

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 7th December 2023 at 7.30pm, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Present:

Cllr Blatherwick (Chairman)

Cllr Wilson (Vice Chairman)

Cllr Checksfield

Cllr White

1. To receive apologies for absence and accept reasons.

Cllrs Hill and Strong. Apologies and reasons for absence were 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 November 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.

No members of the public were present.

Reference	Address	Proposal	Comments on or by
23/02152	Oakleigh, Bullockstone Road	2 two-storey detached dwellings.	22/12/23
		Members neither supported nor objected to this application. Members raised the same concerns they had before (application 22/02485) regarding whether the visibility splays are sufficient for the increased usage, and for the increased traffic travelling along Bullockstone Road.	
23/02211	30 Hunters Forstal Road	T.P.O no 2 1962 T1 – Oak tree fell.	05/01/24
		Members neither supported nor objected to this application. Members agreed with the Tree Warden's comments. This oak appears to have been neglected and not maintained properly. It is not surprising that it is now in decline, especially as it is surrounded by hard standing and pavement/roads. It is sad that another TPO is to be lost to wildlife and our street scene. Members ask that any replacement tree planted is a native tree, and it is allowed to breathe by not having its roots covered by hardstanding. They also ask that a condition is made that the new tree must be replaced if it does not survive.	
23/02189	Blean Cottage, Bullockstone Road	T1 Oak Tree, Fell in the front garden.	

		Members neither supported nor objected to this application. Members agreed with the Tree Warden's comments. Members are disappointed to see that another oak tree is under threat from building insurers. Many trees in Bullockstone Road have already been removed due to the new road improvements. A question that does not seem to have been addressed is whether the road works have exacerbated the problem. As the property is built on clay soil there is a risk of heave should this tree be felled. This tree has been managed in the past and should be the first action tried before felling. It is likely to be a Kent County Council Highway (KCC) tree so the management should be the responsibility of KCC. If the City Council are minded to approve this application, members request that another oak tree is planted within the Herne & Broomfield parish.	
23/01912	42 Herne Street	Two storey side and rear extension – amended drawing.	
		Members supported the amended application. Members agreed that the amended design is an improvement on the original drawing. Members agreed that a CEMP would be needed, as raised before, due to the location.	

Any applications submitted prior to the meeting will be considered:

23/02189 Blean Cottage, Bullockstone Road.

23/01912 42 Herne Street.

Correspondence received:

None.

Applications approved by C.C.C.:

23/01751 31 Gorse Lane.

23/01446 Land to the Northwest of Bleangate Bungalow, Braggs Lane.

23/01464 Bramble Lodge, 75 Busheyfields Road.

23/01748 7 Barley Close.

21/01870 Holmwood House, Park Place

23/01298 119 Ridgeway Road.

Applications refused by C.C.C.:

Appeals:

23/01001 Waltersville, Bullockstone Road.

To discuss any Highways issues:

The clerk said that KCC had sent through information regarding amendments to PROW CH45, for information. The clerk reported that a request had been received regarding extending the double yellow lines in Forgefields, from the junction with Ridgeway Road up to 68 Forgefields. Members agreed to pass the request on to CCC. Members asked the clerk to include a request to extend the double yellow lines at the top and bottom of Albion Lane, and at the junction of Mill Lane and School Lane. **Action: clerk.**

Meeting closed at 8.20pm.