

HERNE & BROOMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Herne & Broomfield Parish Council Herne Centre Committee held at Herne Centre on 22nd July 2021 at 7.30pm, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Present: Cllr White, Cllr Blatherwick, Cllr Collins and Linda White

14/21	Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman. Cllr White was elected as chair and Cllr Blatherwick as vice chair.
15/21	Apologies for absence. Cllr Davis and Joanne Mc'Cann
16/21	Declarations of interests and requests for dispensations. None
17/21	The minutes of the meeting held on 4th March 2021, were agreed as a correct record.
18/21	Matters Arising. None

Public adjournment

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

No one in attendance

19/21	Update on monthly meetings held with James Browning. (Cllr Blatherwick & Michele). Michele had circulated the details and she went through the report, she confirmed the Centre was used for Covid testing from January to May. The coffee mornings were picking up once again, but lunch clubs weren't expected to really pick up until September. Cllr Blatherwick said at the next meeting she would ask for lighter meals to be included, soup, jacket potato or similar. The advertising would be kept under review. A couple of new notices had been put on the gate explaining that the parish council did not intend that the gate was providing a Right of Way. It was suggested that some better notices be purchased rather than laminated signs. Cllr Blatherwick and Michele said the monthly meetings were useful they aided communication and had improved the overall situation.
20/21	To discuss the garden design and maintenance of outside areas Cllr White will draw up a plan for the garden and will try and incorporate an area for the children to plant up. The hedge planting will take place in the autumn.
21/21	Update on Income and Expenditure for the Centre. The clerk reported that income so far this year was low, figures for June and July were not included in the income figure of £431.22. The expenditure seemed high in comparison but that was due to paying West Faversham their share of the grant received from CCC of £13,271.41 and the Insurance had been paid £2,195.26. Total expenditure to date £17,464.87.
22/21	Update on Future Bookings. Michele reported that bookings were picking up but James had reported that there was not much confidence in booking events at the moment due to the Covid situation. They are going to concentrate on the Christmas marketing. The Youth club has started with good numbers and will continue during the summer holidays, the messy play has a waiting list for September. There are bookings for various classes and these are picking up, James has tried to contact Active Life, without success, so is considering running their own classes with the qualified staff they have.

23/21	Update on Building Management system. An email has been received today Monodraught have been contacted and they will be supplying a quote to link their system with the Trend system. Hopefully this will be received by early August.
24/21	To discuss advertising of events at centre. Details of events are put in the noticeboards on web site and on FB, it has also been in the latest newsletter. It was suggested that Herne Centre needed its own branding, it needs consistency with the advertising and to be different from Faversham etc. Linda complained about the picture advertising the over 50's she said it was more like the over 80's. They need to take a look at 50 year olds and perhaps also who does their social media. Cllr Blatherwick and Michele will raise this at their next meeting.
26/21	To discuss keeping an inventory of items owned by PC for use at Centre. Michele and the clerk are happy to do an inventory of the big items, they don't have the time to count crockery and cutlery etc. but would be quite happy if any councillor wishes to take that on.
27/21	To discuss progress with the new shed. No progress on this as at the moment materials are very expensive, we were advised that it might be better to wait until they come back down.
28/21	To discuss appointing another member of the committee. Members need to decide whether they wish to have another resident or a councillor to fill the vacancy. The opinion was another resident would be best, the clerk was asked to approach the neighbour next door in the new house.
29/21	Members reports. Linda reported 100 club was ticking along, at the moment new members were being joined every 3 months, the next one will be October and it was agreed to try and increase the membership then. Linda had also received a complaint that lights had been left on over night at the Centre. Cllr Blatherwick will mention it at the next meeting, she also explained that the Parish Council was no longer responsible for the electricity bills they were covered by West Faversham.

Meeting Closed 8.30pm