

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 Tuesday 25th January 2022 at 7.30pm, for the purpose of transacting the following.

Present: Cllr Saunders, Cllr Davis, Cllr Davison

01/22	Apologies for absence , received from Cllr Cheeseman and Cllr White
02/22	To receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda. None.
03/22	The minutes of the meeting held on 21st October 2021 , were agreed as a correct record.
04/22	Matters arising. None.
	Public Adjournment. Opportunity for Members of the public to ask questions on items on the agenda. No questions
05/22	Report on Christmas Fun Day. The Fun Day was well attended and steady throughout the time we were open, with approximately 200 people. Crafts were done in the activity room by West Faversham Community Association and some volunteers, with the children making Christmas Cards and pictures. Father Christmas was popular, and all the children received a small gift. Many thanks to all our volunteers who did a great job on the day running stalls, with £550.11 raised. The clerk thanked all those who helped and those who were there to set up and put away.
06/22	Report on Christmas float. The float was well received, Strode Park were very pleased to have the float visit, it went onto Redrow, where £48.15 was collected in donations. Saturday night (Herne) went well and many people came out to see the float, £297.26 was collected in donations. The final night in Broomfield was well attended, £308.54 was collected in donations. A total of £653.95. I am expecting members to put that amount into earmarked funds either for the children's party or the float. Thank you to all involved in getting the float ready and those who went out with it, again some welcome normality. There is a problem with storage of the float as it appears there has been a change of landlord and Bianca has had her rent increased by £100 a month and been told she cannot sublet. The clerk is looking into other options. Cllr Checksfield has a container for sale at £1500, Cllr Davis suggested the old container could go to the allotment society as theirs has a leaky roof. Cllr Checksfield is trying to get a quote for transportation. Cllr Harvey will be asked to check that the float will fit in the container.

	Cllr Davis was thanked for keeping the float in her garden. It was also agreed that the music level needs to be checked. Cllr Davison asked if the route could be discussed at the next meeting.
07/22	Report on Children's Christmas Party. The Children's Christmas Party was well attended with only about 4 not turning up, so 45 children most with an adult. The entertainer did a great job. There was a break for food and then he continued until Father Christmas arrived and the children went in to see him in an orderly fashion, to receive their present. Following food the helpers all set about clearing the tables and putting them away as there was an event on at the Centre in the evening. All went well and everyone enjoyed themselves. A big thank you to all those who helped, thanks to them it all ran very smoothly, and it was great to carry out an event virtually normally!
08/22	To discuss further the Queens Platinum Jubilee event. Centre is holding an Afternoon Tea, if they can get funding will be free to attend. Cllr Blatherwick had suggested a Barn Dance with Hog Roast in the evening, this would be on 5th June. There was a suggestion that a picnic could be held in Curtis Wood Park. The parish council has already agreed to some tree planting to celebrate the jubilee. This will be discussed at minute 14/22.
09/22	To discuss the Community Day, those attending and refreshments. Spotlight on What's On in the Parish, this is to be held at the centre on 12th March, so far 15 groups/organisations have confirmed. The event will run from 11am to 2pm. West Faversham will use the activity room to showcase what goes on at the centre and provide refreshments.
10/22	To discuss future fund raising events. The suggested dates for the Christmas Fun Day and Children's party are 3rd & 10th December with the float going out on 16th, 17th and 18th December. These were agreed. Report on meeting with Sarah Bingham regarding the fun day. Strode Park are not being part of the group organising the event this year. The senior member of staff is going on maternity leave and there is the platinum jubilee and the 30th Anniversary of the Theatre. Sarah will be taking on most of what she did last year. It is hoped that someone from St Martin's will deal with the finances. The fun day this year will be on 7th August in order to avoid clashes with other events. The event will run from 12-4pm, caterers will be booked, Sarah will deal with booking these. The parish council will send out the car show forms and deal with the bookings. It was suggested that they are asked for a donation of £5, which perhaps could be given to Strode Park as a donation, as the parish council usually gives a donation. It might encourage more people to donate.

	Lisa Crowhurst will deal with sponsorship. Stall charges were discussed and it was decided that charities, local organisations will pay £20 for a 3m x 3m plot and £30 for outside stalls. Rotary will be asked to do car parking again and hopefully the area at the rear of the building will be available this year. The parish council will look at getting raffle prizes for the event. Full Council will be asked to approve at the next meeting. A van will be needed to transport prior to the event and after. Could Cllr Hill organise a van? The dog show volunteers will be asked if they are willing to attend and run the dog show again this year. New banners will be purchased, and the volunteers approached and asked to attend. John Nicholson will be asked to run the children's races. Sarah suggested that an Events page is set up on Facebook to advertise the event and answer any queries etc. Sarah gave details of forthcoming events at Strode Park: Easter Egg Hunt 16th April, Jubilee event on 4th June from 2-8pm this will be a party in the park, proms, bands etc. This will be a free event and will be ticketed, 500 tickets will be issued. The Country Fair will be held on 4th September. Following a request to hold a thank you event for volunteers, it was agreed this would be held on 25th September at the Herne Centre.
11/22	To discuss the Contract for maintenance at Community Park and BMX track. As Cllr Sargent was not in attendance this item will be discussed at the next meeting. Cllr Davis has a meeting with a representative from Canenco and will ask him if they would be willing to give a quote for maintenance. Cllr Davison stated that anything used on the land needed to be environmentally friendly and wasn't in favour of pesticides being used. The clerk did point out that paths needed to be kept clear of encroachment and that cost would also be a factor. Cllr Davis wants a plan marked up of what work is to be carried out where so all the contractors are given the same information. To also discuss the quote for the surface of the maintenance of the BMX track and discuss repairing the paths. The clerk reported that she had one quote for surfacing the paths and possibly an area of the car park, depending on how far the materials went. Cllr Davis asked if there was anything that could be used to bind the surface, the clerk will inquire. The clerk said she would get 2 more quotes. The quote for the surface for BMX track has not been received yet.
12/22	Update from Climate Working group, and any Environmental issues. Cllr Davison reported that along with Cllr Davis they had attended a conference with other councils discussing carbon footprints. They will be

	looking at the carbon footprint for the Herne Centre and Community Park.
13/22	Update on tree works in Wildlife Area. It was agreed that the tree survey needs to be carried out as soon as possible.
14/22	To discuss tree planting in Mill Lane and possibly Cherry Orchard. Kent County Council Highways have been chased again and Canterbury City Council have been asked regarding Cherry Orchard. There was discussion on what type of trees should be planted and whether the parish council would plant in Mill Lane. The clerk reported that she had a meeting with KCC Highways soft landscaping on Wednesday at 11am and would get more details from him. They have quoted £270 approx per tree. Cllr Davison said it would be good if residents could be involved in the planting, the clerk said she would ask about that.
15/22	To discuss Garden Safari The date for opening the gardens will be 12 th June. It was agreed to ask Friends of the Mill if the garden safari could start from there as it seems to work much better, if they agree a gazebo will be needed on the day. Michele and Catherine will contact the people who opened their garden previously and Cllr Davis will put something on Facebook asking people to register their gardens once there are 10 or 12 gardens a meeting will be held to discuss how it all runs and the nomination of a charity.
16/22	To discuss the fitness equipment. The horseback rider has a broken bracket and needs either repair or removal, Cllr Saunders has taped it up. It was listed on the annual inspection report along with some issues on the MUGA and fence posts and paths at Community Park.
17/22	Member's Reports. None

Meeting closed 9.20pm