



**Councillors Present:**

Cllr K Brooks (C)	Cllr L Mills
Cllr H Eastoe Kirby	Cllr A Partridge (VC)
Cllr A Gaukroger	Cllr S Sharp
Cllr P Gillan	Cllr N Stratton
Cllr G Hall	Cllr M Weaver

**Apologies:**

Cllr C Snow

**Also in attendance:**

H Munro (Clerk)	Y Allen (Deputy Clerk)
County / Borough Cllr P Barrington-King	Borough Cllr D Reilly
Borough Cllr D Hayward	
Two members of the public	

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C20/57. **CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR.** The candidate was interviewed. After the interview the candidate left the meeting. It was **RESOLVED** to co-opt Mr Pearce onto the Council. It was also **RESOLVED** that he should join the Planning & Highways Committee. It was also **RESOLVED** that Cllr Gillan would act as mentor.

The meeting was reopened to the public at 7.31pm and County/Borough Councillor Barrington King, Borough Councillors Hayward and Reilly and two members of the public joined the meeting.

C20/58. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr C Snow.

C20/59. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** Cllr A Gaukroger declared an interest (for which he has a dispensation) in the item regarding the appointment of a planning consultant to review information concerning the Hendy Motor Village as he lives nearby.

C20/60. **MINUTES.** It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 7 September 2020 be approved and would be signed at the earliest opportunity.

C20/61. **COMMITTEE MINUTES.** It was **RESOLVED** that the draft minutes of the following committees be adopted:

- a. Planning & Highways – 14 September 2020
- b. Open Spaces – 28 September 2020

C20/62. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.** Details of training courses organised by the Kent Association of Local Councils had been circulated to all members and the Chair urged everyone to take this up.

C20/63. **OPEN SESSION.** The meeting was adjourned at 7.46pm. No one wished to speak, and the meeting was reconvened.

C20/64. **CLERK'S REPORT.** Members noted the report:

a. Vandalism.

- Two of the planters at the Recreation Ground had been vandalised.
- The wire had been damaged on the tennis court door.
- The bus stop near the lower entrance to the Ridgeway had been vandalised.
- The goal posts at Woodside had been pushed over.

b. Telephone Box on the Village Green. Arrangements were in hand to adopt the phone box once the planning application to remove the payphone had been agreed.

c. The Coppice. The area continued to be monitored and logged and no problems were currently occurring. Residents had been asked to keep a log of any activity.

d. Pavilion Business Rates. Contact had been made to register for Business rates and an update from TWBC is awaited.

e. Scouts. There were problems sourcing contractors to quote for the disabled ramp but the search is ongoing and it is hoped that this can be progressed soon.

C20/65. **REPORTS OF COUNTY & BOROUGH COUNCILLORS'.**

Cllr Barrington-King

- There had been a paint spillage in the twitten between Henwood Green Road and Belfield Road.
- Litter continued to be picked up in the Henwoods Crescent area and Town & Country Housing continued to monitor this.
- Hastings Road had been resurfaced.
- He had concerns about the traffic implications with regard to the proposed Kingstanding Business Park.

- The roundabout by Tesco/A21 had been cleared up and the grass mown. Banner posting had been removed.
- He had been elected Chairman of the Tunbridge Wells Conservative Association.

Cllr Reilly

- He explained that the proposed Kingstanding Business Park would be built on a mixture of Green Belt, Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and Ancient Woodland and would have far reaching implications for the wider Tunbridge Wells area. The proposal was outlined in the current Local Plan as an economic development which would create 4,000 jobs. It would have an impact on Pembury Road which in turn would be relevant to the Hendy application.

Cllr Hayward

- He reported that the Kingstanding Business Park had been applied for a year previously and it had only been very recently that any comments were being made.
- All leisure centres in the Borough had reopened.

Cllr Brooks thanked the three Councillors for their work for the village.

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C20/66. **DRAFT LOCAL PLAN.** Updates on meetings held with TWBC to discuss the Draft Local Plan were given and recommendations from committees were received. It was **RESOLVED** to send the responses agreed to TWBC.

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The meeting was reopened to the public at 9.02pm.

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C20/67. **PLANNING CONSULTANT.** Members **RESOLVED** to ratify the decision to appoint a Planning Consultant to review information submitted for the Motor Village and **RESOLVED** to fund from the earmarked reserve.

C20/68. **YOUTH COUNCIL.** Cllrs Mills and Weaver were meeting to discuss this further and would update members at the next meeting. Promoting the Youth Council was key and posters would be put up and leaflets distributed to local youth groups.

C20/69. **EXTERNAL COMMITTEES.**

- a. It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Stratton be appointed on to the Pavilion Joint Management Committee.

b. Minutes of the Pavilion Joint Management Committee and Village Hall Management Committee would be included on future Full Council agendas.

c. The update from the Charles Amhurst Almhouses was noted.

C20/70. **ST. PETER'S UPPER CHURCH EXTENSION.** Cllrs noted the Certificate B Notification regarding changes to their planning permission.

C20/71. **NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN (NDP).** Cllr Stratton gave an update of the various meetings and village walkabouts held with members of the steering group and the consultant. He explained that NDPs can influence design criteria and told members of the possibility of a grant for a professional to give guidance on this. A meeting of the whole group would be organised and updates would be given at future Full Council meetings. During a walkabout, concerns had been expressed about the size of the trees in the church driveway.

C20/72. **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

a. The accounts for payment for £20,804.71 were approved by **RESOLUTION.**

b. Unity Bank. A transfer from NatWest to Unity Bank of £50,000 was approved by **RESOLUTION.**

C20/73. **RISKS.** There were none.

C20/74. **QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.** There were none.

C20/75. **FUTURE MEETINGS.** Full Council – **2 November 2020** at 7.15pm.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.25pm.

Chairman .....

Date .....

<b>Pembury Parish Council</b>			
<b>Accounts for Payment - October 2020</b>			
Our Ref:	Payee	Description	Total £
<b>ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT BY BACS - October 2020</b>			
10/072	HMRC	Tax/NIC	£ 2,960.81
10/073	Kent Pension Fund	Pensions	£ 2,447.40
10/074	26 Works	PVN Autumn printing	£ 1,445.00
10/075	John Miles	Hedge Cutting	£ 576.00
10/076	Peter King	Mole removal	£ 120.00
10/077	Strutt & Parker	Rent	£ 0.50
10/078	Mark Wise	Gravedigging	£ 700.00
10/079	Les Henry	Planning consultant re: Hendy's	£ 300.00
10/080	Heliocentrix	IT Support/emails/Zee drive	£ 208.32
10/081	Sodexo	Dog bin empty Sept	£ 378.00
10/082	Earth Anchors	Replacement dog bin	£ 254.34
10/083	KCC	Stationery, back sacks etc	£ 113.59
10/084	S Graves	Refund allotment deposit	£ 50.00
10/085	KALC	Training - Cllrs Brooks & Partridge	£ 50.40
			<b>£ 9,604.36</b>
<b>CREDIT CARD - September 2020</b>			
CC0901	Amazon	Laptop Bags	£ 34.98
CC0902	WH Smiths	Pin boards	£ 11.47
CC0903	Amazon	Hand Sanitiser	£ 23.96
CC0904	Wealden Benches	Memorial Bench - costs recharged	£ 399.95
CC0905	Amazon	Laptop stands	£ 65.80
CC0906	Amazon	Litter pickers	£ 68.00
			<b>£ 536.16</b>
<b>DIRECT DEBITS - September 2020</b>			
DD0901	Wex	Fuel	£ 90.60
DD0902	NEST	Pension contributions June	£ 72.73
DD0903	Giff gaff	Mobile phone charges	£ 6.00
DD0904	EDF	Electricity Depot	£ 84.05
DD0905	Wex	Fuel charges	£ 1.80
DD0906	EDF	Electricity Office	£ 206.43
DD0907	BT	Telephone & Internet	£ 61.36
DD0908	Sage	Accounting software	£ 72.00
DD0909	TWBC	Council tax - Burial Ground	£ 55.00
DD0910	TWBC	Council tax - Office & Depot	£ 858.00
DD0911	Sage	Payoll software	£ 8.64
DD0912	EON	Highways lighting	£ 66.62
DD0913	Wex	Fuel	£ 66.88
DD0915	O2	Mobile	£ 56.77
DD0916	KCC	Photocopier charges	£ 177.14
			<b>£ 1,884.02</b>
<b>CONFIDENTIAL SALARIES - September 2020</b>			
CS0801	Confidential Salaries		£ 8,780.17
			<b>£ 8,780.17</b>
<b>TOTAL EXTERNAL PAYMENTS</b>			<b>£ 20,804.71</b>
<b>INTERNAL PAYMENTS - October 2020</b>			
5035	Pembury Parish Council (Unity)	Internal transfer from NatWest to Unity Bank	£ 50,000.00
			<b>£ 50,000.00</b>