

HERNE & BROOMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Herne & Broomfield Parish Council Environment & Leisure Committee held remotely, on Thursday 2/07/20 at 7.30pm, for the purpose of transacting the following.

Present: Cllr Saunders, Cllr Blatherwick, Cllr Davis, Cllr White and Jennifer Taylor.

12/20	Election of Chairman , Cllr Saunders was elected as chairman, Cllr White was elected as vice chairman and Jennifer Taylor was co-opted as a member of the public.
13/20	Apologies for absence , were received from Cllrs Sargent and Davison.
14/20	To receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda . Cllr Davis 21//20
15/20	The minutes of the meeting held on 16th January 2020 were agreed as a correct record.
16/20	Matters arising . The clerk confirmed that work on the fencing and backboards at the MUGA had been completed as well as the moss treatment of the surface.
	Public Adjournment. Members of the public asking questions on the agenda should give their name and address. None present.
17/20	To discuss the effect of Covid 19 on events etc . The clerk reported that obviously all the planned events to date, had been cancelled, it was hoped the quiz night in October would still be able to go ahead but she would ask if it could be held on line if not in person.
18/20	To discuss the Children's Party . It was agreed to plan for the children's party on 12 th December the entertainer would be booked, the visit from Father Christmas would be at an earlier time.
19/20	To discuss Christmas Fun Day . It was agreed to plan this for 5 th December.
20/20	To discuss the Woodland area in Cherry Orchard . There had been a request from a childminder to use the area a couple of days a week. It was agreed that the child minder needed to take a look at the area as there were concerns about the unfenced pond area etc. It would also need quite a lot of clearance of paths etc. The clerk will contact her.
21/20	To discuss Broomfield Pond . The clerk had received an email from a resident near the pond wanting to know what the parish council was going to do about the work needed around the pond. Cllr Davis reported that a task day had been held at the pond and they had completed a lot of the clearance work. She suggested that the Friends of the Pond should get quotes for the work that was required, they could then apply for grants, there were grants available from the City Councillors and possibly the County Councillor, the clerk also suggested the lottery Awards for All. If wanted, Cllr Davis is willing to advise and work with the Friends on what work will be required. There was originally a draft management plan for the pond. Unfortunately, over the last few years, there had been several changes of membership due to illness etc and not as many task days had been carried out. Cllr White

	was also willing to assist Cllr Davis. The clerk will write to Debbie Checksfield, the current chair, to this effect.
22/20	To discuss Open Morning for local organisations. It was agreed the What's Happening event would be postponed until next year.
23/20	Members' reports. Cllr Davis spoke about the cancellation of the Garden Safari and she hoped a few new gardens would come forward. Something would be put in the next newsletter asking for the gardeners to send in their details. She also suggested that perhaps at next years' Garden Safari could perhaps have a scarecrow competition. Cllr Davis asked about the flower bed in the village, the clerk reported that Cllr Hill and a resident had been clearing the weeds etc and hopefully will plant it up again soon. Cllr Davis asked about dates for the float, it was agreed that it would visit Herne on 19th December and Broomfield on 20th the clerk said that work on the float was needed, it was agreed to ask the warden Mandy if she would be prepared to get a working party together. Cllr Davis suggested a Perspex screen behind to shelter Father Christmas. Cllr White reported she had attended a meeting with the residents of Canterbury Fields and hoped she had resolved the issue of removing trees adjacent to the bridlepath. She also spoke about funding for tree planting. The clerk reported that there had been new guidelines for opening play areas etc, and advice from the insurance company. It was agreed for the time being they would remain closed, this would be reviewed as guidelines change.

Meeting closed 8.45pm