

HERNE & BROOMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Herne & Broomfield Parish Council Environment & Leisure Committee held at the Herne Centre, on Thursday 20th July 2023 at 7.30pm, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Present: Cllr Davis, Cllr Davison, Cllr Hill, Cllr Wilson, and Ian Sargent.

27/23 Apologies for absence.

Cllr Harlin and Cllr Saunders. Apologies and reasons accepted.

28/23 To receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda.

None.

29/23 To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 18th May 2023.

Were agreed as a correct record.

30/23 Matters arising.

The clerk reported that the total income for the Coronation events was £1,291.85, and the total expenses were £978.85. This left a small surplus of £313.00.

Cllr Wilson asked whether a response had been received from Canterbury City Council (CCC) regarding the sign at the children's play area in Cherry Orchard. The clerk replied that she had not had a reply yet. The clerk to email CCC again and copy in both City Councillors.

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

None present.

31/23 To report on the Garden Safari on 11th June 2023.

The clerk reported that 9 gardens had opened, in addition to the Herne & Broomfield allotments, St. Martin's Church, Broomfield Pond, Herne Windmill and the Herne Rose & Gardening Club flower show. £1,316.05 was raised.

Cllr Wilson asked what could be done to get more gardens. It was suggested that an article is printed in the next newsletter, with gardening tips. Could put photographs from the gardens that opened on the parish website.

The date for the next Garden Safari will be 9th June 2024.

32/23 To report on the Community Fun Day on 16th July 2023.

The clerk reported that there had been use of the changing rooms again, which was very helpful.

The gusting wind meant some of the larger items, such as the bouncy castle, could not be used. Unfortunately, one of the parish council gazebos got broken. There were about 12 joint parish council and church stalls.

There are a few things that could be improved on for next year, but overall, it was a successful event.

Cllr Wilson said that the feedback he had received was that there were too many similar stalls. More fun activities and games are needed, and possibly a family picnic area. Cllr Hill suggested displays of craft and country activities.

Ideas regarding activities and games to be put on next committee meeting agenda. Sarah Bingham to be invited to attend.

To contact Broomfield URC Church, the Catholic Church in Herne, and local groups regarding being involved in the fun day.

33/23 To discuss the get together for neighbouring parish councils on 8th September 2023. 7pm

The clerk reported that she had contacted the clerks at Hoath, Sturry, Chestfield, Hersden, Chislet, Blean, and Hackington Parish Councils, and Fordwich Town Council. All the parish councils were supportive of the event, but of the two dates suggested Hoath were only available on 22nd September 2023. The clerk at Fordwich said no.

After some discussion members agreed that the event would be held at 7.00 to 9.00pm, with the parish council providing light refreshments. The Herne & Broomfield Local History Group would be invited to speak. There could be a display of the Herne & Broomfield Parish area and activities.

34/23 To discuss the volunteers Thank you Tea on 8th October 2023.

Members agreed the event would be from 3.00 to 5.00 pm. There would be a presentation of cheques to Canterbury Food Bank and the Alzheimer's Society, for the donations raised from the Garden Safari.

Refreshments would be provided: sandwiches, cakes etc.

35/23 To discuss the Christmas events: Christmas Fun Day on 25th November 2023 and Children's Christmas Party on 9th December 2023.

The clerk said that she had spoken with Sarah Bingham and St. Martin's Church will be holding their Christmas event on 18th November 2023. Sarah Bingham will speak to Strode Park Foundation and suggest that they hold their event on 2nd December 2023.

Members discussed having some new Christmas themed games. Cllr Hill suggested pin the tail on the donkey/nose on Rudolph.

The Children's Christmas Party will run the same as before. The date to be confirmed with the entertainer.

The clerk said that it was suggested that the Santa Float run over two evenings, instead of three. The feedback from last year was that three evenings were too much. The dates for the float would be Saturday 16th December and Sunday 17th December 2023. The Redrow route would be combined with the Herne route on the Saturday. Need to raise awareness that the routes do not always run to time.

36/23 Update from the Climate Working Group and any environmental issues.

Cllr Davison said that she is still in the processes of writing the letter for the 20's Plenty Scheme. She has been in contact with Ruth Goudie (CCC Transportation Team Leader) regarding cycle routes in the parish.

Cllr Davison would like the Herne Centre to be used as an example regarding climate change.

Cllr Davis asked for clarification regarding the maintenance works at Broomfield Community Park. The clerk replied that it had been agreed to ask the current provider whether they could reduce their quote, before getting other quotes for the work. The largest amount of the quote was for cutting and clearing the meadow area. The provider could cut and drop in September or regularly cut the area. They could also reduce the number of cuts from 16 to 12. It was agreed that the number of cuts would be reduced to 12. The clerk would ask for a price for cutting the meadow and clearing to one side of the site. The clerk to check which areas are cut. Cllr Davis said that the henge area needs to be cleared for the tree planting in the autumn.

Cllr Davis said that the agreement with the BMX Club for use of Broomfield BMX Track needs reviewing. The parish council needs to have a copy of their current public liability insurance and clarification of when they are using it.

Cllr Davis said that the tree survey for the Wildlife Area needs to be done soon. The clerk to get some quotes.

Cllr Davison said that she is still waiting for a reply from Kent County Council regarding the grant for trees. The clerk said that she had not had a response either and will contact them.

Cllr Davison asked the clerk whether she had contacted anyone regarding the issue of some of the residents of Ruskins View using the Wildlife Area. The clerk asked Cllr Davison to show her where the residents are accessing it from as she is unclear of where this is.

37/23 Member's reports.

None.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm.