

HERNE & BROOMFIELD PARISH NCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Herne & Broomfield Parish Council Community Centre Committee held at Wootton Room, Herne Mill, on Thursday 15th October 2015 at 7.30pm, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Present: Cllr Davis, Cllr Harvey, Cllr Rafferty, Cllr O'Donnell, Cllr Blatherwick, Ann Berry, Linda White and Mabel Wright.

Cllr Davis welcomed Cllr O'Donnell to the committee she would replace Cllr Harvey who had requested to stand down.

15/15	Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman. Cllr Davis was elected as chairman and Cllr Rafferty as Vice chairman.
16/15	Apologies for absence. None
17/15	The minutes of the meeting held on 26th February 2015 were agreed as a correct and accurate record.
18/15	Declarations of interests and requests for dispensations. None
19/15	Matters Arising. The clerk reported that the holes in St Martins View had been filled. Linda King had now been employed as hall cleaner.

Public adjournment

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

Name and address to be given

20/15	To look at Income & Expenditure to date for hall. The clerk told members that the hall was covering its costs and making a small profit, which was positive and showed the hall was being well used.
21/15	Report from Hall Manager. Alan is currently away but he has supplied the clerk with details of the bookings currently in place. The two days where there is space are Mondays until 2.30pm and Fridays between 1-6.30pm, and Sunday evenings. He has stated that he is struggling to find spaces for people who wish to book and that he is turning away more than he is booking now.
22/15	To discuss the existing hall, bookings, maintenance etc The clerk reported that volunteers had painted the outside of the hall and a sign had been purchased and put on the exterior facing the car park. Members all agreed it looked much tidier. Cllr Davis asked the clerk to record a vote of thanks to Ian and all the volunteers. Alan had asked about painting the inside, one of the helpers had offered to carry out the work when the hall was not in use. Members agreed that this would clean it up but would like the kitchen and toilets included. The clerk will ask for a price. Members approved a figure of up to £500. The clerk reported that work had been carried out to the roof as it was leaking again.
23/15	To discuss progress for the new building and how we take it forward. The clerk explained that the Finance committee had discussed the building of the new hall as the budget for 2016-17 had to be agreed to submit to full council. The clerk then came onto the new Community Centre, following her meeting with the internal auditor she had clarified that there was no reason why the

	parish council should not borrow £1m towards the cost of the build. The clerk had looked at repayments costs and the amount required from the precept and Cllr Davis had worked out approximate figures. The cost of repayments would be approx. £56,000pa which would reduce half yearly by £179.32. The clerk explained that the precept should not need to increase after this. The auditor had also suggested that residents should be informed of all the reasons as to why it was felt that this action was necessary and be aware of what the increase in the precept was going to be. The main issue had been that the developer who had submitted the winning design had also given the lowest cost for the build, unfortunately the person employed by them who did the costings left and then they said they could not possibly build it for the price quoted and when they came back with new costs it was almost double. The parish council then agreed that it would need to go out to tender and the prices came back between £1.2 and £1.5M. Following this the main grant funder then announced they were capping grants at £250,000. This was obviously a major issue, and the clerk told members the only way to get the new hall built would be to borrow the funds through a Public Works Loan. Members were in agreement to borrowing some of the funds required to build the new Community Centre, they also agreed that the residents need to be informed of all the facts and issues as to why it would be necessary to do so. Residents would be asked if they supported this action or not. The clerk explained that this would need to be done quickly as the precept request would have to be sent to Canterbury in December. Cllr Davis has been asked to put this on the front page of the next newsletter and if at all possible this would be distributed by mid-November and responses in by early December in time for the December meeting. If residents are in agreement with the proposal to borrow funds then a meeting will be arranged with Betteridge & Milsom to get the tender quotes updated, in order for the parish council to have accurate figures to work to before funding is applied for and also grant applications. Depending on the responses received the full council will approve the budget/precept at the December meeting. The precept increase for a Band D property for the full increase will be in the region of £16.42pa without the additional £40,000 it would be £1.78 increase. If residents voted no then it would be back to the drawing board.
24/15	Ideas for future fund raising Mabel and Ann were going to hold another quiz night in the new year and another Race Night has been booked for 30th April, Cllr Jones has said they would be willing to host another Bingo night. Cllr Harvey will look into applying to HBAMP for some funding. The clerk told members that there may be smaller grants available towards furnishings etc.
25/15	Members' reports and clerks correspondence. Cllr Blatherwick reported that her daughter, Alan and Cllr Davis were going to have a meeting to discuss a website showing when the hall is available and what is on when.

Meeting Closed 8.45pm