


Community and Governance Committee Meeting	 Market Drayton Town Council
Agenda Item: 6CG Kings Coronation	
Date: 9 March 2023	
Appendix: CG136	

i. Kings Coronation Celebration Event

The King's Coronation is on Saturday 6th May 2023. On Sunday 7th May The Coronation Big Lunch, at which neighbours and communities are invited to share food and fun together, will take place across the country.

An event could be organised to provide an opportunity for residents to celebrate the Kings Coronation with light refreshments and entertainment provided. It has been suggested that the event be held from 1pm – 4pm on Queen Street, which would be renamed 'Kings Street' for the day.

The event could be funded from the £2,575 underspend in earmarked reserves from the Queens Jubilee.

To Consider

The consider holding a Coronation Big Lunch event on Queen Street on Sunday 7th May from 1pm until 4pm

ii. Installation of a commemorative Tree or Planter

Shropshire Council are arranging for the tree on the corner of Stafford Street and High Street to be removed and have asked what the Town Council would like to be put in the area.

A new planter or tree could be planted to mark the King's Coronation; depending on which option is agreed a decision would need to be taken about whether the circular bench should be repaired or removed.

The tree surgeon who is removing the tree has said:

'We can't be 100% definite about this but the reason the existing tree has died is quite possibly due to Honey Fungus or Phytophthora and the recent droughts and hot summer months have most likely exacerbated this. Presuming this is the case, the soil is likely infected and would need to be removed for any replanting – a difficulty being able to get enough of the infected soil out. The tree is planted in a paved area and therefore more exposed during drought conditions'.

To Consider

To consider what should be installed at the corner of Stafford Street and High Street when the current tree is felled.

