

HERNE & BROOMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Office, Herne Centre, St Martin's View, Herne CT6 7AP

Minutes of the meeting of Herne & Broomfield Parish Council Environment & Leisure Committee held at the Herne Centre on Thursday 21st October 2021 at 7.30pm, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Present:

Cllr Saunders, Cllr Davis, Cllr Sargent and Cllr Davison.

25/21 To receive apologies for absence and accept reasons.

Cllr White who is ill and Cllr Cheeseman who is working. Apologies and reasons accepted.

26/21 To receive declarations of interest on items on the Agenda and requests for dispensations.

None.

27/21 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 6th June 2021.

Were agreed as a correct record.

28/21 To report on matters arising from the minutes, not on the agenda, for information only.

The funds from the Community Fun Day are £1101.13, of which £500.00 has already been received as a grant from County Cllr Marsh for 2019/20.

ADJOURNMENT FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None present.

29/21 To discuss Christmas Fun Day:

4th December 2021.

It was agreed to start at 11.00am and finish at 2.00pm. Father Christmas to attend from 11.00am until 1.00pm.

Refreshments of jacket potatoes, soup and a roll, sausage in a roll, bacon rolls, mince pies, and hot and cold drinks were agreed.

After a short discussion the stalls were agreed. The Assistant Clerk to ask West Faversham Community Association (WFCA) for the use of their Bowl-for-a-pig game.

It was agreed to have children's activities in the Activity Room as before. The Assistant Clerk to contact WFCA to ask if they will provide these again.

When advertised should state that masks are worn.

30/21 To discuss Christmas float:

17th/18th/19th December 2021.

Progress on the float has been good and it is nearly finished. The clerk reported that she has ordered the hitch lock at a cost of £57.50.

It was agreed that collection buckets will go out with the float.

Some options for the seasonal banners to be put along the sides of the float were looked at and a design agreed. Exact measurements will be needed before a quote can be obtained.

31/21 To discuss Children's Christmas Party:

11th December 2021.

It was suggested that the party runs from 3pm until 5pm. The times for the children's entertainer could be 3pm until 3.45pm, plus 30 minutes after the food has been served to allow for clearing up. Father Christmas could arrive at 4.45pm. This was agreed.

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 situation it was agreed to limit the number of children to 50, with only one accompanying adult per family.

32/21 To discuss the Queen's Jubilee event:

The clerk reported that other parish councils were looking at planting trees rather than lighting a beacon. The queen had also asked for trees to be planted. Two possible sites are Mill Lane and Cherry Orchard. The clerk is in contact with Highways and has contacted CCC about Cherry Orchard. A map of where the trees are likely to be sited will be produced. Cllr Davison thought the planting could be done by local organisations and clubs.

Members supported the suggestion of incorporating the Jubilee celebrations with the Garden Safari.

The clerk reported that the Herne Centre management company (WFCA) will be holding events at the centre.

33/21 To discuss the What's On Event:

12th March 2022, 11.00am until 2.00pm.

The Herne Centre has been booked. The assistant clerk to ask WFCA if they will provide lunches.

It was agreed that invitations should be sent out now.

34/21 To discuss future fund-raising events:

It was agreed to leave this until next year.

35/21 To discuss the contract for maintenance at the Community Park and BMX Track. To also discuss obtaining the necessary material for carrying out the maintenance of the track and discuss the condition of the paths:

The clerk explained that the maintenance contract was due for renewal and the current contractor does not wish to continue. Kent County Council Waste Management have provided the details of two companies that are familiar with the site, and the third option is likely to be Canenco. Details of the work involved will need to be put together, in order to ask these three companies to provide quotes. Cllr Davis will look at the list of works.

The BMX Track needs some resurfacing. The BMX Club has said that they will carry out the work if the parish council provide the materials. They will contact suppliers for costs of the materials. The paths on site need some work in places and quotes will have to be sought. Various surfacing options were discussed, but what is used will depend on cost.

36/21 To discuss replacing the poo bag dispenser at the entrance to the Community Park and put a waste bin in the BMX track:

The clerk reported that the current poo bag dispenser was falling apart, and the bin by the BMX Track has not had a lining for several years. The cost to replace these will be £79.00 for the dispenser, and £116.95 for a Trojan bin. These costs were agreed.

37/21 To discuss the Wildlife Area:

Cllr Sargent had contacted Dave Parr regarding the tree survey, and this is still to be done. Cllr Sargent will chase this up.

38/21 To discuss tree planting in Mill Lane and possibly Cherry Orchard:

This was discussed under the Jubilee Celebrations, minute 32/21.

39/21 Update from the Climate Working Group, and any Environmental issues:

Cllr Davison gave an update on the Climate Working Group. She will send out the notes from the last meeting. She mentioned the Pledge2Recycle Plastics scheme run through the national recycling charity Recoup. Advice regarding hedgehogs will be circulated.

40/21 Members reports:

Cllr Davis asked if there was a date for the Annual Parish Meeting. The clerk said it had not been decided yet. Tree week is 21st December and possible planting dates will be confirmed.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm.