

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 18th February 2016 at 7.30pm, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Present: Cllr Taylor, Cllr Sargent, Cllr Blatherwick, Cllr Rafferty, Cllr Davison and Paul Parker.

01/16 **Apologies for absence received** from Cllr Davis, Cllr Saunders and Cllr Nicholson

02/16 **To receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda.** None

03/16 **To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 26th November 2015.**

04/16 **Matters Arising.** Race Night date has changed to 7th May

Public Adjournment.

Members of the public asking questions on the agenda should give their name and address

None

05/16 **To discuss the Garden Safari and change of date.** Due to Strode Park holding their 70th anniversary event on 12th June it is necessary to discuss whether the date of the Garden Safari needs to be changed. The clerk has contacted some of the gardeners and it looks like the 19th June is the most favourable with the gardeners as it is later for the plants etc, however it is also Father's Day. The clerk asked some of them about a Saturday but they felt it was better to stick to a Sunday. Minster in Thanet have theirs the same weekend but it is a two day. St Nicholas aren't having one this year. It was agreed to change the date to 19th June.

06/16 **To set dates for Children's Christmas party and Float tours.** The report on the Christmas Party was given at the December full council meeting. The party was attended by 54 children plus some little ones. Most of the parents stayed with their children and enjoyed it as much as the children did. A great time was had by all and the compliments as parents left were great, also had 3 emails from some that attended saying how good it was and how they all enjoyed it. The date for this year's party was agreed and will be on 10th December.

The float was out to deliver Father Christmas to the party and again on 19th & 20th December and was well received. Times did not over run to any great degree. The route and stopping places were discussed and it was decided it would be better to have as many set stopping places as possible and if Cllr Davis can produce a map that would be helpful. The amount donated while the float was touring was £461.69, a large amount of this came from Willow Farm Way for enabling Father Christmas to distribute presents to the children. This compares with £403.85 collected last year. It was agreed the float would go out on 17th & 18th December this year.

Cllr Harvey had asked for the float to be discussed, he has suggested that the roof be change to clear plastic to make it lighter and it would also be easier to put it up and down. The clerk told members that there was a slight possibility that storage, undercover may become available, if that is the case then the float roof would not need to be raised and lowered. It was agreed to wait until this was confirmed. Any work would need to carried out September/October time.

07/16 **To discuss Fun day 2016,** grants, charges for stalls and booking attractions etc. The clerk reported that she had contacted the food suppliers and the trade stalls, she suggested that perhaps the trade stalls could pay a little bit extra this year, say

£5 local and charity stalls to stay the same. A grant for £500 from the KCC Member fund has been submitted, any other sponsorship would be good, suggestions welcome. We need to start collecting prizes for the tombola as they need to be in early, if anyone has anything they could donate it would be greatly appreciated. Last year we had a volunteer who went round the local shops etc to get prizes and he was very successful, volunteers to do this would be helpful. Birchington Silver Band have confirmed they will attend, fee or donation to be confirmed. The initial form has gone to CCC requesting the use of Cherry Orchard on 31st July. Cllr Rafferty will go through the forms that need to be submitted and then they will be sent to CCC. St John's Ambulance has been booked, the fairground attractions are booked. G & S Catapults are unable to attend as they are booked somewhere else. Two stalls have booked and paid. Kent Fire Fit has been asked to attend but not confirmed, mobile police station have put the date in their diary. There were discussions on what should go in the main ring. If the band goes on directly after the opening, Cllr Sargent is going to ask Harry....if he would consider opening the event. Following the Band, there will be a Karate display, Cllr O'Donnell had offered to ask the choir to attend, and members agreed this would be good. One of the dance schools would be asked to do a display. If Kent Fire Fit attend again this was considered enough for the main ring

- 08/16 To discuss the Strode Park event on 12th June** Tracy has sent through some details of what they are proposing, they do want the parish council to be involved. This will be a 1940's style event the scouts will do a BBQ and there will be afternoon tea, there will be music in the theatre. The event will be free but the music in the theatre will be ticket only (£7) Birchington Silver Band is playing at the event. It was agreed that perhaps the parish council could have a book stall. The clerk will arrange a meeting with Tracy to discuss what they would like the parish council to do.
- 09/16 To discuss works need at Broomfield Community Park, signage, planting etc.** Cllr Harvey has helped the BMX club to complete and application for funding for the fencing and start gate repairs. This will go to the HBAMP meeting next week. The fencing is the main priority. The paths need work. Cllr Blatherwick said she would investigate what can be done with the paths. Cllr Sargent has been dealing with the regular maintenance of the grassed areas etc. and a meeting will be arranged with Cllr Davis to discuss some planting. The clerk said she would look at what wording is required for the signage and two new signs would need to be made up.
- 10/16 To discuss the Wildlife Area and work required.** Rubbish needs clearing and the paths need some work. There may be some cutting back required before Guides and Scouts can use it. This needs to be done soon. It was agreed this work would need to be paid for. Cllr Sargent was asked to provide a quote for the clearing and Dave Parr will be asked if he can supply wood chippings for the path.
- 11/16 Member's reports and relevant correspondence received by the clerk.** Cllr Davison spoke about a group to look after flower bed and tubs. She would put together a design for the flower bed, both this and the tubs would need plants that would last. The clerk asked if she could provide a list of plants and she would see if some could be donated. Volunteers would be needed to do the planting and to water them. Cllr Rafferty suggested looking at the floodlights in the MUGA to see if they could be changed to LED's with solar panels. Paul Parker offered to look into what was available.

Meeting closed 9pm