

## **Minutes of the COMMUNITIES AND EVENTS Committee meeting**

**Held on Tuesday 12th January 2016 at 8.00pm in the Council Office**

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| Cllrs. | Miss S Jefferys (Chairman)     | Mrs M Heath (ex officio) |
|        | Mrs S Williams (Vice-Chairman) | Mrs T Riley (ex officio) |
|        | Mr A Hans                      | Mr S Sproul              |
|        | Ms K Bowen                     | Mr A Pamment             |
|        | # Mr W Davey                   |                          |
| Clerk. | Mr J Coleman                   |                          |

### Aims and Objectives of the Communities and Events Committee

To ensure that the work of the Council is communicated to all stakeholders as efficiently and quickly as possible

To organise and arrange events across the Parish for the whole community

To identify the wishes and concerns of the residents by regular and relevant survey and drop in events

To enrol groups of 'volunteers' we are able to call upon as needs arise

Regular and adequate Training of Committee Members

Recruitment of volunteers

Fundraising

Use and scope of Social Media

1. Apologies for absence.  
As denoted by # above.
2. Notification of Any Other Business  
Queens 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
Website  
Community Impact Bucks  
Christmas Lights
3. Matters dealt with under Urgent Action since the last meeting.  
None.
4. Matters arising from the previously distributed and approved minutes of the meeting held on 15th December 2015 not dealt with in this agenda.  
None.
5. Correspondence List  
The Clerk had not received any requests for copies of items on the correspondence list.
6. Communities and Events Committee name change  
Cllr. Riley proposed that the Communications Committee be renamed as the Communities and Events Committee, seconded by Cllr. Pamment and agreed. Cllr Hans asked for the Website and Social media to be added to the Aims and Objectives of the committee, otherwise the Aims and Objectives to remain as is.

7. Denham Green Christmas Fayre 2016

The Dolly Mixtures and Paul had been invited back to attend the event planned for 2016. The shopkeepers would be willing to attend a meeting at the Parish Council Office and provisional dates were set as Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> January at 6.00pm or Wednesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 6.00pm.

The date set for the Denham Green Christmas Fayre 2016 is the Wednesday the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

St Mary's Church choir and a rock choir have been booked for the event. Cllr. Jefferys will speak to McCarthy and Stone and Cllr. Pamment to draft a letter to IHG and Bosch asking for support for the event.

Cllr. Riley to progress the payment promised by Bloor Homes for the 2015 event.

Cllr. Williams suggested that when applying for the road closure in 2016, that we include the slip road by Moreton Gardens which could be used to park stall holders' cars. Cllr. Riley stated that it was likely that the slip road at the new McCarthy and Stone would be re-opened as well by then. It was agreed to ask the shopkeepers if they would be agreeable to closing Station Parade earlier this year.

Cllr. Bowen enquired if stall holders will be charged for stalls this year and if so, will there be a concession for charities like the Dogs Trust.

Cllr. Williams noted that the Dolly Mixtures were unable to use the stage last year as the marquee was too low. This resulted in them standing on the cold road. This is something to consider this year.

8. Capability Brown 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

It was agreed to hold some form of event if Denham Place are agreeable to open their (Capability Brown) gardens to the public. This could involve Denham Gardening Club. August was suggested as the best month to hold the event and it was left for the Co-Clerk to contact Denham Place and report back to the next meeting. If the feedback is positive then suggested activities would be centered around the Village Green and could feature A string quartet, a jazz band, teas, coffees, cakes etc. (chargeable). Cllr. Pamment will approach the Grand Union Morris Men with regards to their availability.

9. William Shakespeare 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

It was suggested that an event could be held on the Village Green. This could involve a group of travelling players enacting scenes from various Shakespeare plays. Cllr. Pamment also knew of a group called The Lions Part who may be interested.

10. Advertising for Active Bucks

The Parish Council has secured funding from Active Bucks to run a Pilates class, however there is not enough information available at present in order to formulate advertising for the activity. The Co-Clerk to liaise with Cllr. Jefferys and to produce a short report.

11. Agreement on how many other events in 2016 and dates

Jazz on the Green: This requires input from Cllr. Davey.

Men in Sheds: The Clerk/Co-Clerk to investigate how this can be set up.

DPC at the Village Fayre: Cllr. Williams reminded the meeting that DPC had discussed taking a stall at the Denham Village Fayre this

year on the 30<sup>th</sup> May. Suggestions included a tombola stall or similar or food and drink options. To be discussed further at the next meeting.

Cllr. Heath asked if there had been any feedback from the First Day of Christmas event; Cllr. Williams replied that the final accounts had not been finalized yet. Cllr. Heath asked if it was likely that the Thames Hospice DSG would seek permission to use the Village Green again in 2016 and were we happy to grant permission and on what date would the event be held.

12. Any other matters agreed under item 2 above

Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday

It is the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday on Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> June this year; Cllr. Williams asked if we should ask residents if they want a street party for the elderly. It was deemed that the McCarthy Stone layby would be too busy so other venues were discussed such as the Village Hall, Denham Garden Village, Denham Manor or White Plains. Cllr. Heath suggested asking Age concern Denham and the Madeleine Paton Luncheon Club for advice. (Cllr. Heath to contact Rita Lines). It was decided to pursue the route of holding a tea dance for the elderly in one of the halls, providing one is free on Saturday 11th or Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June. The Clerk to try the New Denham Community Center first, followed by St Marks Church Hall and the Denham Village Hall. The Clerk to get costs for any available hall. With regards to music for the tea dance, Cllr. Pamment will approach the Three Belles singing group to ascertain their availability.

Community Impact Bucks

Community Impact Bucks are holding a fundraising seminar on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Cllrs. Sproul, Williams, Riley Heath, Bowen, Hans and Jefferies all expressed an interest in attending. Cllr. Heath stated that it would be useful to attend as Action for Youth will be there and we will need funding if the proposed hall at the relocated HAOC goes ahead.

Christmas Lights

Cllr. Jefferys stated that although the wreaths did not look at all good in New Denham and Tatling End, they had appeared to be quite bright in Willowbank.

Cllr. Jefferys will email the wreath supplier and express hers and the committee's dissatisfaction with the wreaths. The committee felt that there were sufficient grounds to reject the supplier invoice for the following reasons:

The Wreaths did not give out anywhere near sufficient illumination.

They were not fixed properly and tended to spin around.

They were late being installed.

The fact that the wreaths in Fulmer were much brighter which led us to choose them.

Cllr. Williams commented that BCC had stated that certain lamp posts in Tatling End were unsafe and asked why therefore had they not been replaced for safety reasons. This question to be referred to the Services Committee for action.

Website

Cllr. Hans reported that the DPC website is a long way out of date. Cllr. Heath replied that the Co-Clerk was in the middle of transferring over to the new site that was being built by the Chalfonts Community College. Cllr. Hans asked which committee is responsible for the website and it was confirmed as the Communities and Events committee, however the Clerk and Co-Clerk would be responsible for the content management of the new site. The appointment of the new day admin assistant would also ease pressure on the Clerks to

enable them to administer the website. Cllr. Heath to contact the Chalfonts Community College for an update on progress with the new website and the Co-Clerk to report on progress with updating the current website.

10. Date of next meeting.

Confirmation of the date of the next Communities and Events Committee meeting on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at 8pm**

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

John Coleman-Clerk.