HERNE & BROOMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Herne & Broomfield Parish Council Environment & Leisure Committee held at the Herne Centre, on Thursday 15th October 2026 at 7.30pm, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Present:
Cllr Maslin (Chairman)
Cllr Binstead
Cllr Davis
Cllr Moss
Cllr Wilson
Corrina Collins (Footpath Warden)
Joanne McCann (Assistant Parish Clerk)

037/26 To receive apologies for absence and accept reasons.

Cllr Davison reasons were given and accepted.

038/26 To receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda.

None

039/26 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 16th July 2026.

These were approved

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

Member of the public present but did not speak

040/26 To receive a report from the Assistant Clerk, including any correspondence.

The Assistant Clerk reported that lunch club had been successful with 27 participants, 4 of those being new residents that live alone in the parish. There were over 30 bookings for November lunch club with 20 reserving spaces for Christmas lunch.

The Assistant Clerk reported that she had been approached by the KCC Warden regarding concerns about children accessing the third pitch at Redrow after school and remaining there until late in the evening. The Warden had asked whether the Parish Council would consider providing a free club to engage the children. Cllr Davis suggested that the Hub should take responsibility for providing activities and clubs to engage local young people and requested that the Parish Council write to the Hub to raise the matter and encourage them to consider offering suitable activities to prevent damage to their property also. **Action: Assistant Clerk**

041/26 To discuss proposed works to Broomfield Community Park and BMX Track

Natalie Edwards was invited to the meeting to discuss the BMX track as the chair of Broomfield BMX Club. Photographs of the repairs required were circulated previously. She reported that due to misuse the BMX track needs to be resurfaced within the next year, it was last resurfaced 8 years ago, and due to how well it has been maintained by the club it has extended its life by 3 – 5 years. It is now becoming unsafe as the lower surface is beyond repair.

The start gate mechanism failed earlier in the year, but the gate is so old it is now in an unusable state and has been repaired many times. The BMX Club suggested they will try and raise the funds for the start gate and equipment. It is likely to be around £15000 due to the groundworks required. The Club have previously applied for funding, but they have not met the initiatives that they have been running at the time.

Natalie also confirmed that due to a crackdown from Police they have had fewer electric bikes using the track, but the damage they have caused previously has been extensive and creates a financial impact for the club, as well as the time to do repairs before meetings. It was also used extensively in Covid.

Membership of the club is good, with 42 currently members it is now reaching capacity. Last 3 years they have had 128 riders. Cllr Maslin asked what time frame they were looking at to do the repairs. Natalie suggested 2027 to get repairs completed then they would hope to host a regional competition in 2028. Members suggested using our events to help raise the money required to replace the surface and also to look into funding for the surface and the start gate.

30th October – Halloween children's party

The Assistant Clerk reported that the Halloween Party was selling well at £2.50 a child and we have currently filled 19 spaces.

8th November – Remembrance Sunday

The Assistant Clerk reported that the food has been ordered for delivery 9-10am on the day. The TENS licence application completed and approved. Cllr Davis will collect a box of Goody's ales for the event. **Action: Cllr Davis**

3rd December – Christmas Quiz

It was reported by the Assistant Clerk that this is nearly sold out with only one table remaining.

9th December – Christmas Lunch

The Assistant Clerk reported that Taylor Meats are going to offer a cheaper rate for the meat again – although we are waiting on confirmation of costs. This means that £15 per head charge which enables us to offer reductions for hardship and a present for each person. Members were happy with this. The Assistant Clerk will contact Taylor meats just to confirm costs. **Action: Assistant Clerk**

12th December – Children's Christmas party

The previous format was accepted by members, running 3pm – 5.15pm with rolling visits to Santa, 60 spaces for children and offered for free, with party snacks for food. The Assistant Clerk confirmed there are enough books in the loft to cover this year's party. This will now be publicised in the newsletter. **Action: Assistant Clerk**

18th & 19th December -Santa Float

The Assistant Clerk reported that currently there is no one available to drive the float. This has now been advertised on social media and we are hoping a driver will come forward with a suitable vehicle. Cllr Maslin reported that he and another volunteer has been working on repairing the float. The reindeers are now safe to sit on and have been bolted in and now all that is required is some painting. Cllr Wilson offered to assist Cllr Maslin with the painting. Cllr Davis stated that Cllr Davison had offered previously to hold the float at her home as it is closer to the start. The Assistant Clerk will contact to confirm and update members when a driver has been found.

Action: Cllr Wilson, Cllr Maslin and Assistant Clerk

043/26 To discuss Barn Dance

The Assistant Clerk reported that although the event had gone well we did have some complaints about the music and caller, so it was suggested to try Contraband who we have used before. They had quoted £650, although this is more than double the cost of the Royster Catchers it was agreed that we would make enough through sales to cover the increase. The members wanted to try holding two barn dances for 2027, one in February around Valentines Day, and one in October. The Assistant Clerk will contact Contraband to see if they would offer a discount and look to book for a Friday in February. **Action: Assistant Clerk**

044/26 To discuss and approve dates for events for 2027

Community Groups Day was discussed, as this is well attended by groups not so well by the public. The Assistant Clerk reported that we had tried to make it more interactive last year but footfall had not really increased. Members agreed to look at the possibility of holding an event at the Cherry Orchard to try and increase attendance and holding it in May / June when the weather would hopefully be better.

Barn dance was confirmed for February, and the Assistant Clerk will contact Contraband.

Cllr Davis suggested instead of the quiz in April we looked at the possibility of a race night with a host, these have been popular in the past. The Assistant Clerk will investigate a host and costs.

The Assistant Clerk suggested the May craft fair is usually a bit low on footfall so we will review after the Christmas fair.

Action: Assistant Clerk

045/26 To discuss any environmental issues.

Cllr Davis reported the hedges are overgrown on Canterbury Road onto the footpath opposite Curtis Wood Road, and the corner junction making viewing out almost impossible. Corrina Collins reported that the trees are still overgrown on Canterbury Road service road and the light from the streetlights are being blocked out making it incredibly dark. The Assistant Clerk will report again to KCC.

Cllr Binstead reported lorries are still using Lower Herne Road with them coming through the narrow road and turning left onto Canterbury Road. The Assistant Clerk will again talk to developers to ensure that this is not happening.

Corrina Collins reported parking issues at school time with parents parking on the zigzags for the crossing at Canterbury Road, as well as on corners in Mill View Road and on double yellows. The Assistant Clerk will make Police aware and ask for some patrols during this time.

The Assistant Clerk reported that there had been more uprights removed from the dead hedge which had been witnessed by a member of the public and reported to Police. There had also been reports of children on motorbikes and electric scooters in the wood. Also, the alleyway between Woodrow Chase and School Lane has been repeatedly covered in dog mess, this has been reported to Canterbury City Council, and we have put additional signage to try and remind people to clear up after their dogs.

Cllr Maslin asked if we could write to South East Water regarding the water leaks along School Lane. The concern is when the weather changes the water will turn to ice and it will be very dangerous.

Action: Assistant Clerk

046/26 Members reports.

None

047/26 The next meeting of the Environment & Leisure Committee will be on Thursday 18th February 2027

Meeting closed 20.40hours