

HERNE & BROOMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Herne & Broomfield Parish Council Environment & Leisure Committee held at Herne Mill, Wootton Room, on 31st July 2014 at 7.30pm, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Present: Cllr Nicholson, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Blatherwick and Cllr Tobin.

Not present: Cllr Sargent, Cllr Tracey Jones, Cllr Davis, Cllr Rafferty and Paul Parker.

42/14	Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Jones, Cllr Sargent, Cllr Davis and Cllr Rafferty also Paul parker.
43/14	To receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda. None
44/14	The minutes of the meeting held on 28 th May 2014 were agreed as a correct record.
45/14	Matters arising. The clerk reported that Serco had said there wasn't hemlock at the Community Park, Cllr Davis disagrees.
	Public Adjournment. Members of the public asking questions on the agenda should give their name and address
46/14	Report on the Valuation Day. 27 tickets were sold for the day and everyone came along with their articles for valuation. Some were left disappointed as the items were not of high value, however a couple of items were handed over to the auctioneers and will go to auction later in the year. A raffle and refreshments were available to those in attendance, thanks to Cllrs Taylor and Hobbs and Michelle Weston who helped out at the event. Thanks must also go to The Canterbury Auction Galleries for attending to carry out valuations free of charge. All monies raised will go towards the new community centre. A total of £201.70 was taken but there is the cost of hire for Kent Enterprise House to come out of that. It is hoped that another can be held at a later date.
47/14	To discuss Fun Day progress and outstanding issues. The clerk reported several issues that had arisen, with caterers, St John's Ambulance, the Challenge, music and problems with helpers and transporting of the large gazebo. Most of the issues have now been resolved. Cllr Tobin volunteered his three sons to help on the day with setting up etc. With regard to the challenge, there are issues regarding the number of teams entered and prizes etc. Following discussions Cllr Nicholson told the committee that County Cllr Marsh had agreed to fund the event. It was agreed to purchase a cup and that cheques would be given to the first 3 places. 1 st £50, 2 nd £25 and 3 rd £10. John Nicholson confirmed that the equipment would be there for the challenge except for the tug of war rope. The clerk is trying to get this. Additional helpers will be sourced if possible for the day. A request for tombola prizes will be sent out.

48/14	To discuss the Race Night. The clerk suggested late November if possible. Dates will be checked and more information will be available at the next meeting.
49/14	To discuss the Nosh & Knowledge. The clerk reported that all tables have been sold. Thanks to Ann and Mabel for their organisation of this event.
50/14	Community Park update. The clerk reported problems at the park padlocks stolen and gates left open. She also had concerns about the work Serco was carrying out and suggested that it might be necessary to look at the contract and get other contractors to quote for the work. Hopefully the new manhole will be fitted and water for the BMX club available.
51/14	To discuss Wildlife Area. The Guides and Scouts had asked if they could use the area. It was agreed to get the paths cleared and the warden will organise a litter pick. Once this is done a meeting will be arranged with the Scouts and Guides to discuss their requirements. The paths will need to be kept cleared and a management plan put together for this area.
52/14	Members reports and correspondence received by the clerk. Cllr Nicholson reported that he had helped with the church garden at Broomfield the previous weekend.

Meeting closed 8.55pm