

HERNE & BROOMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Office, Herne Centre, St Martin's View, Herne CT6 7AP

Minutes of the meeting of Herne & Broomfield Parish Council Herne Centre Committee held at the Herne Centre on Thursday 19th January 2023 at 7.30pm, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Present:

Cllr Blatherwick, Cllr Collins, Cllr Strong, Anne Lehane and Linda White.

01/23 To receive apologies for absence and accept reasons.

Cllr Davis. Apologies and reasons accepted.

02/23 To receive declarations of interest on items on the Agenda and requests for dispensations.

None.

03/23 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 18th August 2022.

The minutes were agreed as a correct record.

04/23 To report on matters arising from the minutes, not on the agenda, for information only.

None.

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

None present.

05/23 Update on monthly meetings between representatives of West Faversham Community Association and Herne and Broomfield Parish Council.

The clerk reported that much of what has been discussed at the meetings has changed very little. The issues regarding storage in the Activity Room are still ongoing, with the parish council waiting on WFCA to provide details of what is needed and the costs.

Cllr Blatherwick reported that there had been staff changes, with Owen Boswell replacing Dale Corley as Site Manager.

06/23 Update on Income and Expenditure for the Herne Centre.

The clerk provided figures for the current financial year. From 1st April 2022 to date the income was £2,627.80 and the expenditure was £7,062.71.

The clerk reported that there was income due from WFCA, with an invoice unpaid and an invoice to be raised.

The clerk said that there are still concerns, with expenditure being double income. This is not sustainable, and more income is needed.

The clerk said that the 100 Club needs promoting as there has been a drop in membership.

07/23 Update on outstanding maintenance issues.

The clerk reported that the door opener had now been replaced and a new water heater ordered. The taps in the disabled toilets are still not repaired, and one of the big lights in the Main Hall was broken by the bouncy castle during an event.

08/23 To discuss and review the contract.

This item will be preceded by a resolution Under Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, to exclude the public and press due to the confidential nature of the business being discussed.

As there were no members of the public present this was not necessary.

There was some discussion regarding the contract. Members considered the options of either increasing the percentage profit share or setting a fixed rate per month. Considering the level of expenditure over income members thought a fixed rate would be preferable. More information will be needed before any figures can be put forward.

Meeting closed at 9.05pm.