

Minutes of the **FULL COUNCIL** meeting held at the Parish Council Office, Lower Green Road, Pembury on **Monday 2 December 2019** at **7.15pm**



Councillors Present:

Cllr K Brooks (C)	Cllr H Eastoe-Kirby
Cllr A Gaukroger	Cllr P Gillan
Cllr Harris	Cllr L Mills
Cllr A Partridge (VC)	Cllr S Sharp
Cllr M Weaver	

Apologies:

Cllr G Hall	Cllr C Snow
Cllr N Stratton	

Also in attendance:

H Munro (Clerk)
Borough Cllrs D Haywards and D Reilly
3 members of the public

C19/122. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Hall, Snow and Stratton.

C19/123. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** There were none.

C19/124. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.** The Chair thanked everyone for their help and support in getting the Christmas Tree for the village green.

C19/125. **OPEN SESSION.** The meeting was adjourned at 7.16pm

Members of the public were invited to speak. They were at the meeting to listen to the item on the Christmas Tree on the Green.

The meeting was reconvened at 7.17pm.

C19/126. It was **RESOLVED** that the order of agenda items be changed and agenda item 8 on the Christmas Tree would be taken first.

C19/127. **CHRISTMAS TREE ON THE GREEN.**

- a. It was **RESOLVED** to ratify the decision to install a Christmas Tree on the Green. It was also agreed that a temporary plaque would be installed thanking residents for donating for the cost of the tree.
- b. The risk assessment was reviewed, and it was **RESOLVED** to approve it.

- c. It was **RESOLVED** to ratify the decision to set up the Crowd Funding page. It was reported that £1,050 was raised. The Parish Council would fund the shortfall of approximately £400.
- d. A "Lights Switch On" and Christmas Carols event on the Village Green was discussed. It was **RESOLVED** that the press be invited to attend.

C19/128. **BUDGET 2020/21.**

- a. A recommendation to agree a Seasonal Groundsman from March to October 2020 was approved by **RESOLUTION**. No other changes to the hours of other staff was proposed.
- b. A recommendation for fees and charges for 2020/21 was approved by **RESOLUTION**.
- c. The final budget for 2020/21 was circulated and discussed. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the budget.

C19/129. **PRECEPT.** It was **RESOLVED** that a precept of £224,616 would be requested from TWBC for 2020/21. The Band D equivalent for 2020/21 of £96.94 was agreed. This was a 3.28% increase.

C19/130. **PUBLICITY FOR BUDGET AND PRECEPT.** A leaflet with financial information for distribution to residents was considered. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk prepare this and include it in the Spring edition of the PVN and via a post on Facebook. It was **RESOLVED** that the Facebook post be boosted to residents of Pembury.

C19/118. **RISKS.** There were no new risks affecting the Council.

C19/119. **QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.** No items were raised.

C19/120. **FUTURE MEETINGS.** 9 December 2019.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 19:58.

Chairman

Date