

HERNE & BROOMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

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

1. To receive apologies for absence and accept reasons.

Cllr Hill and City Cllr Howes. Apologies and reasons 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 1st June 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.

None

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.

None present

Reference	Address	Proposal	Comments on or by
23/01017	270 Canterbury Road	Side dormer.	30/06/23
		Members had no objection to this application.	
23/01001	Waltersville, Bullockstone Road	First floor extension and single-storey extensions to front and rear including balcony to rear.	07/07/23
		Members had no objection to this application and were pleased to note there had been a reduction in height from the previous submission which was considered obtrusive. They were also pleased to note that an obscured glazed privacy screen was included.	
23/01051	The Haven, Bullockstone Road	Two-storey front extension together with gable ends and single-storey side extension.	07/07/23
		Members had no objection to this application.	
23/01074	Merlebank, 157 Margate Road	T1)- Conifer trees located along the right boundary of rear garden -Fell T2)- Conifer hedge reduce the line of trees in the rear garden area by approximately 2-3ft and follow this height through with the taller trees. T3)- Conifer tree located to the right of the driveway -Fell T5)- Holm oak (running along the boundary of the road) reduce the line of trees down to the height of where the trees have been trimmed to on the road side. T6)- Chestnut tree located on the front boundary of the	

		property reduce the tree by approximately 30% and re-shape all round.	
		Members had no objection to this application. Our Tree Warden commented: <i>I have looked on Google Earth and it looks like the trees at the front have reached the overhead wires, so I have no objection to them being reduced but it would be good if they were not all cut to the same height. I do not object to the conifer to the right of the entrance being felled. Apart from the yews, conifers cut to the ground level will not re-grow.</i> <i>I do not object overall but am concerned about the impact on the street scene and wildlife if so many trees are worked on at the same time. There are very few trees along that stretch of Margate Road.</i>	
23/01064	South Lodge, 50 Herne Street	T1 25% Crown reduction four Yew trees to front overhanging highway T2 25% Crown reduction Lime tree to front over hanging highway T3 30% Partial Crown reduction of mature Ash. Reduce to 20m overall height spread 15m to rear T4 Fell one large and two medium dead Sycamores to rear T5 Fell Laburnum tree to rear	
		Members had no objection to this application. Our Tree Warden commented: <i>I have no problem with felling the dead trees. It would be good if log piles could be left for invertebrates, if they would not spread tree disease.</i> <i>Re: the work for trees overhanging the Highway, these trees are very tall, and I believe these trees have been reduced before for safety. I have no objection so long as the work is done outside of the bird nesting season.</i>	

Any applications submitted prior to the meeting will be considered.

Correspondence received: 26 Windmill Road – breach of planning permission – discussed and agreement reached to contact Head of Planning & our two city councillors with the details (Cllr Blatherwick advised)

Applications approved by C.C.C.:

21/00794 1 Chapel Cottages, Bogshole Lane

23/00754 67 Windmill Road

Applications refused by C.C.C.:

23/00400 Yew Tree Cottage, 2 Anemone Way

To discuss any Highways issues:

Lower Herne Road – discussed lorry movement issues, thought to be mostly associated with the farm rather than the development & now thought to have stopped (advised by Cllr Strong), agreement to contact City Cllr Howes regarding this in case of ongoing or future issues (Cllr Blatherwick)

Canterbury Road – pothole/road deterioration issues, work was expected to be done by end of June as advised at last planning meeting. No work done as yet, to follow up with Hazel Walters (KCC Highways) as previous contact & escalate further.

Meeting closed at 8.20pm.