



Notes of the informal virtual meeting of the **Members of Full Council** held on **Monday 10 January 2022 at 8pm**. All decisions are made under the delegated authority of the Clerk.

Present:

Cllr Brooks (C)
Cllr Gillan
Cllr Hall
Cllr Mills
Cllr Pearce

Cllr Reilly
Cllr Snow
Cllr Stratton (VC)
Cllr Weaver
Cllr Webster

Also present:

Helen Munro (Clerk)
County/Borough Cllr Barrington King
(left at 8.53pm)
Borough Cllr Hayward (left at 8.53pm)

Yvette Allen (Deputy Clerk)
Borough Cllr Roberts (left at 8.53pm)

1. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

- The Chair wished everyone a Happy New Year
- Annie Partridge had resigned from the Council and the Chair wanted to thank her for all her hard work over many years.
- Congratulations to Cllr Stratton who had been appointed as Vice Chair.
- The Community Warden had resigned.
- The Chair reported that the Bursar at Pembury School had very sadly passed away just before Christmas and wished to thank her posthumously for all her work in liaising with the Parish Council.
- There was to be a large funeral in Pembury the following day.

2. **CLERK'S REPORT.** Members **noted** the report:

a. Transient traveller site – near Bo Peep Corner

The application had been withdrawn

b. Change of bank signatory

NatWest forms have been submitted in branch but there is a problem with setting Cllr Pearce up. This is being investigated. Change of signatory forms for Cllr Hall are in progress

c. Youth Council

A response has been received from the group and a new acting Chair in place. A meeting is to be arranged soon.

d. Platinum Jubilee Copse

Trees have been delivered and are being stored. The event has now been postponed and a review is required. It is hoped that they can be planted within the next couple of weeks and possible dates for planting would be circulated shortly. The primary school would be contacted to see if the headboy and girl could be available.

e. Almshouses

A vacancy has arisen for a Trustee for the Charles Amhurst Almshouses. If anyone was interested they were asked to contact the Clerk.

f. Electricity costs

Npower have now taken over EON for our unmetered supply and the costs have increased by almost 300%. This would be investigated.

g. Pembury Gardeners' Plant Sale – 21/05/2022

It was noted that the annual plant sale would be held on the village green on the morning of Saturday 21 May 2022.

3. **REPORTS OF COUNTY & BOROUGH COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Barrington King

- He had been working with the bus companies and officers at County Hall about a slight amendment to the timing of an after-school bus from Tonbridge to Pembury.
- A tree had fallen and had been blocking the footpath in the woods between The Grove and Rowley Hill and had now been removed. He would ask Tunbridge Wells Borough Council (TWBC) to regularly clear the area at Rowley Hill to avoid the drains becoming blocked each autumn.
- He had used the majority of his members' grant to support two organisations in Pembury – the Bowls Club and the Baptist Church. If anyone knew of any other groups which could benefit from some financial support, could they contact him.

Cllr Hayward

- A one-off garden waste collection was due shortly. There were no further updates .
- There had been speculation about the old Tunbridge Wells cinema site. A new planning application would be considered in due course.

Cllr Roberts

- Speedwatch training was due to take place shortly.
- There was an issue with drainage in Lower Green Road. A link to the Kent Highways fault reporting page would be put on Facebook and the website.

Cllr Brooks thanked all three Councillors for their work for Pembury.

4. **PLANNING ENFORCEMENT ISSUES.**

- a. A report on rubbish from a building development on land adjacent to Stone Court Farm was noted. After much discussion the Clerk would investigate further and ascertain how to progress the matter.
- b. The enforcement process at Past Heap Farm had started.

5. **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES.**

Planning & Highways

- a. 21/03949/FULL – 6 High Street. After discussion, it was agreed that there was no objection to the application but there were serious concerns about the likely increase in traffic and parking arising from an increase in staff and from customers travelling from outside Pembury. No details of how many staff would work in the new extension and this should be clarified. The proposed development is in a Conservation Area and consideration should be given to this. The previous planning application had a requirement that no dogs be allowed out of hours. This issue needs to be addressed as it may be necessary for overnight stays for both animals and staff. The Clerk would submit a response to TWBC.
- b. It was agreed that the PCSO would be invited to the next face-to-face meeting.

6. **PARISH COUNCIL WASTE COLLECTION.** TWBC were no longer able to collect the commercial waste from the depot and two quotes from private contractors had been sought. The Clerk to appoint Veolia to collect the bins fortnightly.

7. **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING (APM) 28 APRIL 2022.** It was agreed to plan for a face-to-face meeting at the Village Hall in the usual way. If further Covid restrictions were in place at the time, this may need to be reconsidered.
8. **RISKS.** There were none.
9. **QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.** The question was asked whether there were any plans to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This was on the next Communications & Events agenda on 17 January 2022.
10. **FUTURE MEETINGS.** 7 February 2022 at 7.15pm. A decision on whether to hold the meeting face-to-face, virtual or a hybrid meeting would be made nearer the time by the Clerk in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Parish Council.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.26pm.