

HERNE & BROOMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Office, Herne Centre, St Martin's View Herne, Herne Bay, Kent CT6 7AP

Minutes of the meeting of Herne & Broomfield Parish Council Finance & Resources Committee held at Herne Centre on **Wednesday 27th July 2022** at 7.30pm, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Present: Cllr Harvey, Cllr Davis and Cllr Saunders.

17/22	Election of Chairman and Vice chairman. Cllr Harvey was elected as Chairman and Cllr Collins Vice Chairman.
18/22	Apologies for absence, were received from Cllr Wilson and Cllr Collins.
19/22	Declarations of Interest and dispensations requested. None.
20/22	The minutes of the meeting held on 28th April 2022, were agreed as correct.
21/22	Matters Arising. None.

Public adjournment

To allow members of the public to speak about items on the agenda.

None in attendance

22/22	Update on AGAR. The RFO reported that there had been a couple of queries, these had been dealt with and the paperwork has now been passed on for final approval. It is unlikely that the accounts will be signed off before September.
23/22	To examine expenditure against budget. The RFO said everything was on budget, hopefully with interest rates on the rise, income from reserves will increase. She did advise that the electricity costs for the mill lights are likely to be over budget due to the large increase in supply charges. The RFO raised issues regarding the Herne Centre. To date the income from the centre is £1,903.24, up to 31 st May 2022. The figures for June have just been received, so are late, the amount is approx. £200. The expenditure for the period to date is £5,359. The expenditure for 21-22 was £15,000. Income £3,872. It is recommended that the percentage being paid to the parish council by West Faversham should be reviewed, as the council cannot continue running the building at a loss. Perhaps it would be worth considering a fixed sum payment, per year, paid over 12 months. This could be increased by the rate of inflation each year. It would be useful to know how much income the centre is generating in order to consider the parish council percentage increase, and their share of the expenditure. The before and after school clubs are back to normal but they don't generate any income for the parish council. RFO suggested that WF should be paying the parish council the normal share of what the hire cost for the use of the room would be if anyone else was using it. It appears that Canterbury City Council forgot to pay the Concurrent Funding grant this year. When this came to light, it was chased up and the amount of £5,962 has now been received. On checking with Hoath clerk, theirs was paid in April. The RFO did advise that work would need to be carried out later in the year to the BMX track.
24/22	To consider the auditor's report. Circulated. The auditor was happy with the checks that were carried out. The clerk explained that the auditor looks at more than just the figures, including contracts and policies amongst others.

Meeting Closed 8.25pm