

# Minutes

Date:	21 August 2019 at 7pm
Meeting:	Church Fenton Village Hall
Present:	MINT representatives: Scott Royal (Makin Enterprise), Shane Grey (Mint), Bobby Sagoo (Health & Safety), Mark Grant (Security & crowd management), Church Fenton Parish Council: Sarah Chester, Andrew Mason, Sam Charlston, Michelle Seguss, Craig Blakey and Paul Herbert
Apologies:	Ross Higham
Subject:	<b>MINT Festival Preparations</b>

## Background

The Mint Festival is a one day event taking place on Saturday 28 September 2019. A similar event took place last year but there are some differences this year. The experience last year was generally good but there were a few issues to reflect upon

## Planning

The same team is managing the event as last year. They are adapting the plan based on learnings from last year.

A public meeting will not be held this year as there was only one letter received by the Parish Council last year. Instead, smaller meetings with Parish Councillors are being held

There is a cycling event on the Friday immediately prior to the event so they will mainly be transporting to the site Monday to Thursday and setting up Friday so residents should expect increased traffic at this time

## People Management

A key focus is to improve the way people can get to and away from the event

- The focus is to encourage people to travel using event buses, taxis or cars.
- Train travel has not been promoted but trains are expected to be running this year (last year there was a train strike)
- To improve the flow of traffic into the site additional entrances and exits, e.g. Renault exit for buses, will be used. They are not planning to send traffic down Oxmoor lane this year with all traffic directed to come and leave via Ulleskelf. A map of the plan was requested during the meeting. AM was surprised a map had not been brought to the meeting. It was explained that the plan could not be shared until it had been formally approved
- Taxi system is being changed, increasing the size of the drop off
- There are follow on events in Leeds and buses will take people to Sovereign St
- Recognising some people will opt to travel by train, there will be mini buses available to transfer people to and from the train station
- People are expected to start leaving the event from 8pm
- One arena, able to hold 4,000 people, will remain open until midnight to help phase the departure of people
- Despite planning and communication it is understood that not all people will adopt this. The following issues from last year were discussed:
  - People getting out of cars/taxis on roads. It is hoped that keeping the traffic moving will minimise this. **ACTION:** Requested signs are put up on roads close to the airbase to make it clear that people can't walk into the event

- UBER taxis – using side roads, Scarthingwell Park Care Home and entrance opposite the Ash Tree pub, to access the Barkston Ash. **ACTION:** Agreed to look into action that could be taken to address these access points
- Taxi drivers were speeding excessively through the village. **ACTION:** Agreed to share concern with police officer at meeting next week
- Event goers were accessing the site last year via a gap in the hedge by the old technical properties on the airbase. There is inner ring fencing so it is not possible to access the event through this gap. **ACTION:** Make Mr Makin aware.
- Some people used local buses and walked from A162 across the fields. Signage on respective bus stops directing people could manage this.

### Noise

- Cawood Crescent residents – **ACTION:** letter to residents notifying them of potential increased noise this year as a result of using the Renault exit for buses
- The event officially finishes at 11pm. However, one arena will remain open until midnight with music being played at lower volume.
- It was noted that residents are impacted by the noise and in particular the base notes travel
- It was noted the weather could impact the extent to which noise travels which was beyond everyone's control.
- The volume will vary during the event, starting lower initially, increasing in the evening and reducing at 11pm (when the event officially finishes)
- There are legal limits on volume and this will be monitored during the event. The legal limit reduces at 11pm.
- While an arena will continue to play music until midnight it is enclosed so it is expected noise disturbance will reduce significantly at 11pm.
- There will not be fireworks but there will be pyrotechnics at the end of the event at 11pm the same as last year
- There is a hotline number. **ACTION:** Helpline number to be communicated to residents

### Village security

- The same number of stewards as last year will be in operation but they will be positioned in a more concentrated way nearer to the airbase rather than so widely spread
- **ACTION:** It was asked whether a steward could be placed on Broad Lane. Agreed to look into this but highlighted the lack of lighting was likely to mean this would not be possible during the evening.
- Porter loos will be made available again this year but from a different contractor. **ACTION:** Agreed to review positioning so that they do not block residents access. It was suggested some could be placed on the road to Ulleskelf.
- There was an issue last year following a breakdown in Towton. **ACTION:** Requested a toilet is placed in Towton.
- **ACTION:** Requested additional security at the Community Shop as it is currently a building site with fencing making it a potential target.
- Clean up the same as last year.

### Compensation and communication

- Free tickets are available for residents of Church Fenton via the Mint website
- Charity contributions hope to be larger due to focusing on fewer charities. Committed to contributing the air cadets. **ACTION:** PC to determine recipient of any donation
- Residents to have a leaflet drop with hotline number and permit pass.
- **ACTION:** Facebook communication via all community facebook pages and leaflets in the Community Shop.