



# MELTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## **THE FUTURE OF MELTON FETE 2021 and 2022**

At this point there is so much uncertainty – even with a vaccine- it seems highly unlikely we will be able to commit to going ahead with any plans this summer for the Fete 2021.

Apart from anything else, as things stand, the Pavilion will be out of commission and that has always been our focal point on the day and our centre of operations.

My suggestion is that we postpone the Fete this year.

Since 2012 the Melton Fete has become a popular tradition and a showcase for the village and it would be a pity to cancel it completely.

My second suggestion is for the Fete to be held over the bank holiday weekend in June 2022. There are plans for the Late Spring Bank Holiday to be moved from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June and for an extra B.H. on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, making a 4-day weekend.

The reason is the occasion of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and it is likely that there will be both local and national celebrations to be arranged if we decide to participate in Melton.

I would like to further propose that a budget is set aside to fund the Fete and any additional events around the occasion of the Queen's Jubilee, still to be announced but could include for instance, lighting the Beacon.

In terms of the organisation, what we would need is someone with experience of Events Management, either a seasoned professional or someone looking for a new career.

Finally, will the Pavilion be open in time for the Bank Holiday in June 2022? It would be a brilliant centrepiece for the festivities, combining the Fete and a Grand Opening of the new building with some great publicity for the village.

### **Full Council is invited to:**

**Agree to postpone the 2021 Fete in the light of continuing uncertainty surrounding large events.**

**Announce plans for the next Fete to take place in June 2022 during the Bank Holiday weekend.**

**Establish a completion date for the new Pavilion to enable the occasion to be suitably celebrated.**

**Agree a budget in principle to fund a range of community events, including a Fete, a Grand Opening and other festivities both local and national that we may decide to participate in next year.**

**Announcements to follow via The Chairman's regular columns and on the MPC website, including for an Events Manager to come forward.**

**Cllr Bryony Abbott**

**Melton Parish Council**

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