

HERNE & BROOMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Herne & Broomfield Parish Council Environment & Leisure Committee held at the Herne Centre, on Thursday 16th November 2023 at 7.30pm, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Present:

Cllr Saunders (Chairman)

Cllr Davison (Vice chairman)

Cllr Davis

Cllr Harlin

Cllr Hill

Cllr Wilson

Ian Sargent

38/23 Apologies for absence.

No apologies were received, and all members were present.

39/23 To receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda.

None.

40/23 To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 20th July 2023.

The minutes were agreed as a correct record.

41/23 Matters arising.

The clerk reported that the parish council's share from the Community Fun Day was £1,202.20.

ADJOURNMENT FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

No members of the public were present.

42/23 To report on the get together for neighbouring parish councils on 8th September 2023.

The clerk reported that the event was attended by 25 representatives from Blean, Hackington, Hersden, Hoath, Sturry and Westbere Parish Councils, including those from Herne & Broomfield. Margaret Burns from Herne & Broomfield Local History Group gave a presentation on some of the history of the Herne and Broomfield parishes.

The event was a success and Hersden and Hoath Parish Councils offered to hold future events, with dates to be confirmed.

Thank you to everyone that helped.

43/23 To report on the volunteers Thank you Tea on 8th October 2023.

The clerk reported that although the invitations were slightly late in going out, over 60 people attended. A cheque for £1000.00 was presented to Canterbury Food Bank, the proceeds of last year's Garden Safari. £650.00 will be sent to the Alzheimer's Society from this year's Garden Safari.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the tea a successful event.

Members agreed to set the date for next year's event for Sunday 6th October 2024, from 3.00pm until 5.00pm.

44/23 To discuss the Christmas events: Christmas Fun Day on 25th November 2023, Children's Christmas Party on 9th December 2023 and the Santa Float on 16th and 17th December 2023.

The clerk said that the Rotary Club would like to borrow the float on 10th December 2023. Members agreed that the Rotary Club could borrow the float.

Cllr Davis said that she had met Cllrs Saunders and Wilson regarding the Fun Day. They had a new game called Crazy Christmas Golf, which is similar to the Bowl a Pig game. Lunches and mulled wine would be available. After some discussion it was agreed that volunteers

should be issued discount vouchers to purchase refreshments.

Cllr Davis said that the Christmas trees and decorations would need to be put up before the event. Volunteers would be needed to set up on 24th November 2023, getting the games out and prizes organised. **Action: Cllrs Davis, Davison, Saunders and Wilson.**

Four Santas will be needed for the various events, with City Cllrs Howes and Jones volunteering once each. Therefore, two more are needed.

Ian Sargent will collect the float from storage on either 6th or 7th December 2023. Cllr Wilson will collect the Fun Day banners and Cllr Harlin will put out the Santa Stop signs.

Action: Ian Sargent and Cllr Harlin and Wilson.

Members agreed to set the dates for next year's events; 7th December 2024 for the Christmas Fun Day, 14th December 2024 for the Children's Christmas Party and 21st and 22nd December 2024 for the Santa Float.

45/23 To discuss the Community Groups Day on 9th March 2024.

The clerk said that 21 groups attended last year's event. Members agreed to set the times of the event from 11.00am until 2.00pm. Cllr Hill volunteered to help on the day.

46/23 To discuss any other forthcoming events.

Cllr Davis said that there are various events taking place at the Herne Centre. The Barn Dance on 18th November 2023, the Beverly Big Band on 2nd December 2023, a Burn's Night dinner on 26th January 2024 and a St. Patrick's Day event in March 2023.

Cllr Davison said that she would decorate the centre and set up for the Barn Dance.

Cllr Davis suggested setting some dates for next year. Members agreed to set 9th June 2024 for the Garden Safari and 18th April 2023 for the Annual Parish Meeting.

She said that the planting of the Living Henge at Broomfield Community Park would take place on 3rd December 2023 at 10.30am. **Action: Cllr Davis.**

There was some discussion regarding what other events could be held. Cllr Davison would get details of a quiz master for a possible Quiz Night. The clerk to include this on the agenda for the next Environment & Leisure Committee meeting. **Action: clerk and Cllr Davison.**

47/23 To discuss the quotes for the tree survey for the Wildlife Area in Cherry Orchard.

The clerk provided two quotes for the tree survey. The first was £420.00 (VAT?), and the 2nd was £500.00 (excl. VAT). Cllr Davison asked whether they were qualified arboricultural consultants. The clerk replied that one was, and the other was a qualified tree surgeon. After some discussion it was agreed that the clerk would send some further details to the members. **Action: clerk.**

48/23 To discuss parking issues at Broomfield Community Park.

The clerk reported that Steve Darling (KCC Environmental Compliance Officer) had raised concerns regarding obstruction of the gates at Broomfield Community Park. The signage might need to be improved and the lines on the road repainted.

Cllr Davis said that the signage was originally installed by KCC. The clerk to contact KCC regarding the signage and line repainting. **Action: clerk.**

49/23 Update from the Climate Working Group and any environmental issues.

There was nothing to report.

50/23 Member's reports.

None.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm.