

HERNE & BROOMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Herne & Broomfield Parish Council Environment & Leisure Committee held at Herne Centre, on Thursday 21/02/19 at 7.30pm, for the purpose of transacting the following.

Present: Cllr Taylor, Cllr Saunders, Cllr Davis, Cllr Blatherwick, Cllr Davison, Cllr White
Cllr Sargent.

Conor and Natalie from BMX club spoke to members about their vision for the coming year. They explained that the club membership was improving currently 30 members 80% of those are beginners, and mostly local. The pump track is nearly finished, and this will be good for the nervous, inexperienced new riders, to help them build their confidence. The BMX regional championships will be held at the track on 15 September and they asked if any members were free, they would greatly appreciate their help especially with marshalling in the car park. Mike Wilkinson the farmer has agreed to let them use the field for parking. They hope to contact local primary schools to try and get the younger children involved. They will hire in portaloos for the event. Conor explained that the start gate really needed replacing as the new ones are much safer, the one currently in use could potentially trap a rider. They had looked at the cost of replacement and it was between £12,000 and £15,000 for a Progate Safety Barrel Gate. The club will look for grants but that is proving to be a little difficult because the club has only been in existence a year officially. Members suggested some grant funders. There will not be overnight camping on site. Members thanked them for attending the meeting.

01/19	Apologies for absence , received from Paul Parker.
02/19	To receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda. None
03/19	The minutes of the meeting held on 4th October 2018 , were agreed as a correct record.
04/19	Matters arising. None.
	Public Adjournment. Members of the public asking questions on the agenda should give their name and address.
05/19	To debrief the Christmas Fun Day. The event was very well attended and, as always, the volunteers took up their positions on the various stalls. There was a steady flow from opening time until about 3pm and if it becomes an annual event, I think we were agreed that 11-3 would be better. Father Christmas was busy during his 2hour stint with a continuous stream of children wanting to talk to him and take a small gift, we did not charge for this, he was very good with the children and enjoyed talking to them. WFC ran activities for the children during the whole event and were kept very busy, they provided this free of charge. They also looked after the refreshments there was soup and a roll and jackets with fillings and salad. Tea, coffee and mulled wine with a mince pie were available from the bar.

	The majority of items on the stalls were either donated, or left over from the fun day in July, Cllr Davis had also continued to attend boot fairs for cuddly toys, and the hook a cuddly stall was extremely popular. The bug man was kept busy all day, he certainly seemed a popular attraction. Stall holders were given a £2 voucher towards their lunch and they all seemed to enjoy the event. It was a great event, no worrying about weather, gazebo's, organising traffic movements etc, it was a breeze and a lot less stressful. The clerk thanked all the councillors who attended and helped on the day with setting up, helping on stalls and putting away at the end. A special thank you goes to Cllr Davis who, once again, sorted the tombola prizes and hook- a- cuddly items and decorated the bags, she also sorted out the floats and worked out the site plan. Thanks also to Kirsty for all her help before and during the event. Of course, this sort event could not happen without the volunteers. It was a very friendly happy event and excellent PR for the Centre as many people had not been in the building before and the feedback on the building was really good. The centre staff have had quite a few enquiries since regarding before and after school clubs and party bookings etc. There were some comments about there not being enough seating, some did not stay for lunch because there weren't any spare seats, perhaps the roundel could be used for people to sit next time. The profit on the day was £1,099.68 well done to all concerned, it will make a good annual event! It was agreed that there would be another one held this year, date to be confirmed. More craft stalls were requested, no cake stall as it wasn't popular, the roundel will be used for seating for refreshments. The event will run from 11am to 3pm.
06/19	To debrief Children's Party The party was well attended although there were about 20 children who didn't turn up, which is very annoying when we had had a waiting list. Linda White who normally ticks the children off as they arrive didn't come and Liz White was asked if she would step in, which she did. The disco was a disappointment very unlike what Paul Parker used to do with the children, he talked to them and got them doing lots of different dances etc but all we got on Saturday was music. Which at one point got so loud the noise limiter cut it off and they weren't sure how to get it back on! The day was saved by Sue Davis who stepped in and got the youngsters organised. The clerk said she had contacted Paul and asked him to do the party next year and has given him the date 7th December, hopefully that will be OK. The food followed, there was enough to go round and unlike previous years there weren't many sandwiches left at the end. We did less jam and added tuna and egg as well as the usual cream cheese and ham, followed by cakes and biscuits etc. The helpers did a great job serving the children with the sandwiches and drinks. The clerk thanked to those who made the sandwiches and provided cakes. Once the children had finished the food they were entertained by Pip and

	then went into see Father Christmas to receive a gift before going home. While the children were occupied some of the room was cleared as there was a function in the evening. While the children were occupied some of the room was cleared as there was a function in the evening. It was enjoyed by those who attended, a great many parents stayed and had tea and coffee served by the volunteers in the kitchen and they also helped to eat some of what was left over and helped to clear away after the children had eaten. Well done to all those involved, another good party with lots of satisfied children. Many thanks to Cllr Sargent for towing the float and of course Father Christmas. Pip did seem to lose the children's interest after a while, so perhaps something different for next year. A new building, so a bit of trial and error as to what works and what doesn't. Our army of volunteers did us proud and there was plenty of help. A big thank you to all those who attended to help.
07/19	To discuss the Christmas float. It was agreed that the float will be brought to the Centre and will be repainted and the lights taken off and decorations and lights put back with a new set of lights added. Music set up needs to be sorted out at the same time. Cllrs McCann and Knight will help with the float. Collection buckets were discussed there was a request to have more but it was stressed that they should not be rattled. The second Millview Road needs taking off the list it will only go down there the once. There may need to be a couple more stops added.
08/19	To discuss holding a Spring Fair and Race Night, suggestions for other events. Cllr Davis suggested that it might be better to do something at the Centre on the day of the Garden Safari. Another Race Night has been organised for 21st September. There was a suggestion about holding a Murder Mystery, Cllr Saunders will ask at the Little Theatre.
09/19	To discuss Garden Safari. The clerk reported that she had contacted most of the gardeners who opened previously and there are quite a few who have agreed to open again, there are some who have not yet responded. A meeting will be arranged with those who have agreed to open, in a few weeks. The date for the Safari is 9th June and the clerk will look into perhaps providing bacon sandwiches for the start of the event and there could be a plant sale, gardening books and equipment. Cllr White has offered to decorate appropriately.
10/19	To discuss Family Funday, 28th July. The clerk reported that she had a meeting with Sarah Bingham and Lisa Crowhurst. Sarah will revamp the application forms and the clerk will send these out to those who had attended in the past. She will also send out the revamped forms for the Car Show attendees. These will be accompanied by a letter explaining the changes to running the event. The times for the event have been changed it will open at 11am and close at 3pm, stalls will be expected to be set up by 10am. There will not be any vehicle movements after this time. The main gate will be locked after 10am and no vehicles will be allowed to leave until after 3pm, apart from

	emergency vehicles. This is for pedestrian safety but also to comply with anti-terrorism rules. Closing date for applications will be 12th July. The large Red Gazebo will be the Information tent and the number of 'own' stalls will be determined later, not all will be in gazebos. Sarah will produce the plan for CCC. A Facebook page will be set up and there will be a link to application forms for stalls. Strobe Park will take in the fees and takings on the day. (Tracy's replacement does not start until April, so details from Strobe will be limited). Face painting and Pip the Clown will be provided free of charge and Lisa is looking into getting a band. KCC Alan Marsh has indicated he will donate again towards the Funday and the clerk will complete the forms. Sarah and Lisa will source prizes and hopefully Louise will help with this (she wasn't able to attend this meeting). All parties will be asked to contact volunteers and the Parish Council will loan out the gazebo's and tombola drums. It is hoped that the Ducks and Hook a Cuddly will still be stalls at the event.
11/19	Broomfield Community Park. The clerk followed up on the report from Conor and Natalie, she pointed out that the BMX track was the parish council's responsibility and if there was a safety issue regarding the start gate then the club might need financial help to solve it, if they can source grant funding the parish council could match fund if needed. Members agreed that we should try to source grant funding and give the club financial assistance. The clerk reported that the fencing was in hand. Cllr Davis asked about the tree that was going to be planted at Broomfield in Stanley Dailey's memory, it was agreed that it would be better planted in the Centre garden as it was more likely to live. Cllr Sargent will find out the cost of the tree and full council will be asked to approve.
12/19	Member's Reports. None

Meeting closed 9.25pm