

**BRIEF REPORT OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**  
**CALLED BY THE WELNEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**HELD IN THE PARISH HALL, WELNEY**  
**ON TUESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2012 AT 6.30 P.M**

Present: Cllr.T.Bennett (Vice Chairman) Cllrs.S.Dobson, J.Elliott, T.Eyles, C. Freer, V.Pratley and the Clerk, and three members of the public,

Apologies for absence: Cllr.K.Goodger, Mrs.K.Fleming and Mrs.P.Rix.

The Vice Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that the intention was to try and arrange some celebrations for the Queens Diamond Jubilee, for the residents of the Village.

The Clerk read out a list of suggestions that had been received from two residents who were unable to attend as follows:

Mrs. Fleming had suggested the following:

1. A day of Village Games and Sports with possibly a Dog show included and refreshments followed by an Evening Barbeque – possibly on the Saturday – with the Delta Pilots.

2. A day of events in conjunction with the Wildfowl Trust – possibly a whole range of activities for the village – with the suggestion of a craft session which could leave a permanent reminder for residents to become involved with.

She has already spoken to someone at the WWT who has confirmed that they may be having events which could involve the village but if this is thought to be a good idea then speak to Julie Ward (Centre Manager) or Emma Bland (Marketing events manager)

3. Children's Party/Disco in the afternoon followed by an Adults disco in the evening with possibly some kind of supper (food and drink) A Barn Dance was also suggested, but this would mean finding a suitable barn and then arranging transport to get residents there.

4. Street Parties

Two other suggestions were received regarding possible Village Outings, but it was felt that if we were to celebrate the Jubilee, then any events should take place within the village.

Mrs. Rix suggested

1. Party/Social Evening

2. Pageant – Kings and Queens through the Ages.

Mrs Gina Burch, Landlady from the Lamb and Flag suggested that the event should be held in the area between the Lamb and Flag and the Parish Hall where there would be use of the car park and also the garden of the Public House. It was agreed that this was an excellent idea as there would be sufficient space for stalls etc.etc. and also the Parish Hall would be accessible if the weather was wet.

Cllr.Elliott suggested having a fancy dress competition for the Children including a section for a non motorised vehicle (which might encourage some of the boys to enter) and this could be judged on the day. She also agreed to contact her colleague to find out the cost and or implications of providing food and drink for the afternoon. It was explained that whilst we are allowed to serve pre-prepared food from the Parish Hall, we do not have the correct licence in place to prepare and serve food when it is to be charged for.

Cllr.Bray advised that he would be making a donation towards the cost of food for any celebrations which were arranged, and he was thanked most sincerely for this offer.

Cllr.Dobson suggested a 50's Tea Party with residents dressing up in costume if they wished and Gina had already confirmed that Ken and Jan would be prepared to make their disco available with 50's music.

Two members of the Delta Pilots confirmed that the group would be willing to play for an event for the village, but if we wished to have the whole band then we would have to consider holding the celebrations on the Sunday. The band will have to be paid for their services and a discussion will have to take place as to how the money can be raised. The Clerk confirmed that she will make enquiries regarding a possible donation from the Parish Council under Section 137, and it was also mentioned that an approach might possibly be made to Marshall's Charity for a small donation to help with costs.

After a brief discussion it was agreed that this would be in order and the date of **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2012** was agreed for the celebrations.

It was noted that the edition of the Welney News would not be circulated until the weekend of the Jubilee, and it was agreed to speak to the Editor to see if this could be issued a week earlier – possibly called the Jubilee Edition – with a reminder to everyone of the events which will have been arranged.

The question of a bouncy castle was mentioned and Cllrs.Elliott and Freer confirmed that this is possibly something they could arrange. The question of bunting was also mentioned and the fact that this may be something that the children could be involved in making.

The Clerk confirmed that she would look into the possible requirements of an Events Insurance and would also take advice from the Police regarding safety issues in the Village on 3<sup>rd</sup> June, especially as the site fronts onto the A.1101.

After further discussion several of these present confirmed that they would be willing to work on an Organising Committee, and the first meeting was fixed for **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March, at 7 p.m. in The Parish Hall, Welney**. The Clerk would let all parties know of the date, so that as many as possible could attend and help with the arrangements.

The Vice Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was closed at 7.05 p.m.