

Present: Alan Briggs, Michele Berkeley, Nicola Cobb, Steve Roberts.

The Working Group discussed the official suggestions for public participation in the Coronation Weekend and collated a list of potential commemorative activities that the parish could organise in advance (given that the event is immediately after the elections and therefore available Councillor resources cannot be guaranteed). These choices are presented to the main council for a decision on which to pursue.

***“Buckingham Palace is pleased to announce further details on the ceremonial, celebratory and community events that will take place over the Coronation Weekend between Saturday 6th and Monday 8th May 2023.***

*The Coronation of His Majesty The King and Her Majesty The Queen Consort will take place at Westminster Abbey on Saturday 6th May, 2023. The Service will be conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury. As previously announced, the Service will reflect the Monarch’s role today and look towards the future, while being rooted in longstanding traditions and pageantry.*

*Across the Coronation Weekend, there will be further opportunities for people to come together in celebration of the historic occasion. On Sunday, 7th May 2023, a special Coronation Concert will be staged and broadcast live at Windsor Castle by the BBC and BBC Studios, with several thousand pairs of tickets to be made available via public ballot. The Coronation Big Lunch, at which neighbours and communities are invited to share food and fun together, will take place across the country on the same date. On Monday, 8th May 2023, members of the public will be invited to take part in The Big Help Out, which will encourage people to try volunteering for themselves and join the work being undertaken to support their local areas.*

*Their Majesties The King and The Queen Consort hope the Coronation Weekend will provide an opportunity to spend time and celebrate with friends, families and communities across the United Kingdom, the Realms and the Commonwealth. Their Majesties are looking forward to marking the occasion with the public throughout 2023.”*

Further details on the Big Help Out are available from this website:

<https://thebighelpout.org.uk>

#### Considerations

- Clerk guidance regarding street party grants
  - We cannot grant to individuals but can grant to an association - they have to have a bank account to pay into and it must be in line with our grant policy (ie supporting bank accounts need to be seen etc) it should also be noted that this wasn’t suggested at budget setting.
- What are the activities that Dacorum are planning.
- Clerk to check with the DBC Monitoring Officer if there are any potential purdah issues with the events suggested or their implementation.

### Decisions needed

- Which activities does the Council wish to pursue.
- A maximum budget to be recommended and pre-approved, individual expenditures to be approved by the Clerk. This is necessary due to the short time before the Coronation Weekend.
- Request that Clerk to see permissions for bunting / other decorations / face cut-out boards.

### Potential Activities

- 1) Collaboration with Kings Langley Parish Council in a larger event
- 2) Dedicate the new bench to Their Majesties The King and The Queen Consort with a commemorative plaque.
- 3) Encourage street parties
  - a. Invite Residents Associations to apply for grants
  - b. Non-RA street party support (if the clerk confirms this is permissible within the regulations)
  - c. Publicise about how to get road closures:  
*Residents have to apply themselves to HCC- **deadline 26<sup>th</sup> March**. There are strict guidelines , residents should go direct [Close a road for a street party or special event | Hertfordshire County Council](#)*
  - d. Promote *The Coronation Big Lunch*
- 4) Bunting at The Denes
- 5) Face cut-out boards with a Coronation theme at one or more locations around the parish for residents to take fun photos.
  - a. Photos could optionally be submitted for publication on the parish Facebook page and a future magazine.
  - b. An example image (to which cut-outs would be added) can be found [here](#)
  - c. The WG asks the Clerk to get feedback from Abbots Langley Parish Council about the cut-out boards that they had on display during the 2022 Jubilee celebrations.
- 6) A coronation themed word search to download from the parish website.
- 7) Union Jack flags in and around the planters and parish notice board.
- 8) Source and install decals in The Denes shop windows, subject to owner approval. An example on this [website-link](#).
- 9) Encourage Big Help Out activities after the Coronation Weekend. Some potential examples:
  - a. Village Hall works.
  - b. Offer grants (subject to validated requests) to facilitate community members taking part in volunteering activities.
  - c. Publicise the scheme via the parish council Facebook page.
  - d. Link in with Dacorum initiatives
  - e. Other volunteering projects that other councillors can suggest in due course

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