

HERNE & BROOMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Herne & Broomfield Parish Council held at Herne Mill, Wootton Room, on Thursday 11th November 2010 at 7.30pm, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Present: Cllr Day, Cllr Blatherwick, Cllr Davis, Cllr Hobbs, Cllr Brealy, Cllr Whiffen, Cllr Moore, Cllr Jones, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Parker, and Cllr Sargent.

- 245/10 To receive apologies for absence and approve reasons. Cllr Vickery Jones has another meeting and Cllr Baylis will not attend due to the inclement weather. City Cllr Sonnex also has another meeting.
- 246/10 To receive declarations of interest on items on Agenda. None
- 247/10 The minutes of the meeting held on 14th October 2010 were agreed as a correct and accurate record.
- 248/10 To report on matters arising from the minutes, not on the agenda, for information only. There has been considerable interest in the parish council's proposal regarding the site for the Community Hall. The vendors have had a surveyor look over the site and he is reporting back, it will be little while before we hear from them again. The Herne Horticultural & Rose Society have planted the trough and the area in front of the trough in Albion Lane.

ADJOURNMENT FOR MEMBERS OF PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA. (ANYTHING ELSE AT CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION)

Members of the public to identify themselves, state their name and address

None present

Cllr Day welcomed Jo Pannell KCC's Senior Community Engagement Manager who was attending the meeting with County Cllr Marsh. Jo spoke about her involvement with the Local Board meetings for grants and she also administers the member grants and organises many meeting for members which she also attends.

- 249/10 **Chairman's Announcements.** Cllr Day reminded members that the Remembrance Service was on Sunday at 9-45am and also that the Thank you evening for the volunteers was on 26th November. Cllrs Brealy, Hobbs and Jones would be attending the KALC AGM on 13th November.
- 250/10 **Warden's Report.** Tom Daley reported that a litter pick has been organised for 22nd November at Broomfield Community Park. A barrier has been installed on the footpath next to the underpass going into Peartree Road, this was to stop motorcycles, unfortunately it is not doing so and KCC have been asked to come back and re-fit it. Tom will be talking to pupils at Herne Juniors about litter and there will also be a road safety talk later in the month. Everything is now in place for the painting of the mural in the underpass he is just waiting for the artist to confirm dates, hopefully it will be mid December. He has put up posters to discourage graffiti and is cleaning any that occurs, off on a regular basis.
- 251/10 **Police Matters/Crime report.** PCSO Sue Radcliffe reported one attempted burglary, she told members Halloween and Bonfire night had been a relatively quiet time. The police wish to be informed of any scrap metal lorries working in the area. Speed checks in the parish will be increased and there will be the usual Christmas initiative with the Drink Driving campaign.
- 252/10 **To receive reports from County Cllr Marsh & City Councillors.** County Cllr Marsh told members that he had brought Jo Pannell along as he wanted her to see how a larger parish council worked. Alan has had a meeting with the road engineers to discuss the possibility of moving the kerbs in Canterbury Road slip road to widen it enough to relieve the parking issues. A small area of Millview Road has been patched as a test area. The issue of the water leak at the junction of School Lane and

Broomfield Road is ongoing. Twelve posts across several parishes will be installed for the speed signs by January. As a result of the spending review the government have cut KCC's funding by 28% this will result in a 2.5% increase in KCC's portion of council tax.

Alan still has some tickets available for Aladdin and is waiting for the Over 50's Club to inform him as to how many they need. The road closure signs have gone up for the Remembrance Service on Sunday and Alan has arranged for the Colour Sargent Major of the Royal Marines who teaches the bugle to be there on Sunday. He hopes that next year there will be some Royal Marines who will attend the service following their deployment in Afghanistan. There was a meeting to discuss the proposals for night flights at Manston Airport, the proposals have now been withdrawn and will be reconsidered. Contrary to press reports the request was for 7 aircraft a week to be allowed to go into the airport later than 11pm, this would happen as and when required and would not be scheduled night flights.

- 253/10 Planning and Highways matters.** To receive planning minutes of meeting held on 4th November and take questions. No questions were received. The clerk informed members that Maypole Road was being closed from 25th November as South East Water were installing a new water main. The alternative route for all traffic, except local, will be through Herne. Work is expected to last until April 2011, depending on whether there are any archaeological finds during the process. County Cllr Marsh told members that the situation on this was going to change and it was hoped that the road could be kept open for most of the work.

254/10 Finance

To ratify payments made since last meeting. None

To resolve the approval of payments presented at this meeting; to approve bank reconciliation and earmarked reserves as supplied. These were approved.

To report on income received. VAT refund £2,640.81, Donations £12.50, Newsletters advertising £144, Donations events £26.00, Bank interest current £1.68, Interest 14 day £102.40, Sales £4.50 Total £2,931.89

To discuss the charges for photocopying. The clerk reported that the cost of both paper and ink was due a big increase also VAT is to increase in January and recommended that charges should be 10p per copy including VAT. It was agreed that any official council copying would be 5p and any other copying would be 10p per copy both to include VAT.

- 255/10 Environmental Issues including Tree & Pond Warden's Report** Cllr Davis reported that the grass cutting around Goldspots pond was to be reviewed. The Curtis Wood Park leaflet would be ready soon. She has responded to two applications for tree works. The Energy Saving Workshop is being held on 25th November at the Wootton Room at 8pm. The energy monitors have been ordered and will be issued by Cllr Davis along with an information pack, residents will be asked to leave a deposit cheque when they collect the monitors. ADAS is holding a small chicken flocks workshop on Wednesday 1st December at the First & Last. Cllr Hobbs reported that a Task Day will be held on 21st November at 10am at Goldspots pond.

256/10 Clerk's Report/Correspondence.

The clerk thanked both Cllr Davis and Cllr Taylor for covering emails and the post while she was on annual leave, also Cllrs Day and Blatherwick for keeping an eye on the ball court and Broomfield Community Park.

The clerk had a meeting with Rosemary Selling to discuss the position of the Village signs and she was now checking that there aren't any objections to the chosen positions. As soon as this has been sorted then Peter Vickery Jones will be informed. The email was copied to all members who have email. Cllr Davis asked for the position of the post at Broomfield to be moved closer to the green triangle.

The post on the zebra crossing in Herne on the post office side has been changed to an illuminated one, making it more visible.

A new dog bin has been put in Broomfield Road near the track opposite The Meadows.

A meeting was held with Maggie Mackenzie and Sam de Costa from KHS, Cllr Ann

Blatherwick and the parish clerk. Sam has recently taken over from Richard Dixon as the parish council's liaison officer. The issue of the problems at Broomfield Post Office and salt bins were discussed. They were told how pleased the parish council was with the resurfacing work in School Lane, Mill Lane and Gorse Lane. It will be some time before any major work can be undertaken in Millview Road due to lack of funding.

The gritting routes were checked and we understand that the existing salt bins have been refilled and the new ones should be installed any day. Cllr Blatherwick asked if would be at all possible to have the footpath by the school gritted, this will be looked into. There was also the question of altering the priority at the junction of Millview Rd and Strode Park Road.

It looks like there is going to be a major restructure within KCC and this will of course affect KHS, nothing concrete will be known until early in the new year.

The winter edition of the newsletter is ready for distribution, many thanks to Cllr Davis for getting this to the printers on time.

The clerk reminded everyone that the thank you and presentation evening is on 26th November at the Institute hall, and members who haven't contacted the clerk with regard to food were asked to do so fairly quickly. There are about 60 people who have confirmed attendance.

The bookings for the Children's Christmas Party are going well with 40 booked to date.

The funding for the football sessions has now finished. The clerk has asked Charlton to continue and they will be paid from the earmarked reserves. The clerk will try and get some funding from elsewhere. It is not known if there will be any funding available in the new financial year. The day of the training has been changed to Thursday evening.

Correspondence

Email received from CCC the cameras in Cherry Orchard are almost ready to go live, they now have a broadband connection.

Deacon landscape have apologies for the delay in starting the remedial work, At Broomfield Community Park, they are now due to start on 17th November.

- 257/10 Reports from council representatives on outside bodies (KALC, Street monitors, etc), and any meetings attended by members on behalf of parish council.** Cllr Davis attended an Allotment Society meeting and they have decided not to have another meeting until the AGM unless there is any progress with the lease prior to this. Cllr Davis also attended a CPRE meeting where they spoke about planning issues in the Canterbury Area and also Elham's Going Green initiative. A full report will be sent to members.
- 258/10 To report on Youth Club** Cllr Taylor reported that the attendance at the last two meetings had been good, the committee are looking at ways of increasing the membership.
- 259/10 To update members on the progress of the lease for the allotment site.** David Hurst has visited the site and will send the report out as soon as it is completed. The clerk has chased this up. It will then be sent on to the PCC for approval by the Charities Commission. The clerk has asked if the land has been registered yet and is awaiting a reply.
- 260/10 To discuss providing a litter bin at new bus shelter in Canterbury Road.** CCC don't think the existing litter bin opposite is well used therefore do not think an additional one to be necessary. They will monitor useage. It was agreed to postpone this item as there is uncertainty as to the issue of emptying the bins and the possibility that CCC are going to reduce the number of both dog and litter bins.
- 261/10 To approve a policy to deal with councillors retiring within 6 months of an election.** Cllr Day explained that if a vacancy occurs within six months of an election you cannot, by law have a by-election. He thought it would be prudent to have a policy in place whereby, if a vacancy occurred during this period notices of co-option could be posted as soon as possible. Cllr Whiffen declared an interest and told members that he was not standing at the next election and would not stand down

outside the six month period as he didn't want the parish to have the cost of a by-election. He intended however to submit his resignation on 15th November and hoped that someone could be co-opted onto the council before the election in May 2011. He did not vote on the issue. After much discussion members agreed that if a vacancy occurred notices of co-option would be advertised and any applicants would be asked to put in writing a little bit about themselves and why they want to become a parish councillor. They would be invited to the following parish council meeting to introduce themselves to members, who would then discuss the applicants and make a decision. Cllr Day pointed out that there was no requirement to co-opt someone they did not think suitable.

262/10 Strode Park donation funding from fun day is £943.22. The clerk asked if members would like to round this up to £1,000. This was approved and would be a S137 payment.

263/10 To discuss the parish councils continuing involvement with PACT. Cllr Day asked members whether they thought it was still necessary for the parish council to be represented on PACT. Cllr Taylor told members that she thought PACT just doubled up on what the parish council does already and that it needed to be run by local residents, at the moment local residents were not really involved. Cllr Moore as chairman of PACT told members that PACT was less important as there was a parish council, it only meets as and when required and was not well organised and he didn't think it mattered if the parish council was not involved. After much discussion it was agreed that the parish council would keep a representative on PACT.

264/10 To propose items for the next agenda. None

265/10 Member's Reports

Cllr Whiffen told members he had enjoyed his time as a parish councillor and wished everyone good luck as this would be the last meeting he attended.

Cllr Hobbs has attended 2 Herne Bay in Bloom meetings.

Cllr Jones told members that Clancy Docra was doing a great job but progress was slow as there were only two men working. He also informed members that he would be carrying out the clerk's appraisal on 24th November so if there were any issues or comments from members would they get in touch.

266/10 The next meeting of the parish council will be on 9th December 2010 at 7-30pm at Wootton Room Herne Mill.

Meeting closed 9-15pm