



2 September 2019

Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend a meeting of the **PERSONNEL, POLICY & STRATEGY COMMITTEE** to be held on **FRIDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2019 at 10.00 am** in the Committee Room at the Town Hall, West Borough, WIMBORNE MINSTER.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Laurence Hewitt'.

Laurence Hewitt
Town Clerk

A G E N D A

- 1 Apologies for Absence.
- 2 **SAVE THE CHILDREN PARADE – ORGANISING ARRANGEMENTS**
(Min 79 – 06.08.19)
To receive the report of the Town Clerk (copy herewith).
- 3 **75TH ANNIVERSARY OF V E DAY**
To consider the report of the Administration Officer (copy herewith).
- 4 **PROJECT ACTION PLAN (Min 81 – 06.08.19)**
To receive an updated Plan (copy to follow).

MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE:

Cllr S K Bartlett (Chairman)
Cllr K F Webb (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr C A Chedgy
Cllr W J Richmond
Cllr M R Tidd

(Note: Chairmen are reminded to arrange for their Vice-Chairmen to attend if they themselves are unable to do so).



LOCALISM ACT 2011 and CODE of CONDUCT

Members are reminded to comply with those elements of the Localism Act and the Town Council's Code of Conduct in respect of disclosable pecuniary interests.

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

Members are reminded that the Council has a duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal Opportunities (age, disability, gender reassignment, marital status, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation), Crime & Disorder, Health & Safety, Human Rights and Data Protection (General Data Protection Regulation).



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Item 2

Subject: SAVE THE CHILDREN PARADE– ORGANISING ARRANGEMENTS
Date: 6 September 2019
Author: Town Clerk

BACKGROUND

At the meeting on 6 August 2019, an item asking that the Town Council consider taking over the organisation of this event was deferred to enable me to investigate this possibility in more detail.

OUTCOME

Having looked more closely at the insurance implications, it is impracticable for the Town Council to take over the running of this event. In particular, the requirement to carry out a risk assessment and safety check on each individual float.

Therefore, instead, the Chairman of the Council is hoping to form a new independent committee to run the event similar to that which organises the Folk Festival. However, there will not be time to do so for a parade in 2019 and the aim would be to reintroduce the event for 2020.

The existing Save the Children Parade organising committee are happy with this approach.

For 2019, the Save the Children Parade committee will hold the usual activities and attractions in The Square without the floats.



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Item 3

Subject: 75th ANNIVERSARY OF V E DAY
Date: 6 September 2019
Author: Administration Officer

BACKGROUND

In May 2020 there will be a three-day national and international commemorative event to mark the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II in Europe. The government has announced that the usual May Day Bank Holiday (first Monday in May) will be moved to Friday 8 May to allow as many people as possible to take part in this weekend.

PLANNED NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

1. Friday, 8 May 2020 – 2.55 pm

The Last Post is played at the four highest peaks in the UK and in addition cadets will undertake the playing of this in each city in the UK, CI and Isle of Man.

2. Friday, 8 May 2020 – 3 pm

Thousands of pipers around the world will play Battle's O'er. (It was at 3 pm on 8 May 1945 that British Prime Minister Winston Churchill announced that the war in Europe was over.)

3. Friday, 8 May 2020 – Nation's Toast to the Heroes of World War II

To coincide with the playing of Battle's O'er, and in association with the British Beer and Pub Association, thousands of pubs throughout the nation will be asking their customers to raise a glass at 3 pm and take part in The Nation's Toast to the Heroes of WWII. Town and Parish Councils along with community groups are encouraged to raise a glass of refreshment of their choice and take part in this Nation's Toast.

4. Friday, 8 May 2020 – Cry for Peace

Town Criers will be undertaking a special international Cry for Peace Around the World at 6.55 pm.

5. Friday, 8 May 2020 – Ringing out for Peace

Bells in cathedrals, churches and other locations will ring out at 7 pm in a collective celebration of peace.

6. Friday, 8 May and Saturday and Sunday, 9 & 10 May 2020 – Parties & Celebrations

The weekend offers the chance to organise something special such as a street party to commemorate the 75th anniversary of VE Day to bring communities together. This could also include twinning associations.

7. Sunday, 10 May 2020 – Church Services of Celebration and Commemoration

Services will take place in cathedrals and churches.

CELEBRATIONS WITHIN WIMBORNE MINSTER

The Committee is asked to consider whether to recommend to the Council that it takes part in these events and, if so, which ones. The Royal British Legion is currently in the process of setting up a new group to look at all the key military dates and decide what they are doing for each one of them. However, they have also indicated that they wish the Town Council to take the lead on this particular event.

The Clerk and Registrar of the Wimborne Cemetery Joint Management Committee is also happy for the Cemetery to be involved, possibly with the lighting of the beacon again. We have also been approached by Colehill Parish Council who would be happy to be involved either in a joint project or for our efforts to be co-ordinated between the two parishes.

This weekend will be at the beginning of the new Mayoral year. The new Mayor will take office on Tuesday, 5 May 2020.