

HERNE & BROOMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Environment & Leisure Committee held at Herne Mill, Wootton Room, on Tuesday 26th August 2014 at 7.30pm, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Present: Cllr Taylor, Cllr Tracey Jones, Cllr Nicholson, Cllr Blatherwick, Cllr Rafferty, Cllr Davis and Paul Parker.

Not Present: Cllr Robert Jones, Cllr Tobin, and Cllr Sargent

53/14	Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Robert Jones, Cllr Sargent and Cllr Tobin.
54/14	To receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda. None
55/14	The minutes of the meeting held on 31st July 2014 were agreed as a correct record.
56/14	Matters arising. None
	Public Adjournment. Members of the public asking questions on the agenda should give their name and address None present.
57/14	Report on the Fun day and de-brief. The clerk said firstly she wanted to thank members who helped out on the day. It was very disappointing that nearly half the councillors were not available to help for the day. It increases the work load on the councillors that are there, and in future it is important that members do commit to attend for the day; obviously there are always unexpected things that happen to stop people attending but other than that they need to commit to help. Everyone who is there on the day is a volunteer, which includes the clerk and her husband and it is important that helpers don't feel overwhelmed, which is why there must be enough help to do what is required. There were doubts right up to the last minute that there would be enough help to set up and run the stalls etc. Despite the rather inclement weather, the air show in Herne Bay and the Car Show in Whitstable, the day was once again well supported by the local residents and approx 2,000 people attended during the afternoon. Rotary coped well with the car park this year and they have been thanked for attending. The wardens did a great job on the gate and keeping the main entrance for exhibitors vehicles only, which seemed to work well. There were plenty of food stalls and they all seemed to do reasonably well although the ice cream van didn't do as well as in previous years due to the weather being cool. There were a variety of outside stalls as well as the parish council stalls, which all seemed to do quite well on the day. The displays went ahead despite the rain, and the challenge, although chaotic was fun and enjoyed by the spectators. The fun races were great

despite the helpers having to be changed and a lack of equipment. Surprisingly even though it rained heavily for sometime during the afternoon people stayed and carried on after it had stopped. The number of classic cars was down on other years, probably due to the car show at Whitstable and the weather. There was an offer of pony rides for next year. Although the figures won't be finalised just yet it is hoped the profit will be in the region of £1,800. The clerk stated that she thought the number of parish council stalls needed to be reduced as well as the number of gazebo's that the parish council had. It was too much work to put up 12 gazebos on the day and also the clerks husband had to load everything and transport it as well as unload again at the end of the day and it was too much for one person. Following the clerks report on the fun day it was generally agreed that the number of stalls needed to be reduced, which would help reduce the number of gazebo's required. It would also reduce the amount of equipment etc that would be needed. Others needed to help transport some of what was required on the day and be responsible for taking it away again at the end of the day. All councillors need to commit to helping at next year's event as due to elections it would not be known who will be there on the day. The warden Michelle Weston reported that the change to having a vehicle only access at the main gate worked well, and that people understood that it was a safety issue and were happy to use the other entrance. She suggested that a couple more pedestrians only signs would be needed next time. She said the new position for the Classic Cars worked well. Rotary did a much better job this year, especially as they were set further into Strode Park, which prevented tailbacks and everything ran really smoothly with the car parking. It was agreed that the cost for parking should be increased to £1, next time, to encourage arrival by public transport or walking. There were discussions on dates as it was agreed that the event should not clash with the Herne Bay Air Show in future. The clerk told members that she had been in touch with the Promo team and that they did intend another event next year and this would be the same sort of time as they have to tie in with Airborne Eastbourne. Cllr Nicholson suggested holding the event the same day as the Bus Rally and getting the buses to come to Herne from the town. It was agreed that the clerk would find out if this was possible. Paul Parker said if the fun day clashed with the Dogs Trust's event then he would not be able to attend. It was felt that it would be better to bring the date forward to earlier in August. The clerk reported that there had been complaints about a conflict with the bands and the PA system and that most of the band and their group seemed to take over the R & R gazebo. It was agreed that perhaps live music could be dropped next year and perhaps a marching band could attend for the opening of the event. Cllr Rafferty offered to try and get one booked. Cllr Rafferty said he thought that vehicles needed to be off the show site by midday as people arrived before the 1pm start. There needs to be a place on

	the application form for stall holders, to state whether they have a generator or not, so they can be placed in an appropriate position. The clerk commented that she felt the Hoopla stall could have done a lot better. It needed some exciting prizes to encourage people to play and needed to be set up before the helpers arrive to take it over. It was agreed to look for better prizes. Cllr Rafferty will contact the Air/Sea Cadets etc as soon as a date has been confirmed to get them on board for the Challenge. It was agreed to try and reduce advertising costs for the event next year and perhaps if we work in with the Bus Rally that will help. Herne Bay Promo team will also be asked to advertise the event again.
58/14	To discuss the Race Night. The clerk reported that the date for the night would be one evening in January 2015. It was agreed that there would be Sausage & Chips included in the ticket price. Clerk will confirm cost for this. The person that does the race night, does them for free but asks for a donation towards Kent Air Ambulance, It was agreed this would be on a percentage basis to be agreed. The date will be confirmed and final details discussed at the next meeting.
59/14	To discuss Wildlife Area. The clerk reported that the Scouts and Guides were interested in using the Wildlife Area but the paths needed clearing before they could get in there. Paul Parker volunteered to clear the paths and the clerk will give him access to the area. Cllr Davis recommended planting Hawthorn near the fenced area in November.
60/14	Community Park issues. The clerk reported that there had been issues with the padlocks. KCC Waste Management had put their own padlocks on the gates to ensure they get access. Cllr Rafferty told members it was possible to get secure padlocks and he would look into it and report back at the next meeting. The clerk reported that work would need to be done to the paths next year as they were deteriorating, it is hoped that the manhole cover will be installed soon.
61/14	Members reports and correspondence received by the clerk. The clerk reported that she had received a request for a free calendar from one of the residents who submitted pictures for the calendar and 5 of his photos had been used. Members approved this. Cllr Rafferty thanked the councillors who did attend to help at the fun day. Cllr Nicholson thanked the members for their messages of support regarding his mother. Cllr Blatherwick thanked the clerk and her husband for all their hard work at the fun day. Cllr Davis said she wished to reiterate what Cllr Blatherwick had said.

Meeting closed 9.10pm