

HERNE & BROOMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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

Minutes of the meeting of Herne & Broomfield Parish Council Planning & Highways held at the Herne Centre on Thursday 6th April 2023 at 7.30pm, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Present: Cllr Blatherwick, Cllr Checksfield, Cllr Strong and Cllr Wilson.

- 1 To receive apologies for absence and accept reasons.**
Cllr Davison and Cllr Hill. Apologies and reasons for absence accepted.
- 2 To receive declarations of interest on items on the Agenda and requests for dispensations.**
None.
- 3 To confirm the minutes of the planning meeting held on 2nd March 2023.**
The minutes were approved as a correct record.
- 4 To report on matters arising from the minutes, not on the agenda, for information only.**
Canterbury City Council (CCC) Planning were contacted regarding the porch being built at 17 Gorse Lane, and it is the correct size.
The Joint Transport Board approved a reduced scheme of double-yellow lines in Vinten Close. The lines will only be put on the junction with Forgefields and on the bend.
CCC Planning were contacted regarding the removal of the hedge when the development at the Huntsman & Horn Public House begins. The planning decision notice includes information on removing the hedge in the bird nesting season.

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

To allow members of the public to speak about items on the agenda.

Two members of the public were present. They attended regarding the application at 7 The Meadows but did not speak.

Reference	Address	Proposal	Comments on or by
23/00397	7 The Meadows	Single-storey rear extension together with front porch.	07/04/23
		Members supported this application. Members raised concerns that there could be overlooking from the windows at the side. Also, that there is the possibility of a gully/culvert running through the rear garden, which could have an impact on the proposed extension.	
23/00373	Ross Wood Campsite, New Road	Installation of 30m tower with 1 x 1.8m and 1.2m dish antennas and 6 panel antenna and 2 x 0.6m for mobile operators together with ground-based equipment cabinets and ancillary steelwork and fencing.	07/04/23
		Members supported this application. Members agreed with the Tree Warden's comments regarding the proposed tree works. Thought the tree survey was good and seemed thorough. Agree that the trench should take the route suggested with the attendant hazel coppicing. If the application is approved any tree or shrub work should only take place between September and February.	

23/00386	10 Ridgeway Road	Single-storey side extensions, alterations to roof including dormer windows to front and rear and balcony to rear.	07/04/23
		Members neither supported nor objected to this application. Members were unable to make informed comments on this application due to a lack of information. The lack of elevation drawings makes it difficult to determine the proposed roof height and the impact on the street scene. Members support the neighbours' comments. It is unclear what impact this proposal will have on neighbouring properties. Members request that a condition is included that the windows on the eastern side should not be overlooking. Members ask that more information is provided, especially regarding the elevations.	
23/00400	Yew Tree Cottage, 2 Anemone Way	Replacement timber French doors and top casement window to front elevation	07/04/23
		Members supported this application.	
23/00345	Broomfield Pond, Margate Road	T1 Willow 1/3rd reduction, T2 Willow 1/3rd reduction of between 3 and 4 metres to balance the trees.	
		This application has already been decided by CCC. The decision was No Objection. Members strongly object to this application. Members raised concerns that this decision goes against the Memorandum of Understanding for the maintenance of the pond and Herne & Broomfield Parish Council's tree strategy. The work that has been done has already exceeded that which had been previously agreed. In addition, there were a number of objections from residents, members of the Friends of Herne & Broomfield Ponds, and the Tree Warden. Pollarded trees are out of keeping with the natural appearance of the pond and will require continued maintenance in the future. Members agreed with the Tree Wardens comments. The applicant does not own the trees or the land. The land is registered with KCC as Common Land, apart from a small area in front of Pond Cottages, which is owned by Friends of Broomfield Pond. Do not believe this work is necessary, especially as many more trees were cleared than approved in the restoration plan, specified by the Parish Tree and Pond Warden, and approved by the public after parish wide consultation. It also goes against the Parish Council's Tree Strategy. These trees are important in the landscape and loved by many local people and are included on The Parish Treasured Trees List. "Willows are important to wildlife, caterpillars of a number of moth species feed on willow leaves, including the puss moth, willow ermine, eyed hawk-moth and red underwing. The catkins are an important source of early nectar and	

		pollen for bees and other insects, and the branches make good nesting and roosting sites for birds.” (source Woodland Trust). The trees do not pose any danger to the public as they are sited on the island in the middle of Broomfield Pond.	
23/00456	25 Strode Park Road	Part single storey and part two storey rear extension with balconies to rear elevation and an attached garage to side elevation.	14/04/23
		Members objected to this application. Members raised concerns that the two balconies will overlook the properties in Canterbury Road and the neighbours in Strode Park Road. This could affect the amenity of enjoyment of their gardens and affect their privacy.	
23/00519	1 Ash Close	Application for lawful development certificate for proposed erection of a 2-metre-high fence.	
		Members object to this application. Members raised concerns that this proposal will be to the detriment of the amenity of the area, especially its open aspect, and will impact the visibility of the highway on the bend. Members agreed that this application should be submitted for full planning consent, rather than for an application for lawful development certificate. Also, that KCC Highways approval is requested.	
23/00464	83 Windmill Road	Single-storey rear and side extension following demolition of existing single-storey outbuilding.	21/04/23
		Members supported this application.	
23/00539	2 Herne Street	T1 – Yew tree in rear garden, fell.	
		Members objected to this application. Members agreed with the Tree Warden's comments. Opposed to the felling of this native mature yew tree. This tree is a likely seedling from one of the old yews in the nearby St Martin's Churchyard, so probably has local historical provenance. Although the leaves of yew are poisonous, they are also not attractive to eat. The berries or arils are edible, but the seeds aren't and should be spat out. Would like to suggest that the patio is relocated elsewhere. Would also like to request that an emergency TPO is put on this tree which is now under threat. It is part of the street scene as it is visible from the south in Herne Street. "Yew hedges are incredibly dense, offering protection and nesting opportunities for many birds. The goldcrest and firecrest nest in broadleaf woodland with yew understoreys. The fruit is eaten by birds, such as the blackbird, mistle thrush, song thrush and fieldfare; and small mammals, including squirrels and dormice. The leaves are eaten by caterpillars of the satin beauty moth." (source Woodland	

		Trust). Members request that alternative management of this tree is sought. Members request that an emergency TPO is placed on this tree, as per the Tree Warden's comments.	
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Any applications submitted prior to the meeting will be considered.

Application 23/00539 above.

Correspondence received:

None.

Applications approved by C.C.C.:

23/00034 8 Steed Close

22/00026 Land at Herne Bay Golf Course, Thanet Way

23/00061 Meadow View, Canterbury Road

23/00107 149 Peartree Road

23/00169 290 Canterbury Road

To discuss any Highways issues:

Notice of the intention to make an Order to temporarily close Public Bridleway CH29.

Members raised concerns that it will impact on the access to some of the horses kept in the neighbouring fields. The clerk was asked to contact Kent County Council Highways regarding this.

Meeting closed at 9.05pm.