



Minutes of the Communications & Events Sub-Committee meeting held on Wednesday 5th September at the Parish Council office in VXCC at 6pm.

Cllr Cox acted as Chair in Cllr Bayliss's absence.

1	Present: Cllrs Peter Bulmer, Pauline Cox, Jo Evans, Sue Rigby and John Tacon Apologies for absence: Cllr Andy Bayliss In attendance: Kath Lloyd, Clerk
2	Declarations of Interest: None declared
3	Minutes of last meeting and matters arising: the minutes from the meeting on 9 th May 2018 were agreed as accurate and the matters arising were addressed: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The proposal to change the name of the Parish Council was addressed at the Parish Council meeting in June 2018 and council agreed to defer any further discussions until after the outcome of the potential boundary changes.- The apple pressing event at Queens Road park was confirmed as Saturday 6th Oct. Cllrs Evans and Bulmer will confirm the availability of apple presses and the Clerk will coordinate the advertising. All other matters arising were included later in the agenda.
4	Items for Newsletter: suggestions included an opportunity to introduce the new Maintenance Officer (interviews are on Monday 10 th Sept); a report on Great Boughton in Bloom; the toilet refurbishment in VXCC; a report from the apple pressing event and dates for Christmas carol singing. RESOLVED: the Clerk will circulate a draft newsletter when ready for proof reading and amendments.
5	Summer Pop up Picnic at Thackeray Drive: Cllr Evans reported that the event had been very successful – Mr Frank Auty had cut the ribbon in recognition of the work done by previous councils to plant trees and to safeguard the green spaces. Over 100 local residents attended the picnic and the play area has been very busy throughout the school summer holidays. There was a press release at the time and an item has been submitted to the CLERK magazine which is circulated by the Society of Local Council Clerks https://www.slcc.co.uk/news
6	Great Boughton in Bloom: the event has been confirmed for Monday 1 st October from 7.30 – 9pm at Caldy Valley Neighbourhood Centre. The guest speaker from Ness Gardens has confirmed that he can attend and the Mayor, Cllr Alex Black is attending. The Clerk has ordered the photographs from Deva Printing and Jodie Burling (VXCC Manager) is helping with refreshments. It was agreed that refreshments should consist of Fairtrade teas, coffees and cakes this year and that there would be a free raffle. The draft programme is as follows:



	<p><i>7.30pm – Arrival and refreshments (look round the displays)</i></p> <p><i>8pm – speaker – Tim Baxter, Botanist from Ness Gardens</i></p> <p><i>8.30pm – Mayor awards prizes</i></p> <p><i>9pm Chair gives closing words</i></p> <p>Cllr Cox agreed to officiate as last year and the Clerk will accompany the Mayor and his consort.</p> <p>There was a further discussion about the format of the event in 2019, it has been suggested that in order to be more inclusive, photographs of gardens could be submitted to the council from 1st March – 1st July. This would include spring gardens as well as summer and would also reduce the workload on judges and Cllrs who take the photographs. There would need to be some verification of photographs which the Clerk could co-ordinate between councillors.</p>
7	<p>Christmas events: It was agreed that Christmas Carols should take place at Old Laundry Corner this year – the dates of 12th or 19th Dec were discussed but the Clerk will check with local schools when school plays are likely to take place in order not to clash. The following actions were identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Need to find a choir to lead, suggestions included the Merseyvoices who meet in VXCC, the City Church who are based in Boughton or Caldly Valley Voices- Need to get local schools – Bishops High and Boughton Heath involved.- Advertising – Carols by Torchlight- New decorative lights are needed at OLC.- <p>Council Christmas Drinks/M meal: It was suggested that the parish council meeting on 17th Dec at Caldly Valley Neighbourhood Centre be followed by drinks and/or a meal at the Twirl of Hay.</p>
8	<p>Date of next meeting: Wednesday 16th January at 6.30pm</p>
9	<p>To agree recommendations for approval</p>
10	<p>Information exchange: The group were reminded that Elizabeth Bentley from the local library is still keen to develop local history walks. It was agreed that the Clerk would invite her to the next meeting.</p>