



Minutes of the **COMMUNICATIONS & EVENTS COMMITTEE** virtual meeting held on **Monday 11 May 2020** at 7:30pm.

Councillors Present:

Cllr L Mills (Chair)
Cllr A Partridge

Cllr K Brooks (Vice-Chair)

Apologies:

Cllr H Eastoe-Kirby

Also in attendance:

Helen Munro (Clerk)

Yvette Allen (Deputy Clerk)

C&E19/15. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Eastoe-Kirby.

C&E19/16. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** There were none.

C&E19/17. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.** There were none.

C&E19/18. **CLERK'S REPORT.** The following report was **noted**:

- a. Community Grants – the project was approved in the 2020-21 budget. It had previously been suggested that an article be put in the PVN.
- b. Welcome Pack – This had been produced and copies had been given to the Estate Agent in Pembury to hand out to prospective house buyers. It was also on the website.
- c. Banner Frame – Some research had been carried out but more was needed. Many companies were not working during the pandemic.
- d. Funding – Banner display and noticeboards. Research on different noticeboards was needed and an update to be given at the next Communications and Events Committee meeting.

C&E19/19. **OPEN SESSION.** There were no members of the public present.

C&E19/20. **PEMBURY VILLAGE NEWS.**

- a. To review previous edition. It had been well received.
- b. To consider format, production and delivery of the summer edition and discuss content. It was **RESOLVED** to go ahead with a summer edition to be published early July and it was acknowledged that it may

not be the usual length. It was **RESOLVED** to ask the Royal Mail to deliver to every household in Pembury at an approximate cost of £500 rather than to rely on volunteers on this occasion.

Suggestions on the content for the summer edition were discussed including:

- Photographs of the painted rocks found around the village together with photos of rainbows – thanking the NHS – would feature on the centre two pages.
 - Cllr Brooks agreed to write an article directing readers to the Tunbridge Wells Social website which offered help to people during these difficult times.
 - An article about the volunteer groups in Pembury.
 - What the Parish Council has done during the pandemic.
 - Cllr Mills offered to write an article about how VE Day was celebrated in Pembury. There would be a call-out on Facebook for photos of the 'social distanced' street parties.
 - A list of helpful numbers to be included for those struggling during the pandemic.
 - A feature on the allotments and the benefits to health and well-being of being outside.
 - An article on Community grants.
- c. To discuss a way forward with regard to advertisers. As a summer edition was to be published, this was not considered to be an issue.

C&E19/21. **EVENTS.** To consider the future of events planned for 2020.

- a. Picnic on the Green – 4 July. It was **RESOLVED** to cancel the Picnic on the Green.
- b. Fireworks – 6 November. It was **RESOLVED** to await Government guidance on this.
- c. Remembrance Day – 8 November. It was **RESOLVED** to await Government guidance on this.
- d. Christmas Light switch on and carols event – 4 December. It was **RESOLVED** to await Government guidance on this.

C&E19/22. **COMPETITIONS.** To consider the future of competitions planned for 2020.

- a. Scarecrow Competition. It was **RESOLVED** to cancel the Scarecrow competition.
- b. Pride in Pembury Competition. It was **RESOLVED** to go ahead with the Pride in Pembury Competition and to ask the whole Council to nominate and judge front gardens. An entry form would be put in the PVN and neighbour nominations could be emailed. Further discussion was needed about prizes and Winners' Tea.

C&E19/23. **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS.** Several lamp columns along the High Street and Hastings Road failed the weight bearing test although the majority of columns around the Village Green passed. It was **RESOLVED** that Christmas lights would be erected on the 'safe' columns around the Village Green. The contractor had been asked if they would decorate the Christmas Tree and possibly the other trees on the Village Green with lights as part of its contract and a reply was awaited.

C&E19/24. **QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS OR AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS.** Cllr Partridge suggested a Parish Council social evening later in the year if circumstances allowed.

C&E19/25. **MEETING DATES.** 13 July 2020 at 7pm – a virtual meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20:27.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Chairman