

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 10th November 2011 at 7.30pm, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Present: Cllr Day, Cllr Davis, Cllr Robert Jones, Cllr Hobbs, Cllr Harvey, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Sargent, Cllr Moore, Cllr Tobin, Cllr Brealy and Cllr Nicholson.

- 208/11 To receive apologies for absence and approve reasons. Cllr Tracey Jones who is working and Cllr Blatherwick whose father has been taken into hospital. Reasons approved. City Cllrs Sonnex & Bissett are at another meeting. County Cllr Marsh will be late.
- 209/11 To receive declarations of interest on items on Agenda. None
- 210/11 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 13th October 2011. These were confirmed as correct.
- 211/11 To report on matters arising from the minutes, not on the agenda, for information only. The cost of inserting rubber buffers at the MUGA in Greenhill was approx £7,000. Cllr Davis reported that the Police contact number on the sign in Curtis Wood Park should have been changed

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

- 212/11 **Chairman's Announcements.** The chairman reminded members of the Remembrance Service on 13th which starts at 9-45am. He congratulated Cllr Davis on the birth of her twin grandchildren and sent condolences to Cllr Blatherwick on the loss of her mother. Cllr Day reported that a consultation document had recently been received regarding changes to the licensing laws and he didn't think there was a necessity for parish council to respond. The clerk will send the document out to all members for them to give their views. A response is required by 3rd December.
- 213/11 **To receive reports from County Cllr Marsh & City Councillors.** City Cllr Vickery Jones reported he had attended a meeting regarding the night flights at Manston, he thought that he needed to be aware of the issues which included employment. He felt that the Chief Executive of Manston Airport was somewhat evasive when questioned. There was to be a separate consultation for Herne Bay residents He had attended a meeting on flood risks and the concerns of building on flood plains. He told members that building on a flood plain did not cause problems as the run off was captured and its release regulated. He would like to see Kitewood Industrial Park completed and that there was to be a public meeting to discuss the proposed development by Kitewood of the adjacent land. His priority was to see the footbridge at Blacksole built. There will be more staff reductions at CCC despite them being 'awash' with money due to prudent budgeting. He told members he was against more staff cuts but had been over ruled. The concurrent funding bids had been approved by RAMP & HAMP with Option 1 being the preferred option. This will need to be ratified by full council. He was trying to get County Cllr Marsh involved with the NEETS programme. He also told members the Christmas float needed some work and the Pier Trust had asked if they could borrow it on 10th December, members agreed subject to them having insurance. Cllr Hobbs asked if there was any truth in the reports that the fire station was being moved to Kitewood Industrial Park. Currently nothing has been agreed.
County Cllr Marsh reported that KCC had now got all their money back from Dexia bank with interest. The funds in the Icelandic bank had secured preferential status and everyone will get paid out and they are trying to get interest on those funds as well. County Cllr Marsh had attended the RAMP meeting and proposed option1 for Concurrent funding and this had been supported, which meant that parish council

would get the full amount for core funding. He reminded everyone about Remembrance Sunday and that the road would be closed. The Royal Marines will attend the service and they very much appreciate the public support. He was asked about the accidents in Canterbury Road, Herne. KCC do not carry out traffic calming anymore as it is not effective and at times dangerous. This is an A road and what can be done is limited but he will look into it. Cllr Davis reported that the interactive sign did not appear to be working but Alan was aware of this. A question was raised about the slip road from Mill Lane onto the Thanet Way which was like a roller coaster, Alan confirmed that this was also due to be looked at in the next few weeks.

214/11 Police Matters/Crime report. None PCSO Sue Radcliffe is not on duty. Cllr Taylor reported that the single yellow lines in Streetfield are being ignored.

215/11 Warden's Report. Alan Macdonald the KCC response warden covering the parish has sent a report.

He will be visiting Herne and Broomfield weekly to spend a half day or more Visible Presence around the areas.

On Friday 4th he was patrolling in Curtis Wood Park Rd and was stopped by a resident complaining about the amount of dog mess at the end of Ridgeway Rd near the Farm and public footpaths. He was asked about the provision of a dog poo bin, he approached Street Scene about this. Although they say there is no money available, they will consider it, but the chances of there being one provided by them are low.

They asked if this was something the parish council could provide. He noticed some graffiti on the signs at the entrance to Curtis Woods near the bottom of Curtis Wood Rd. Michelle thought you had stuff to clear Graffiti Not sure if you have someone can clean this off but if you want me to, he is happy to have a go at it if he can use the pc's graffiti wipes. Following on from the complaints about the green in Arden Road, I arranged for our Community Development team to contact a resident to help set up a residents association, which is now ongoing. The Youth Team has been visiting weekly and liaising with the local children. He has also completed a leaflet drop in Arden Rd and Dean Croft asking residents to contact him with details of any ASB around the green that bothers them and there is a multi agency meeting planned from 11th Nov to look at the results and discuss what is going on in the area and how best to tackle the problems.

He is regularly checking on the underpass which is relatively graffiti free and also Cherry Orchard play area following reports of anti social behaviour in the area, to gain intelligence.

He has also reported a gas leak in Hunters Forstal Road. Engineers attended but he didn't know if they found anything, although he did notice a lot of yellow markings on the pavement and road on the following Monday so it may be that they are planning future work.

216/11 Planning and Highways matters. Receive minutes of Planning & Highways meeting held on 8th November and report on Planning Training Day, copies have been circulated to all members. Cllr Day reported that only one application had been objected to at the meeting on 8th November and that was for a very large extension at 18 Norton Ave. Cllr Day reported that the Planning Committee had been informed that in the Localism Bill there would be the introduction of a Community Infrastructure Levy, the consultation asked a lot of questions one of which was what percentage should be give to parish councils. As there were no indications as to what the figures were likely to be there was not really an answer, particularly as the funding must be spent on something that needs to be done because of the new development. It was decided that the parish council would not respond to this consultation. Members agreed with this decision. The only comments on the Planning Training Day were that it was very good and informative. Traffic issue on Canterbury Road. Cllr Harvey asked if there were any safety measures that could be implemented to improve the situation. County Cllr Marsh was asked to look into this. City Cllr Vickery Jones told members that CCC was carrying out a review of pavement parking.

217/11 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 £417.19, Donations £20, Events £120, newsletter advertising £50, Bank interest current acc £1.72, 14 day account £96.92, Community Centre £502.54, Training day £20.83 Total £1,232.20.

To approve payment for the clerks attendance at SLCC conference at £65. This cost was approved.

Request for donation from Victim Support. It was agreed to donate £60 under S137.

- 218/11 Environmental Issues including Tree & Pond Warden's Report.** Broomfield Ducklings have been awarded some trees and would like to plant them at Broomfield Community Park. There was a task day at Broomfield Pond on 6th November, about 12 volunteers attended and there was a BBQ afterwards. CCC has already removed the arisings.

- 219/11 Clerk's Report/Correspondence.**

The clerk thanked Cllrs Davis and Taylor for keeping an eye on things while she was on annual leave.

The steps at the Community Park are now finished, making access from the fields and footpath easier.

Kim Melton was asked to re-fix the gate at the bottom as it had been removed again, this has now been done he has made up new stronger bolts and he reported that the rabbits appear to have myxomatosis. The clerk reported that she had been chasing Deacon Landscapes to complete the work on site. The Wild flower meadow has not yet been cut, and the replanting has not been started. The clerk has spoken with Nigel Deacon and he was extremely vague about who was now responsible for the work and suggested talking to Roy Deacon. The clerk has spoken to Roy Deacon who has said they will get it sorted out.

The clerk reported that she had had a meeting with Richard Griffiths CCC Outdoor Leisure manager. CCC are intending to transfer Cherry Orchard to a Field in Trust and will need the minute supporting this from the parish council, for this to be done, therefore it will be on the agenda for the next meeting and a report will be supplied to all members.

The clerk reminded members that the quiz was being held on Saturday, there are still a couple of tables available.

Correspondence

Cllr Day had reported on the Consultation on changes to Licensing laws.

Details of SLCC conference. The clerk gave details of the Conference

Response from Larissa Laing. The clerk read out the response and suggested that City Cllr Vickery Jones was asked to take this matter forward. This was agreed. There was also a suggestion that a permanent board could be erected somewhere to advertise village events, similar to the one in Sturry.

- 220/11 Reports from council representatives on outside bodies (KALC, Street monitors, etc), any meetings attended by members on behalf of parish council.** Cllr Taylor reported that she had attended the Maternity Consultation in Canterbury. The proposals are to close the birthing units at Canterbury and Dover permanently and have all births at QEQM and William Harvey hospitals. The figures of 5 births a week at Dover and 7 a week at Canterbury were given as the reason for closure. It was felt that midwives were in attendance but had little work. William Harvey has a midwife led centre but QEQM has yet to open theirs. Cllr Taylor asked if there was a shortage of midwives and was told there was not. The unit at Margate is set to open when the consultation has finished. Cllr Taylor felt that the decision had already been made.

- 221/11 To report on Youth Club and Youth Council.** Attendance at the youth club had been low at the last meeting and the committee will discuss opening during half term. The youth workers had not turned up for the last meeting. The clothes collection had provided an income of £105. An application has been submitted for a Single Gateway Grant. Two committee members had completed a first aid course. Cllr Nicholson reported that 3 young people had attended the first meeting of the youth council and is very keen and suggested ways to advertise it. The next meeting will be in the Wootton Room on 19th November from 10-12. Cllr Nicholson would like to have a CRB check. The clerk will organise.

- 222/11 To agree the proposal to hold a joint Diamond Jubilee event with Strode Park and set a budget.** It was agreed that a joint event would be held and an initial budget of £600 was agreed. Members also discuss having a Diamond Beacon lit at Broomfield at a cost of approx £400 and they also approved the funding if it was decided to do this. It would need members to attend to light it at about 9-30pm on 4th June.
- 223/11 To discuss the future of Standards for Councillors.** Cllr Day told members that the behaviour of councillors will no longer be controlled once the Standards Board was abolished. NALC is lobbying to have something in place for Local Councils and it may be that District Authorities may be asked to administer something similar although this could be expensive and would also need legislation to enable them to take action. There will be nowhere for residents to go with their complaints or councillors or staff. Even if councils adopt their own model code it is unlikely that they will be able to take any action other than removing that person from a committee. Cllr Day asked members to think about the future and to come back with their ideas.
- 224/11 To update members on the progress of the lease for the allotment site.** The clerk reported that she had received an amended lease document earlier in the day and it all looked OK. Cllr Davis had a copy to go through before any comments were sent to the solicitor. The main issue is that it appears the land has still not been registered and the lease cannot be finalised until this is completed.
- 225/11 Members Reports.** Cllr Hobbs reported that she had attended the H B in Bloom meeting and Herne Bay Infants have planted crocus in the Memorial Park and she also confirmed that members will be happy to plant the urns in Strode Park with the plants being provided by Canterbury Garden Centre.
Cllr Davis suggested that a Silver Surfers Club could be held in the Community Centre.
Cllr Moore reported that a resident had been clearing rubbish in Herne Village.
Cllr Tobin asked if the Allotment holders at the Community Centre would be allowed to stay after February 2012, Cllr Day told members he thought not but this will be discussed at the Community Centre Committee meeting on 16th November.
Cllr Taylor gave apologies for the Remembrance Service on 13th as she was attending one in Herne Bay.
Cllr Jones congratulated Cllr Davis on selling articles that were left in the hall.
- 226/11 To confirm the next meeting of the parish council will be on 8th December 2011 at 7-30pm at Wootton Room Herne Mill.**

Meeting closed 9-25pm