end, in discussion, it was developed that each person present would take responsibility for different aspects and approach various individuals to be able to confirm more elements that might be included at the event. Unfortunately we are not in a position to report what progress has been made to date but more information will follow.

For now the scope of the event might follow the 'broad brush' format shown below:

Morning - Treasure Hunt, Pet Show, Fun Run, village Tug of War, Sports and Games for children type of events. It should be noted that the latter might have to be an imaginative redefinition of traditional games to suit the location.

Afternoon - Informal Bring your own Picnic / Garden Party in conjunction with a ticketed Barbeque. Might also include Music, Talent Show, Fancy Dress and themed Cake / Desert competition. The intention is to offer as much choice as possible to encourage attendance and participation.

Evening - Pop Up Pub with (Queen themed) Quiz or similar and potential to show Televised National Events.

With regard to the Funding of the event suggestions were discussed in very broad outline but it was agreed that the availability of the Harrogate Council's Platinum Jubilee Community Grant Fund was of great interest and that a statement to support an application should be prepared as soon as possible.

If everyone is happy with the progress that has been made and ideas put forward so far we will endeavour to be able to provide the above statement with whatever supporting information that might be required in sufficient time to meet the application deadline.

On a final note two other suggestions came out of the returned questionnaires.

Firstly the meeting agreed that LT, through her parish Council connections, would undertake to find out what other local villages might be planning and on which date and that PH would liaise with Red House to try and avoid any potential clash of celebrations.

Secondly that the area around the existing Jubilee Tree be tidied and re-presented, possibly with the addition of new planting, in time for the village celebrations. LH agreed that he would discuss this with his fellow members of the Gardening Club to see how they might become involved.