

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – NOVEMBER 12TH 2024

Item 10 - To receive and approve a report on the purchase of a beacon for commemorative events

Information

On June 6th 2024 the Council was involved in the running of a commemorative event to mark the 80th Anniversary of D-Day. The centre piece and conclusion of that event was the lighting of a beacon. The cost of the beacon (and other elements of the event) was funded by Paultons Park Ltd.

On May 8th 2025, the Country will be marking the 80th Anniversary of VE (Victory in Europe) Day. This commemoration will also include the lighting of beacons across the UK.

Giving how well received the D-Day event was, the community group that organised that event (British Legion; Parish Council; Parish Hall; Copythorne History Society; & others) have agreed to arrange an event to mark the 80th anniversary of VE Day. Enquiries were made regarding the cost of hiring a beacon. These revealed that the cost of hiring a beacon, similar to that used for the D-Day event, was only slightly less than the purchase cost.

Current Position

The cost of purchasing a bowl beacon from the company - Bullfinch (Gas Equipment) Ltd - that the D-Day event one was hired from is £495 ex VAT. The beacon would then be available to use on future occasions without the need to incur hire costs.



Recommendations

1. That the Council goes ahead with the purchase of a bowl beacon as above at a cost of £495 ex VAT
2. That the funds required are taken from the £500 Commemorative Events Reserve

David Rigby

Clerk to Copythorne Parish Council

November 1st 2024