

Minutes of the **COMMUNICATIONS & EVENTS COMMITTEE** virtual meeting held on **Monday 13 July 2020** at 7:30pm.



**Councillors Present:**

Cllr L Mills (Chair)  
Cllr A Partridge

Cllr K Brooks (Vice-Chair)  
Cllr M Weaver

**Apologies:**

Cllr H Eastoe-Kirby

**Also in attendance:**

Helen Munro (Clerk)

Yvette Allen (Deputy Clerk)

C&E20/1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Eastoe-Kirby.

C&E20/2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** There were none.

C&E20/3. **MINUTES.** The minutes from the meeting on 11 May 2020 were received and accepted as a correct record. They would be signed at the earliest opportunity.

C&E20/4. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.** There were none.

C&E20/5. **CLERK'S REPORT.** There was no report.

C&E20/6. **OPEN SESSION.** There were no members of the public present.

C&E20/7. **PEMBURY VILLAGE NEWS.**

- a. To review previous edition. It had been well received.
- b. To discuss content of the Autumn edition. There was to be a longer article about 'Community Grants' with an extended deadline. The middle pages would be of Pride in Pembury entries and pictures of gardens in Pembury which Councillors would be asked to take and send in. Cllr Mills would write an article promoting a Youth Council in Pembury. An article correcting the footpath route by the Old Coach Road would also be included.
- c. To consider delivery of the Autumn edition. Delivery of the summer edition by an outside contractor had worked well. It was **RESOLVED** to ask the contractor to deliver again in September.

C&E20/8. **EVENTS.** To consider an update of events planned for 2020.

- a. Fireworks – 6 November. Research would be carried out on other local firework events. All feedback would be reported back. Due to the timing of the event, it was **RESOLVED** that the final decision be delegated to the Clerk in consultation with the Committee members by email.
- b. Remembrance Day – 8 November. The Vicar would be contacted to gauge his thoughts on this event going ahead and to find out whether any Government information had been received. The possibility of live streaming a service was considered. It was **RESOLVED** to apply for a road closure in anticipation that the service could go ahead.
- c. Christmas Light switch on and carols event – 4 December. It was **RESOLVED** to await Government guidance on gatherings and a decision would be made in November by the Committee.

Decisions on the future of the above events would be published on the Parish Council's website and Facebook page.

C&E20/9. **COMPETITIONS**. It was agreed that Cllrs Brooks and Partridge would judge the entries in the Pride in Pembury competition, but it was uncertain if the Winners' Tea would be able to go ahead. Government guidance on gatherings would be awaited.

C&E20/10. **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**. As KCC would not allow Christmas lights to be erected on many of the street columns on the High Street and Hastings Road, the existing 3-year contract would need to be re-negotiated with the existing contractor. It was therefore **RESOLVED** to accept the amended quote for a new 3 year contract from Gala Lights to supply and erect motif lights on lamp columns around the Village Green at the cost of £1,655 per annum.

A quote was awaited for lights to go on some of the existing trees on the Green. It was **RESOLVED** that the final decision be delegated to the Clerk in consultation with the Committee members by email.

C&E20/11. **CHRISTMAS TREE**. It was **RESOLVED** that a similar sized tree as 2019 should be purchased and this was delegated to the Clerk.

Quotes were awaited to hire and erect lights for the tree. It was **RESOLVED** to delegate authority to the Clerk, in consultation with the Chair, to make the decision.

C&E20/12. **YOUTH COUNCIL**. It was **RESOLVED** to set up a Steering Group to consider the matter further. The age range for the Youth Council would be

13 – 17 and the Steering Group would liaise with local schools and sports and youth clubs before recruiting members. Cllr Mills would research and present findings for discussion by the Steering Group. The final decisions would be recommended to Full Council for approval.

C&E20/13. **QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS OR AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS.** The issue of a lack of facilities for youth in Pembury was brought up.

C&E20/14. **MEETING DATES.** 12 October 2020 at 7.30pm – a virtual meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20:31.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman