

HERNE & BROOMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the next meeting of Herne & Broomfield Parish Council Community Centre Committee held at Wootton Room, Herne Mill, on Thursday 4th September 2014 at 8.00pm, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Present: Cllr Davis, Cllr Blatherwick, Cllr Rafferty, Cllr Day, Mabel Wright, Linda White and Ann Berry.

Not present: Cllr Robert Jones

33/14	Apologies for absence received from Cllr R Jones.
34/14	The minutes of the meeting held on 5th June 2014 were agreed as a correct record.
35/14	Declarations of interests and requests for dispensations. Cllr Rafferty as chairman of St Martin's View Residents Association.
36/14	Matters Arising. The Soil Investigation has been completed. The noise limiter has been installed. The valuation day went well and raised just under £200. The clerk thanked Linda White for organising the Treasure Hunt at the Fun Day. The clerk said she had not had time to do anything about the finger post. The grant application could not be submitted due to a delay on the planning. Following Cllr Days quer'y that a councillor, not on the committee, should not be treated as a member of the public, the clerk asked for confirmation from KALC and this is Clive's response 'I think everything I have seen (including <i>LCs Explained</i> by NALC (2013) is that membership of a committee is a matter of fact: and it should be clear from the minutes and terms of reference who is on and who is not. I agree with you that if you are not clearly prescribed as a member of that committee you have no more rights than a member of the public and a closed meeting applies to that member in their capacity as an elector/member of the public. There is also a "need to know" issue here and there may be very good reasons why the committee would wish to keep information within its orbit (i.e. duty of care to an employee). This of course does not preclude that committee inviting someone to remain or attend (examples would be special testimony/expert input etc.): but that is the point : they are extending that invitation right: it does not fall naturally to a non-member Councillor (i.e. by rights). Other issues include the danger of setting a poor and dangerous precedent. I support you 100% in your understanding and your staffing issue is a prime example of why the above both makes sense and is clearly the correct procedure. I think once again you have acted with great professionalism and protected your Council. Linda White queried why residents had not been sent out letters re the Soil Investigation, the clerk said she was not sure why this had not happened.

Public adjournment

The meeting will be adjourned to allow members of the public to speak about items on the agenda. Names and addresses to be given

Alan King attended and spoke to the committee to introduce himself and let them know how things were working out now he had taken over from Peter Gray as hall manager.

37/14	To report on the planning application for the new Community Centre, and the tendering
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	process etc. The grant of permission was received on 19th August and Betteridge & Milsom have sent out the tenders to the interested parties. It is expected that these will be back by the end of September in order for the parish council to decide their preferred contractor at the October meeting. Cllr Davis thanked those who had spoken at the planning meeting Mabel Wright, Phil Ling and Cllr Blatherwick; she also thanked all those who had supported the project so far and of course Matt Judge.
38/14	To discuss fund raising events and 100 club. Mabel Wright and Ann Berry have organised a Nosh & Knowledge night for 11th October and this is fully booked, the clerk thanked both of them. A race night is planned for 17th January with Sausage & Chips, it is likely to cost £6pp which will include a 50p bet. A donation will be made to Kent Air Ambulance from the proceeds. A gaming licence is not required for this as the amounts won will not be large enough. Linda White is happy to run a 100 club, Cllr Davis will get an article in the next newsletter and residents will be encouraged to take part. Linda has the details of how it will be run and these will be amended to suit how we will run ours. She will send to Cllr Davis and this can be approved at the next meeting. It is intended to start the 100 club from January 2015. Cllr Davis asked if anyone has the time if they could go into the Library and look through the Directory of Grant Making Trust to find possible sources of grants. It was suggested that a leaflet be produced to distribute to local residents asking them to contribute. There were also suggestions that people could contribute to specific items and that a list be kept and advertised showing who had contributed and how the fundraising was progressing. It may be necessary to use social media for this, facebook and twitter. To discuss an appeal to Local Business. Cllr Davis told members that there were a lot of small businesses in the parish and an appeal could go out to them asking for contributions. The clerk suggested face to face contact also worked well. Ann Berry & Mabel suggested a flower arranging event for Christmas, if Revd Elaine Richardson was willing to let them hold it in the church.
39/14	To discuss the grant funding. A grant form is under way and we are on the look-out for others. It is hoped to submit in mid October. A decision should be made by Christmas. It is hoped that there will be funding available from the solar farm installations as well as S 106 from new developments.
40/14	Update on new hall manager. The previous manager has now left and Alan King was chosen as replacement and has settled in well. There were 6 applicants, although one did withdraw following the interviews. There was some discussion on how the bookings should be managed and the committee want to see a hard copy kept as well as an online diary. The option to have a calendar online showing when the hall is booked was also discussed.
41/14	To look at Income & Expenditure to date. The clerk reported that the income to date was £4,352.19, this didn't include any fund raising. Expenditure including salaries was £2,917.03 therefore to date the profit is £1,435.16.
42/14	Members' reports and clerks correspondence. Ann Berry & Mabel Wright will be meeting up to finalise details for the Nosh & Knowledge.

Meeting closed 8.40pm