

Foxton Parish Council Operation London Bridge

Operation London Bridge is the codename for the arrangements that will take place when the Sovereign dies. Foxton Parish Council has considered the protocols prepared by Cambridgeshire County Council and guidance from the Society of Local Council Clerks, and will implement the measures set out below.

General

The timetable of events is:

D-Day will be the day of the death.

D-Day +1 - Proclamation Day when the new Sovereign is proclaimed in London.

D-Day +2 - The Proclamation is read in national capitals at 12:00 and other cities (including Cambridge) at 12:30.

D-Day +10 - Day of the State Funeral (unless D-Day +10 falls on a Sunday, then the funeral will be on the Monday). The day of the State Funeral will be a public holiday.

Cambridgeshire Constabulary have advised in particular that any information about possible train movements through the county is not to be shared. If Foxton Parish Council becomes aware of any details around train movements, they **must not** be shared outside those people who need to be aware of them for planning purposes.

General arrangements in Foxton

D-Day +1 - The Chairman of Foxton Parish Council will publish a statement on the Parish Council noticeboard and website.

The Parish Council has agreed the following with St Laurence's Church:

- The Parish Council will provide a book of condolence that will be made available in the church for parishioners to sign.
- A muffled bell will be tolled at noon on D-Day (if the announcement is made before noon, if not, D Day +1). The bell will be tolled once for each year of the Sovereign's life.
- The churchyard will be the designated location for laying flowers. All flowers will be removed and composted the day after the funeral.

As of November 2020, access to the church tower roof and flagpole is not deemed to be safe, therefore it will not be possible to fly a flag from the church roof.

Those residents with private flag poles will be encouraged to fly a Union Flag at half-mast in line with published protocols.

Use of Recreation Ground, Village Hall, and Parish Council meetings

No sports matches will take place on the Recreation Ground (including bowls and tennis clubs) on D-Day (if practicable), D-Day +1 or D-Day +10.

Unless there are exceptional circumstances, any bookings for any of the village hall facilities on D-Day (if practicable), D-Day +1 and D-Day +10 will be cancelled.

Parish Council meetings (including committee and working party meetings) scheduled for D-Day, D-Day +1 and D-Day +10 will be rescheduled.

These arrangements will be reviewed and revised on a periodic basis.

Foxton Parish Council
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