

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 Wednesday 30th June 2021 at 7.45pm, for the purpose of transacting the following.

Present: Cllr Saunders, Cllr White, Cllr Cheeseman, Cllr Davison and Cllr Davis

15/21	Election of Chairman and Vice chairman. Cllr Saunders was elected chairman and Cllr White as vice chairman.
16/21	Apologies for absence. None.
17/21	To receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda. None.
18/21	The minutes of the meeting held on 4th February 2021, were agreed as a correct record.
19/21	Matters arising. Bench is ongoing more at next parish council meeting. Entertainer has been booked for Children's party. Hedge planting at Community Park is finished.
	Public Adjournment. Opportunity for Members of the public to ask questions on items on the agenda A member of the public attended reported a continuous amount of litter in Cherry Orchard, the drains in School Lane car park need clearing and also quite a bit of litter as well. The salt bin at the bottom of Albion Lane is empty and keep blowing into the road.
20/21	Update on Virtual Garden Safari. Michele asked members to look on the website there is a link from the home page to the virtual safari and she hoped that there would be more coming in, in the next few weeks. Michele will remind the allotment secretary to send in a video.
21/21	To discuss Christmas float. Unfortunately, Cllr Sargent was not at the meeting, it was decided that the working party, Cllrs Saunders, Cheeseman, Wilson and Harvey would be asked to meet up with Cllr Sargent in order to decide on the arrangements for new float, the working party can then get the work done while the weather is good. The old chassis can then be disposed of. Storage arrangements need to be firmed up as well.
22/21	To discuss Funday arrangements. The clerk reported there had been a meeting with Sarah Bingham and that plans for the funday were continuing, of course, the final decision will be down to CCC with regard to the event going ahead. Stalls are booked, car show entries have been received, food stalls booked and the funfair rides. The dog show people have been contacted and are OK to attend. Stalls will be placed much further apart than usual to give extra distance. First aid, security and parking are all sorted. The parish council is able to have an information stall and also a stall of its own, this will be the normal stall fee. The clerk suggested the hook a cuddly and key game. Members were not in favour of face painting due to being in close proximity, the clerk explained that was being organised by Strode and anyone having a stall will need to provide a Covid

	risk assessment, as well as Insurance etc. Cllr Harvey had emailed that there are 5 gazebo's a couple of which have missing feet and the clerk is trying to source replacements. There is a shortage of straw this year and more chairs will need to be brought over from Strode, the clerk will ask Cllr Strong if he could collect and take back in his trailer.
23/21	Update from Climate Working group, and any Environmental issues. Cllr Davison reported that the group will meet face to face and they are looking for a baseline to start from. They want to look at many aspects, especially things that the parish council owns or has influence over, hopefully there will be more to report for the full council meeting.
24/21	Member's Reports. Cllr Davis reported the Community Park was looking very sad and in need of some TLC. She is also concerned about the hemlock and hogweed. This all needs cutting and removing from site, it was suggested that the parish council may need to get a contractor in to remove it. The henge area is totally overgrown and Cllr Davis requested that the wild flower meadow was cleared when cut as there are so many weeds on it. Members will be asked their thoughts at the full council meeting. Contractors will be asked to quote for the maintenance of the Community Park from January when the contract is due to be renewed. Cllr Checksfield has offered to plant up the planter at Broomfield Pond. There was a discussion about some wildflower planting. The clerk explained that wildflower seed can be put on any areas but those that are due a regular cut by KCC will still get cut. KCC are currently working with the University in various areas in Kent. They are looking at various ways of managing vegetation on the verges etc. Some will be cut and the arisings removed, some will be cut and the arisings left, some won't be cut at all. They will gather information as to the effects on the wildlife. There is at the moment some doubt regarding the ownership of the triangle at Broomfield, clerk will inform council when she has had the issue clarified.

Meeting closed 9.15pm