

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 Tuesday 6th September 2016 at 7.30pm, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Present: Cllr Taylor, Cllr Davis, Cllr Blatherwick, Cllr Sargent, Cllr Davison, Cllr Saunders, Cllr Rafferty. Warden Michelle Weston also attended.

23/16	Apologies for absence , were received from Paul Parker.
24/16	To receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda. None.
25/16	The minutes of the meeting held on 21st June 2016 were agreed as a correct record.
26/16	Matters arising. None
	Public Adjournment. Members of the public asking questions on the agenda should give their name and address. I person attended.
27/16	Debrief on Family Fun Day and to discuss next year's event and look at dates. Clerk's Report on Family Fun Day held on 31st July 2016. It was a great day, all the helpers turned up to help set up and this all went very smoothly, people knew what they were doing and just went off and did it, which made life easy and I would like to say a big thank you to all those who were there to both set up and take down, as the take down also went quite smoothly. The attendance at the event was probably the biggest we have seen, there were so many local families, it was lovely to see. I didn't hear any complaints from anyone and the feed- back was that people had enjoyed it and it had been a lovely event. Michelle, Charlotte and Sue did a wonderful job on the gate and had all the vehicles under control and in the correct places. Rotary did a really good job with the car parking and were able to keep rotating vehicles as one left another arrived, right up until 3pm. Birchington Silver Band were well received and their position by the ball court seemed to work well. It was a shame that the Sea Cadets didn't make it into the main ring as we had hoped they would march into and around and then out of the ring but they ended up just marching through the stalls area. They were however, very good. The Classic Cars were out in force, probably the most we have had attend, over 90 on the day and they all seemed to have a really good day. There was a suggestion that we could ask people to vote for their favourite car on the day or perhaps have a prize for the one that had travelled the furthest. There was also a suggestion that they should be charged to attend. Paul Parker did a wonderful job on the PA, as always, and also with the races, I think this was the first year that we have had a large number of children enter the races, and they had a whale of a time as did the spectators, so well done to all who were involved with the races.

	Not having quite so many things going on in the main ring, meant that Paul could go over to the dog ring and keep people informed as to what classes were going on and keep them entertained over there, we have not done this in previous years and it seemed to go down well. The dog show had over 100 entries which was the most I think we have ever had, there were dogs everywhere. The displays in the main ring attracted the attention of the spectators and went down well. The stalls have done well and all the helpers turned up and did the afternoon session without complaint. The food suppliers did a lot of business, especially the scouts who ran out about 2pm. Pip the Clown had a good crowd for her shows and the Face Painters were busy all afternoon. The clerk reported that all had run smoothly and Michelle told members that having an area for vehicles in an emergency and also fencing an area off for cars to have access, along with keeping the main entrance gate pedestrian free had worked really well. Dates for next year's event were discussed. Cllr Blatherwick reported that the scouts would not be available as it was the scout Jamboree, there was much discussion around whether it would be possible to move the date to the week before but Cllr Davis told members that she felt it was confusing if we kept changing the date and it was possible that Sue Davis would be able to attend on that day. As Sue positions all the stalls and helps with the children's races it was decided that the date would be 30th July and an alternative supply for tea coffee and burgers would be sourced. Everyone agreed that the stalls etc that had attended were a good mix. Cllr Saunders told members that he thought Faversham Mission Brass might be willing to attend along with the Sea Cadets. He would check the cost of the Brass band, he would also ask if it was possible to have the climbing wall. The clerk will talk to Annette regarding the dog show classes, as she has some ideas. Michelle told members that having a drop off point and taped area worked very well and suggested this should be done again next year. She said Rotary did a really good job with the car parking and stopping pedestrian access at the main gate also worked really well. Cllr Davison reported that Goody Ales had a good afternoon and she also said she would like to see more local craft stalls. The clerk did explain the event was well advertised both within the village and outside and she did not know what else could be done to encourage more stalls to attend. The clerk said the response with regard to prizes from the school was excellent and Cllr Blatherwick thought actually attending and talking to the children helped to get them enthusiastic about the event. It was agreed that all the stalls, etc. that had attended this year would be invited for next year. The car show was discussed and it was agreed to have a prize for the car that had travelled the furthest and a prize for the car most liked by the visitors The cars would need to display a number in their windscreen and visitors would be able to vote for the car they like best.
28/16	To discuss Flower Beds/Tubs in the village. Update on groups looking after

	flower bed etc in village. Cllr Davison reported that the dry weather had proved a disaster and many of the plants had died, due to them not being watered. She was going to try and get more volunteers to help look after the planters and flower bed but the flower bed will need clearing out and it is too much for Julia to do. Michelle suggested asking if Community Payback could be asked to do this, it was agreed that this was a good idea. Cllr Davison will look at suitable plants to go in the tubs for the winter months. Possibly geraniums or winter pansies. Cllr Davison hopes to have a Garden Party to encourage people to come along and help with looking after the flower bed and tubs, this would be in the spring. Michelle told members that she was hoping to have a drop in session in November to try and get volunteers for a variety of things in the parish.
29/16	To discuss thank you event and set date. It was agreed to hold this on 2nd or 9th October depending on hall availability. Some of the food will be purchased from Sainsbury and a request will go out for cakes to be donated.
30/16	To discuss Children's Christmas Party and float. Children's party will be held on 10th December, Paul Parker will be asked to run the disco again and Pip to keep the children entertained after they have eaten. Presents will be sourced. The float will tour Herne on 17 & Broomfield on 18th December. The clerk told members the float needed to be moved from Keat Farm to Bullockstone, the work on stabilizing the roof needs to be done as soon as possible. Cllr Sargent will collect the float. It was agreed a maximum of £200 budget for the work needed on the float.
31/16	To discuss Broomfield Community Park, next years' maintenance contract and new signage. Work to the track itself, more work on the maintenance, spraying. The paths need to be sprayed as there is bad encroachment in places, spraying clearing around some of the trees and shrubs. BMX track needs to be sprayed, area at rear of site needs all the thistles clearing. The bank alongside BMX track needs strimming also around any shrubs that are growing. Under seats also needs strimming. The contract for the work will need to be renewed for 2017 and there needs to be a clear specification for the work required. Cllrs Davis and Sargent and the clerk will meet on site to try and put this together. The clerk reported that there was some S106 money available for work at Community Park, she suggested that the BMX course builder be contacted regarding work on the track. Cllr Davis also requested a meeting with the clubs that are charging to use the track, to clarify what they should be doing in the way of maintenance. The clerk reported that there was quite a lot of dog mess at the Community Park and she will put up some signs asking people to pick up after their dogs. Cllr Davis told members she would like to see a nice big sign saying welcome to the Community Park as well as they statutory sign re the use of safety equipment and phone contact for problems at the site.
32/16	To discuss future fund raising events for Community Centre. The Race Night is on 12 November and the hall is booked for 26th possibly for a quiz or a Bingo night. Michelle pointed out that the Strode Park Fair was on 26th so it might be necessary to change the date of the quiz. The clerk has

	suggested contacting John Nicholson to ask about quiz night and if he cannot do it City Cllr Rob Jones will be asked about the Bingo session. There are plans for a stall at Strode Park's Christmas Fair and Michelle will have a table where the children can do crafts. Hook A Cuddly is a popular stall and Cllr Davis reported she had purchased some cuddly toys at the boot fair recently. Some members may have cuddly toys that they could donate. St Martin's are also holding a Christmas event and it may be possible to have a toy stall at that.
33/16	Members' reports and correspondence received by the clerk. Cllr Davison asked for volunteers to help with the tubs and Cllr Rafferty asked if CCC would be able to start the mobile-app for fly tipping. The clerk thought it unlikely as they didn't have the funding to run it. Cllr Davis reported that a pond task day was held on 4th September and about 16 helpers turned up. Following this she attended the judging at the allotments.

Meeting closed 9.20pm