

HERNE & BROOMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Herne & Broomfield Parish Council Environment & Leisure Committee held at the Herne Centre, on Thursday 18th January 2024 at 7.30pm, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Present:

Cllr Saunders (Chairman)

Cllr Davis

Cllr Harlin

Cllr Hill

Cllr Wilson

01/24 Apologies for absence.

Cllr Davison. Apologies and reasons accepted.

02/24 To receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda.

None.

03/24 To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 16th November 2023.

The minutes were agreed as a correct record.

04/24 To report on matters arising from the minutes, not on the agenda, for information only.

The clerk reported that the tree survey at the Wildlife Area in Cherry Orchard will be taking place on 29th January 2024.

The clerk said that there was no update regarding the issues at Broomfield Community Park regarding renewing the road markings and signage.

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

Sarah Bingham attended on behalf of St. Martin's Church regarding the Community Fun Day.

05/24 To discuss the Community Fun Day:

To agree a date.

To review the feedback from the previous event.

To suggest and discuss any potential changes.

After some discussion members agreed not to take part in the Community Fun Day this year.

Members agreed to focus on events for the D-Day 80th Anniversary on 6th June 2024. Sarah Bingham said that St. Martin's Church would continue with organising the Community Fun Day if the parish council agreed. Members agreed to St. Martin's Church organising the event.

06/24 To report on 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 reported on the Christmas events.

The Christmas Fun Day went well, helped by the lovely weather. There was a steady stream of people coming through, which appeared to be more than last year. Thank you to everyone who helped and to Sue Harlin who made and donated a cake for the raffle. Thank you to Roger Sinicola for being Santa. £784.70 was taken on the day. Cllr Wilson said that the new golf game was successful, but smaller children sized golf clubs were necessary.

The Children's Christmas Party was attended by just under 60 children and accompanying adults. Mark from Top Hat Kids did a good job keeping the children entertained. Thank you to everyone who helped and to Lisa Harrison and Dale Corley for preparing some of the food earlier on in the day. Thank you to City Cllr Howes for being Santa and Cllr Blatherwick being the Christmas Elf, and Ian Sargent for bringing the float.

The tours of the Santa float went well. The weather was fine, with lots of people coming out. Running it over two evenings was better, but the routes require a bit more adjusting to even them out. Nearly £500.00 was raised over the two evenings. Thank you to everyone who helped,

both on the float and walking alongside. The two Santas were City Cllr Jones and one of the residents. Special thanks to Ian Sargent for collecting the float from storage and taking it around the parish.

Cllr Wilson said that the Saturday route was very long. He raised the possibility of swapping the two Herne and Broomfield routes on alternate years. Cllr Davis said that resident's feedback could be asked for in the next newsletter. **Action: Cllr Davis.**

More sweets would be needed next year, probably 7 boxes.

06/24 To discuss the Community Groups Day on 9th March 2024.

The clerk said that the local groups would need to be contacted soon. It had been suggested to include some of the regular hirers. The parish council could have a stand to promote the Herne Centre. Refreshments would be provided.

The clerk said that volunteers would be needed to help on the day.

Cllr Davis said that any new groups in the parish should be asked.

Action: office staff.

07/24 To discuss the D-Day 80 anniversary on 6th June 2024.

The clerk asked members whether the parish council would like to organise something. Would they want to link it with the Garden Safari on 9th June 2024.

After some discussion members agreed to organise an event. One suggestion was a 40s themed tea dance on 6th June 2024.

Cllr Davis mentioned the lamplight of peace, for those organisations that were unable to light a beacon.

Cllr Wilson said he would speak with Herne & Broomfield Local History Group, to find out what they might have planned.

Further details to be discussed at a later date.

Action: E&L Committee.

08/24 To discuss any other forthcoming events.

Cllr Saunders suggested having a Race Night and Cllr Hill suggested hosting a quiz.

The Garden Safari will be on 9th June 2024.

09/24 To discuss installing a parish noticeboard on the Redrow estate.

It had been raised that the residents on the Redrow estate felt isolated from the rest of the parish. A parish noticeboard is very much needed, so the residents know what is happening in the parish.

Cllr Wilson said that a survey would need to be done to locate the best site to instal a noticeboard. He volunteered to do this. It may be necessary to ask permission from the Redrow management company and Kent County Council (KCC) Highways. Members agreed to instal a noticeboard on the estate. **Action: Cllr Wilson and office staff.**

Quotes to purchase a new noticeboard would need to be obtained and presented at the next council meeting. The clerk to add to the agenda. **Action: office staff.**

10/24 Update from the Climate Working Group and any environmental issues.

The clerk reported that Cllr Davison was putting together a response regarding the 20s Plenty for Me campaign. **Action: Cllr Davison.**

Cllr Davis asked the clerk whether an update had been received from KCC regarding the free trees. The clerk replied that there had been no update. She will contact KCC again. Cllr Davis asked that she be copied into the email. The clerk said that she would include County Cllr Marsh too. **Action: clerk.**

11/24 Member's reports.

Cllr Wilson whether asked there had been a response from Canterbury City Council (CCC) regarding replacing the sign at the Sarah-Jayne Memorial Park in Cherry Orchard. The clerk replied that there had not. She will contact CCC again and copy City Cllr Howes and Jones into the email.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.