

HERNE & BROOMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Herne & Broomfield Parish Council Environment & Leisure Committee held remotely, on Thursday 19/11/20 at 7.30pm, for the purpose of transacting the following.

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

24/20	Apologies for absence. Jennifer Taylor who has said she would like to stand down from the committee.
25/20	To receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda. None
26/20	The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd July 2020 were agreed as correct.
27/20	Matters arising. The childminder who looked at the wildlife area has not come back.
	Public Adjournment. Members of the public asking questions on agenda items.
28/20	To approve Terms of Reference for committee. These were circulated prior to the meeting there were a few changes suggested and when the amendments are done the final document will be circulated.
29/20	To discuss the proposal for a tree nursery at the Allotments. Cllr White has spoken to the secretary of the allotments and the committee are willing to allow one of the plots to be used for bringing on trees for planting around the parish. The saplings will be collected locally if possible, they will need protection from the rabbits. It was suggested that the whole allotment plot should be fenced against the rabbits, it will also require mulching mats. It was agreed that up to £150 could be spent on the fencing.
30/20	To discuss planting at Broomfield Community Park and a parish tree strategy and the management plan. Cllr White and Cllr Davis had a walk round the Community Park, and they have suggested that the area, which was designated for a wood henge, should be planted up with Silver Birch and be a living henge. These trees can be purchased for £52.95 plus VAT. Also, an edible hedge to be plant at the far side of the site along the boundary near the SE Water site. The parish council will only have to pay 25% of the cost of these. The cost including stakes, protection, and mulch mats at a cost of approx. £490. There will of course be a requirement for COVID-19 safe planting and a Risk Assessment, but Cllr White said there was information on this from Tree Council. It was agreed that these projects should be taken forward, the trees would need to be planted by March 2021. This will form part of a tree strategy. Cllr Davis reported that she was working through the Management Plan for the Park.
31/20	To discuss the Woodland area in Cherry Orchard. The clerk had contacted D Parr regarding a tree survey in the Woodland area Cllr Sargent said he would be seeing him and would find out if he can carry out the survey. Cllrs White, Davison, and Davis said they would like to take a look in there to try and decide what options could be suggested for the area. The

	clerk said the pond was an issue as there is no longer a fence around it, and when the area was left open for residents to use, it was abused, especially in the evenings and there were a lot of complaints from residents who backed onto this area.
32/20	To discuss Christmas Float. In view of the current situation it would not be responsible to stop the float, so it is proposed that it will keep moving, no sweets will be given out. Cllr Sargent has agreed to do Friday, Saturday and Sunday with the Friday being round the Redrow estate and Strode Park, as there has been a requested to go round the back of Strode, Ian has suggested that the routes for Herne & Broomfield should stay the same but the timings would need adjusting.
33/20	To discuss Community Christmas proposals. The Christmas lights trail has been suggested by Michelle Kerly and Herne Mill are on board with this idea, hopefully we can get a good display at front of the centre as well as encouraging residents to register their light displays, in order for a route to be put together so this can be advertised. It will cover the whole of Herne Bay, but Michelle is working on the Herne & Broomfield section. It is hoped that people will be able to go out on several nights and look at lights in different parts of Herne Bay. Cllr Davis will contact Michelle to get details for the newsletter.
34/20	To discuss the suggestion food hampers are distributed for Christmas. James at West Faversham has agreed to co-ordinate the distribution of food parcels for the low-income families if pc can get the food donations in and also some funding for fresh fruit and veg. He advised against just giving out advent calendars. Both schools are willing to give WF the details of those low-income families attending the schools, Herne Juniors have said there are 50 families at the school. Residents will be asked to donate items to be distributed James has sent a list. There will also be a request for donations of money to enable fresh fruit and veg to be purchased. It is hoped to get ages of the children involved in order for a gift to be included. It is hoped that donations will be dropped at the Centre and financial donations can be paid directly into the bank or given into the office. It will take some co-ordination but hopefully will be successful. The older residents were also discussed, and the clerk will liaise with the warden and Rev Carol to see if they can put some names forward. These parcels would then be delivered to the residents. Puzzle books, jigsaws and pens, pencils etc will be requested.
35/20	To discuss next year's events, Strode have asked about having their 60 years celebration tea party afternoon as part of Garden Safari. Members thought this would be detrimental to both organisations as most people take all day to go around the gardens and they were likely to do one or the other. Cllr Davis suggested the safari should be two weeks later than normal in 2021. The Climate Action group was discussed, and it was agreed council members would be asked to put their nominations forward to the clerk. The group would then make their own arrangements for meetings etc and report back to this committee.
36/20	Members' reports. Cllr Davis reported that Kent Wildlife Trust were going to do a presentation on Zoom on 1 st December and any council members could attend, there had

	also been a request from members of Chestfield Parish Council to attend. This is a 6.30pm start. Cllr Davison reported one of the monitoring points had been moved close to the Post Office and pedestrian crossing. She had attended Orchard Project training and there was a Kent Bee Plan. She also mentioned that the tree that had fallen down by Broomfield Pond was still there.
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Meeting closed 9pm