

Coming Out of Covid Event

Report to Burton Bradstock Parish Council

This report aims to inform the PC of the proposed format for this celebration, which was discussed at the last meeting, and to make recommendations as to its format and funding. Councillor Rees, our representative on the working group for the event, has not been able to attend the last two meetings and I have substituted for her. She has reviewed this report and is in agreement with its recommendations.

The proposed details and format for the event are:

- Date: Saturday 24 July – late enough for Covid-19 restrictions to have been lifted but before most holidaymakers arrive.
- Timing:
 - 2pm: formal Opening of the Play Area;
 - 2.10pm: “gates” open;
 - Games mainly for children until 4.30pm;
 - 5-9pm: live music from local bands.
- The bulk of the playing field would be roped off with admittance by voucher (distributed via the BVN rounds in the Parish - the event is intended to be open to local residents and their visitors and second-homers). People will be invited to come along, bring a picnic/ refreshments, their own tables, chairs and umbrellas (rain or sun!), and to have fun and socialise.
- The roped-off area would extend roughly running from the shelter to the footpath and then east to the boundary with Corncrake. This would take in the zip wire and exclude it from public use for the duration of the event.
- A marquee approx. 30x10 metres would be provided, probably located towards the north-east corner. A smaller 10x3 metre marquee and a small number of gazebos may also be erected.
- A selection of those games used at the Village Fayre and Church Fete would be set up in the main marquee. Players would need a token and a ration of free tokens would be distributed at the entrance. There would be small prizes similar to those in children’s party bags (e.g. small toys, bubble makers).
- There would be a “Best Teddy Bears’ Picnic” competition.
- A small number of tables for local organisations would be in the marquee, e.g. Friends of BB Library; Village Society. The Parish Council could have a table if desired.
- A hotdog stall (Maydown Farm) and an ice cream stall (Hive Beach Café) have yet to be confirmed.

The nearby residents likely to be most affected by the event will be consulted for their views and any reasonable changes taken into account.

The organising group will prepare a risk assessment and it appears likely that insurance may be available under the Village Hall Trust’s policy. If this is not the case, I propose that the Parish Council investigates whether it could insure the event under its policy.

The cost of running the event is likely to amount to £500 but not more than £600, comprising £300 for the main marquee, prizes for the games and sundry incidental items. The organising group comprises representatives from the Village Hall Trust (VHT), the Village Society, Friends of BB Library (FBBL), The Music and Art Festival and the Parish Council. Of these, only the VHT, the FBBL and the Parish Council have had the benefit of Coovid-19 grants. Neither the VHT nor the FBBL have had any significant opportunity to raise funds to support their activities as they would normally do since the pandemic struck. I am therefore proposing that the Parish Council funds the event up to a maximum of £600, representing a community-wide benefit from the Covid-19 grants it has received.

The recommendations are that the Parish Council resolves to:

1. Approve the arrangements for the event as set out above, in particular the use of the playing field.
2. Consider insuring the event using its policy if it proves not possible to use the Village Hall Trust's policy.
3. Fund the event to a maximum of £600.

Councillor Graham Moody

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