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The following paper was submitted by the Clerk to the Parish Council at its meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> April 2022

**Agenda Item 12g To consider the request from the Chair, Festival of Suffolk to encourage participation in organising a local event for the Festival Torch Relay as it passes through Thurston on Monday 23 May 2022**

### **Message from Mark Pendlington DL, Chair, Festival of Suffolk**

The 553-mile Relay begins in Brandon on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May and ends at the Suffolk Show on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June where a big Platinum Jubilee Pageant will be taking place in the Grand Ring.

Distance being covered in Thurston (Beyton to Norton is route to be followed) = 1.7

Below is a link to the route map. Please click on 'Download Route Card' to find details of precise timings and locations:

[https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=&ved=2ahUKEwi2\\_MT9y972AhVQTcAKHcegDrAQFnoECACQAQ&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.festivalofsuffolk.org%2Fall-events%2Ftorch-relay&usg=AOvVaw01c-52DNaB2PBJeW0mGwro](https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=&ved=2ahUKEwi2_MT9y972AhVQTcAKHcegDrAQFnoECACQAQ&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.festivalofsuffolk.org%2Fall-events%2Ftorch-relay&usg=AOvVaw01c-52DNaB2PBJeW0mGwro)

Request from the Chair of Festival of Suffolk is to encourage parish councils, through which the Torch will pass, to take part by organising a local event for the Torch, and to alert local residents to come out and cheer its progress.

All parish councils along the route are invited to get involved and councils have been asked to nominate local community heroes to carry the Torch so that a positive story can be told about each community and Torch bearer. There are already a large number of heart-warming examples.

Arrangements are being coordinated by Kate Paul at the Suffolk Community Foundation: [kate.paul@suffolkcf.org.uk](mailto:kate.paul@suffolkcf.org.uk)

Their media team is ready to help advise on publicity and photo opportunities, including on social media, and our friends at BBC Radio Suffolk, the EADT, local newspapers and community radio stations are ready to give blanket coverage.

Finally, his most sincere thanks for the wonderful support the Festival is receiving from Suffolk County Council. Many of the key events would not be possible without the enthusiasm and expertise of the team – all the more appreciated given the wide range of other important priorities across the county.

He looks forward to seeing as many people from Suffolk at events during the Festival months, information about which is updated regularly on [www.festivalofsuffolk.org](http://www.festivalofsuffolk.org)

**Proposal for consideration by Council: should council consider organising a local event for Monday 23 May 2022 for the Festival Torch Relay as it passes through Thurston.**