

# HERNE & BROOMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Herne & Broomfield Parish Council Environment & Leisure Committee held remotely, on Thursday 04 February 2021 at 7.30pm, for the purpose of transacting the following.

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

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| <b>01/21</b> | <b>Apologies for absence</b> , received from Cllr Blatherwick.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>02/21</b> | <b>To receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda.</b> None                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>03/21</b> | <b>The minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2020</b> were agreed as a correct record.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>04/21</b> | <b>Matters arising.</b> None raised.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|              | <b>Public Adjournment.</b><br>Opportunity for Members of the public to ask questions on items on the agenda<br>No public in attendance                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>05/21</b> | <b>To discuss what we are doing for Garden Safari, on-line.</b> A virtual Garden Safari is proposed, members agreed that we contact those who would normally open their gardens and ask them to do a walk round the garden and video their gardens. The video footage can then be put on the web site and Face Book. It was agreed this would be a good solution and keep residents involved but there would need to be a time limit on the videos and no details of the properties, for security purposes. The videos could be posted from April to September and it may be possible for people to vote for their favourite garden. Hopefully it would encourage more people to take part in 2022 and also more visitors if they like what they see on-line. Videos also of Broomfield Pond, Curtis Wood Park and Broomfield Community Park could be included.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>06/21</b> | <b>To discuss NHS day on 5<sup>th</sup> July and how to celebrate/acknowledge.</b> It has been suggested that councils celebrate NHS day by doing something different, for the day; it is on a Monday though. One suggestion is to encourage residents to put up a rainbow flag or picture, at their home. The other suggestion is a NHS bench, the clerk has circulated details of one bench found online. Members thought it too expensive. The clerk did find another just before the meeting made of recycled plastic in rainbow colours which was £300. There was a discussion as to where to put a bench and it was agreed that the grass area at the entrance to the doctor's surgery would be a good place. The clerk will find out who owns the land. There may be funding available from Awards for All for the bench, especially if we can tie it in with the Covid pandemic<br>We have also been asked about providing a bench in Lower Herne Road by the green. There is currently a bench on one side of the green and although there is space on the other side the bench has long gone. |

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|              | Members felt that it was a dangerous place to put a bench, if vehicles cut the corner they could well run into the bench and whoever was on it.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>07/21</b> | <b>To discuss the Children's Party details.</b> The date for the party has been booked for 11 <sup>th</sup> December and the children's entertainer has been given the date and the payment from last year rolled over. It was agreed that the party would start at the normal time of 3pm. Food would be served at about 3-45pm, more entertainment will follow to allow for clearing tables and chairs before children queue to visit Father Christmas at approx. 4.30pm, Cllr Cheeseman would be asked if he wished to take on Father Christmas duties for the party.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>08/21</b> | <b>To discuss Christmas Fun Day details.</b> The date has been booked for the 4 <sup>th</sup> December. It was agreed that the opening times needed to be shorter it was agreed to open from 11-3pm. It was likely the Centre would be booked both evenings and the hall would need to be cleared by 5.30pm. Cllr Davison thought it would be nice to have some old-fashioned games/stalls and the committee will take ideas suggested forward. Most of the stalls there previously were popular and due to space constraints, it is unlikely there will be outside stalls. West Faversham Community Association can be asked to provide refreshments again.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>09/21</b> | <b>Update from Climate Working group.</b><br>Cllr Davison circulated the following report<br>The group had a very brief preliminary meeting to identify some resources for us to consider during these initial stages. They include the Canterbury City Council Climate Change Action Plan (draft), agendas published by several other parish councils and other organisations, some tips from Cllr Dan Watkins (CCC climate change lead) and hope to get further advice from KALC on 17th February. Our mission is to devise a sensible Climate Change Action Plan appropriate for our Parish to propose to the full parish council to consider. If anyone would like to join the group, they would be very welcome, and I can forward the links/information we're looking at as we hope to have another meeting soon to discuss these. Cllr Davison confirmed that she, Cllrs Davis White, Saunders and Cheeseman were on the working group and she needed to check as to whether Cllr Checksfield did want to be included. |
| <b>10/21</b> | <b>To discuss Christmas float.</b> The work that needs to be done on the float had been discussed at the last full council meeting; it does mean if what has been suggested happens, it will only be possible to use it on Cllr Sargent's trailer. The clerk asked whether it would be better to try and purchase a new base. Members agreed it would be better to look at purchasing a second-hand trailer. Cllr Sargent suggested a contact and also that a twin axle one would be best. The clerk thought it may be possible to get an Awards for All grant and also some funding from the Community fund if required. The clerk will make enquiries and report back at full council meeting.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

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| <b>11/21</b> | <b>Update on tree planting and tree nursery.</b> Cllrs White, Davis and Davison have planted 233 hedging plants at Broomfield Community Park and the special elm tree has been planted. The birch trees for the Living Henge will not be planted until November/December during National Tree Week.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>12/21</b> | <b>Update on Christmas Hampers and Christmas lights.</b> The Christmas hampers all went out, we had an amazing response to the appeal for donations of food and cash and it was agreed that the cash left over would be kept towards doing the same again at Christmas this year. The clerk said she was not sure whether there were more Christmas Lights this year or not. There is a scheme to hire a Christmas tree, which is delivered in a pot and then collected after Christmas, this might be a good idea for outside the Herne Centre, it could have lights on it, if there is suitable access to external power.                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>13/21</b> | <b>Any ideas/suggestions for future events/fundraising.</b> As it is unclear when events will be able to continue, it was agreed that this would be discussed again at the next meeting. Cllr Davis did suggest a Community Picnic at the Community Park.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>14/21</b> | <b>Member's Reports.</b> Cllr Davis reported that the Rural Payments agency have a grant for hedge maintenance, although it isn't very much. It has been suggested that there should be a soil analysis on the Wildflower Meadow with a view to applying for funding for appropriate management. Cllr Davis also reported she was continuing to work on the Community Park Management Plan. Cllr Davison reported that the meeting with CCC and KWT to look at Goldspots Pond was still on hold until all parties could meet face to face, she also asked members to respond to CCC Climate Change consultation.<br>Cllr White reported she had attended a Climate Change meeting on 14 <sup>th</sup> December and that a large amount of pollution comes from home heating, as well as transport. |

Meeting closed 8.45pm