

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 May 2023 at 7.30pm, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Present: Cllr Davis, Cllr Davison, Cllr Harlin, Cllr Saunders, and Cllr Wilson.

15/23 To elect a chairman and vice chairman.

Cllr Saunders was elected as chairman and Cllr Davison was elected as vice chairman.

16/23 Apologies for absence.

Cllr Hill. Apologies and reasons for absence accepted.

17/23 To receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda.

None

18/23 To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 8th February 2023.

The minutes were agreed as a correct record.

19/23 Matters arising.

None.

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

None present.

20/23 To report on the Coronation events on 6th May 2023.

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Cllr Davison said that there had been a good team of volunteers for the day, that worked well together. A formal thank you will be sent out to the volunteers and printed in the newsletter. Lisa Harrison (KCC Community Warden) was a great help too.

21/23 To report on the arrangements for the Garden Safari on 11th June 2023.

Cllr Davis said that 14 gardens/venues will be open.

Cllr White is putting together the programmes.

Cllrs Davison, Saunders and Wilson will be available to help on the day. Someone will be needed to run the raffle.

22/23 To discuss refurbishing the village signs.

Cllr Davis reported that the Herne and Broomfield metal signs need repainting. Cllr Saunders will look at what work needs to be done.

23/23 To discuss the results of the consultation regarding the toilets in Cherry Orchard.

Cllr Davis reported that there had been 63 responses to the consultation. She gave a short overview of the comments received.

The majority of those that responded would like the toilets to remain open, and for CCC to continue to run them. After a short discussion members agreed to take to full council that the parish council did not want to take on the responsibility for running the toilets and that this should remain with CCC.

Cllr Davison raised the issue of some of the residents neighbouring the Wildlife Area using it. The clerk to look into this further.

24/23 To discuss Food Hygiene & Safety Level 2 training for councillors.

The clerk reported that she had completed the training and had her certificate. The admin assistant was yet to complete her training. The cost for the online course is £25.00(excl. VAT). Cllrs Davis, Davison and Saunders agreed to do the training. Cllr Wilson confirmed that he already holds a valid qualification.

25/23 Update from the Climate Working Group and any environmental issues.

Cllr Davison said that there was no update from the Climate Working Group.

Cllr Davison suggested some community activities; a tree collecting/seed planting day in September, a community day up at Broomfield Community Park. She recommended removing the tree guards from the holly trees at the Community Park. Cllr Davis said that the other tree guards could be removed in the spring.

Cllr Davison asked whether an advert could be put out asking for volunteers for a parish council tree team, to survey the trees in the parish.

Cllr Davison agreed to undertake the training to become a Tree Warden.

Cllr Davison said that she was pleased with CCC's management of Goldspots, and the new signs that had been installed.

26/23 Member's reports.

Cllr Wilson reported that the sign at the Sarah-Jayne Memorial Play Area in Cherry Orchard needs repairing. The clerk replied that she had contacted CCC regarding a replacement but had not had a response. She will contact them again.

Cllr Davis asked about the proposed get together for the local parish councils. The clerk replied that some dates had been suggested for a Friday evening in September. The clerk will contact the relevant parish clerks once she has a list of the parishes concerned. It was suggested that the Herne & Broomfield Local History Group are asked if they could provide a speaker.

Cllr Davis asked whether a date had been set for the Volunteers' Thank you Tea. The clerk said that it should be some time in October. It was agreed that the tea would be on either Sunday 1st or Sunday 8th October from 3 to 5pm. The clerk will check the availability of the Herne Centre.

Cllr Davison asked whether there was any update on the Community Fun Day on 16th July 2023. The clerk replied that there was nothing to report but arrangements were progressing.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm.