

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 13th October 2011 at 7.30pm, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Present: Cllr Day, Cllr Davis, Cllr Robert Jones, Cllr Tracey Jones, Cllr Harvey, Cllr Brealy, Cllr Sargent, Cllr Blatherwick, Cllr Moore, Cllr Taylor and Cllr Nicholson

208/11 To receive apologies for absence and approve reasons. Cllr Hobbs who is away and Cllr Tobin who has hurt his back. Reasons approved. City Cllr Vickery Jones has another meeting, report supplied.

209/11 To receive declarations of interest on items on Agenda. None

210/11 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 8th September 2011. These were confirmed as correct.

211/11 **To report on matters arising from the minutes, not on the agenda, for information only.** The Regional Competition at BMX track went well and Deacons have installed additional fence posts around the track. Following the idea of a calendar to raise funds suggested at last month's meeting, the clerk has been given one produced by another parish council. The clerk reported that she emailed Colin Carmichael with a letter for all Canterbury City Council (CCC) members re the advertising of Community events. He responded that officers were addressing this issue to see if anything could be done and would we wait. The clerk was then contacted by Larissa Laing Head of Community Housing, Community safety and Environmental Services, stating she was sorry our posters had been removed! The clerk read out the email and also the response. Cllr Moore asked for a comment from a member of the public to be removed from the minutes of the August meeting.

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

13 members of the public present

The chairman presented Tom Daley with a card and voucher from the parish council as he is leaving on 14th October.

212/11 **Chairman's Announcements.** None

213/11 **To receive reports from County Cllr Marsh & City Councillors.** County Cllr Marsh reported that the Remembrance Sunday was all organised and that arrangements had been made to close the road for approx 25mins. Kent County Council's tax will be frozen for the next year. He stated that at the Conservative Party Conference Eric Pickles has stated that in the new planning laws building in back gardens will not be allowed and it is hoped comments from parish and town councils will carry more weight. County Cllr Marsh asked to be told if the parish council had a shortfall on the concurrent funding grant. Although KCC had funds invested in a bank in Belgium these were secure as the French and Belgian Governments had guaranteed them. On the Broadband coverage for rural areas, he pointed out that what BT Infinity said they could provide doesn't always materialise. The election for leadership of KCC takes place on Friday 14th October and there are 3 candidates. Cllr Harvey asked if there was anything to be done about the speeding along Canterbury Road as there have been several accidents there recently. County Cllr Marsh explained that no matter what measures are put in place it won't stop people breaking the law or drivers under the influence of drink and drugs and that people needed to be responsible and better educated on using the roads. Cllr Davis asked if the residents of Chapel Row could have a sign showing No turning and whether they could have a drop down bollards to stop cars accessing, other than residents. County Cllr Marsh said it would need all the residents to be in agreement and if this was the case he would look at it. Generally it was not considered to be in the public interest.

City Cllr Vickery Jones report: 'Please convey my apologies to the Parish Council as I have a full Executive meeting this evening.

I heard at one of the meetings I go to that there was a possibility funding might be possible for your youth club, having passed this info on to Monica I hope to hear soon that it was useful to you.

I have been assisting where possible over the Fun day banner scenario and was able to arrange for a delayed enforcement long enough for our purposes, however this matter needs to be resolved in a way that recognises the statutory position of parish councils to that end I will if you wish, explore the virtue of putting a notice of motion before full City Council calling for greater flexibility in enforcement for charitable and community projects. Members were happy for Cllr Vickery Jones to take this forward.

Night flights. I will be attending a meeting on 21st October with the Kent International Airport Consultative Committee (KIACC) for the latest news, also the Councillors who were elected on a ticket against night flights are acting illegally if they vote against as this is pre-determination not pre-disposition to be against, which is legal. The result is the same so as always lawyers make money.

I am attending a meeting at KCC about flood risks in Kent and of course I shall be taking an interest in our area although there is little risk among the hills of Broomfield there is perhaps a little more to parts of Herne.

Well done for all the good work that went into acquiring the hall there are always going to be critics of the Parish Council and they have a right to be heard however they do not have a right to a greater voice than that of the vast majority, you are quite rightly consulting and deserve and will get my full support in any way I can.

Tesco's and The Upper Red Lion. It was rightly reported in the papers that I thought this to be an extraordinary proposal and so it is. So extraordinary that it has none to zilch chance of getting planning consent on highways grounds alone. I attended the opening of the new Marlowe Theatre last week, opera is not to my taste but some of the music was very good. Theatre building is beautiful and very impressive, it remains to be seen whether it will produce the promised effect on the local economy to the tune of £25 million per year.

Keeping a keen eye on Kitewood and their proposals, which would have a big impact on our parish if they were to get permission. Still agitating for some progress on Blacksole Bridge.

Really sorry I could not be with you all but will be attending the youth Forum on Saturday morning. I visited Fordham Open prison on Monday to see if their rehabilitation programme could mesh with KCC Cllr Jean Law's efforts to help our young people through her NEETS programme (Not in Employment Education or Training) hoping Cllr Marsh will assist in this shortly.

City Cllr Bissett reported that she had received complaints about noise of balls in MUGA. She also reported that the lights at the zebra crossing in Herne were working.

City Cllr Sonnex reported that the police details on the sign in Curtis Wood Park still had not been changed. She has reported a dip in the road in Broomfield Road and Highways will come and look next week. She would not support Tesco opening in the Upper Red Lion. Residents would like a dog bin at The Meadows near the church if CCC do not have funding for a new one it has been suggested that one be moved from an area where there are two fairly close together.

214/11 Police Matters/Crime report. PCSO Sue Radcliffe told members she had been on leave and not in the parish very much. Crime is not too bad at the moment but she warned that with Christmas approaching residents need to take care with leaving out packaging etc from presents, which advertises what you have purchased. Metal thefts were still occurring.

215/11 Wardens Report. None. Tom Daley had left .

216/11 Planning and Highways matters. Receive minutes of Planning & Highways meeting held on 6th October. These have been circulated. No questions were received.

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. Donation Poo bags £25, Newsletter Advertising £665, Funday £118.31, Donation Garden Safari £20, Quiz £100, Interest £1.25, Recycle

Sacks £1.25, Community Centre Receipts £551.13 Total £1,482.43.

Quarterly Audit report. This has been circulated. Everything was found to be in order.

- 218/11 Environmental Issues including Tree & Pond Warden's Report.** Cllr Davis reported that CCC had changed the way they notify tree works, they are all sent out together as one list now. There is a Task Day at Broomfield on 6th November with a BBQ afterwards. A resident had reported that the hedge around the Community Centre needed cutting. This has now been done along the footpath in Chapel Row. Cllr Davis also reported that the bottle bank in the car park was being used late at night and early in the morning and residents in School Lane were getting disturbed.

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

Clerks report

The clerk reported it had been a busy month with the preparations for the Community Centre Consultation which was held on 9th October. She has also been on two training days an SLCC and a KALC training day as well as many meetings. She apologised for the lengthy report.

The BBQ held for those who opened their gardens was held at Andy Harvey's on 11th September and about 40 people attended. The clerk thanked Andy and Sabine for all their hard work on the day and also John Nicholson who provided food and did all the cooking. Thanks also to Cllrs Davis, Taylor, Hobbs and Blatherwick who also made desserts. A representative from Kent Air Ambulance attended and received the cheque for £1,000 and gave a short talk on the work done by KAA.

An informal meeting was held with Sue Davis to discuss how the consultation process should be started and the report on that meeting has been circulated to all members.

The clerk received a visit from the Kent Waste Management Team, Nick Gill, Malcolm Attridge and Stephanie came to discuss the Broomfield Community Park. The team are very happy with what the parish council has achieved there and they are also happy for the council to have a gas beacon on top of the containers for the Diamond Jubilee celebrations next June. Malcolm and Nick suggested their contractor who cuts the paths to the monitoring points could quote for the annual maintenance. A meeting was arranged and the clerk met with the KCC Landscaping contracts manager on site. The future maintenance was discussed and they are prepared to supply a quote. It is hoped that as they attend to cut the areas to the monitoring points several times a year, this could help to keep the costs down. Other quotes will also be obtained.

Serco have started the installation of the steps from the field side and are gradually working their way up from the bottom. They expect to be finished by the end of next week.

The clerk has had discussions with Michelle Williams and Shuna Body KCC warden supervisors regarding Tom's departure. One of the response wardens will cover some of the time and possibly the warden at Greenhill may be able to spend some time here. The future of the warden scheme is in doubt at the moment. If KCC continue it then they will recruit new wardens in April next year and hopefully Herne & Broomfield will get one of those, but it may well be that the scheme could finish in March.

Cllrs Davis and Taylor and the clerk met with Tracey Barden from Strode Park to discuss the Diamond Jubilee. It was agreed a Royal Garden Party would be a great idea to run from 2-5pm. There would be a competition for the Best Dressed King & Queen (children's) and best 'Queen' for both men and women. Tracey would ask Dave Lee if he would be available to judge. Children's crafts could be organised and face painters and Pip the Clown asked to attend. There could also be a Treasure Trail for the children a 'spot the Royals'. Folk music was the preferred option and the two groups who attended the Woodland festival were very popular. Morris Dancing was suggested but this would be down to cost. An ice cream van would be booked and WI asked to provide cream teas and strawberries and perhaps cheese scones etc. Strode would organise and run a Tombola. It was agreed to ask Rev Elaine Richardson if the church would like to be involved and help out with the children's crafts. The Theatre in the Park team will run the bar. The Parish Council will put up bunting and gazebo's etc on the day. Herne Bay in Bloom will be asked if they would plant up the urns in the grounds in red, white and blue flowers. Cllr Robert Jones will be asked to

enquire as to whether Canterbury Garden Centre will provide the plants. There was a suggestion that the History Group might like to do an Exhibition in the Green Room or under a gazebo. Guides & Brownies will also be invited and the schools asked if they would like to be involved. Prizes for the competitions will be supplied by Theatre in the Park and will comprise of tickets for any of the events held during the year. Strode will deal with the car park. Date to be confirmed either 3rd, 4th or 5th June.

The clerk was invited to look at the progress of the new changing rooms in Cherry Orchard and she met with Richard Davidson on site. The building is growing quite quickly now and the block work is expected to be finished by the end of next week and then the roof will go on. There will be an overhang from the roof to try and discourage people from climbing on it. All pipe work and drainage is to be internal, the clerk requested an outside tap for use at the Fun Day and Richard said he would look into that. It is hoped that there will be an official opening by the end of the year or early next year, the weather will of course be a factor with regards to this.

Report on SLCC training Day 6th October 2011

The meeting was attended by Bruce Poole the SLCC President.

There were discussions on the Localism Bill and how it will affect parishes who are taking over services. Most District Councils are paying for these services in one form or another but there are no guarantees they will continue to do so, leaving the parishes and their residents to foot the bill. Some parishes will not do this as it is double taxation. It was considered different if a service was going to be totally removed. Many parishes are taking over grass cutting and maintenance of parks and of some highways land as they could do this for less cost, but the issue of whether they would continue to get the funding was still there and whether, if not, they could just hand it back.

Ashford Borough Council is very supportive of their parishes and is funding the first year's trial of a parish Handyman Scheme for one parish. They have given £20,000 for this and the person employed is cutting grass, strimming, emptying litter bins, clearing leaves, cutting back overhanging vegetation and looking after play areas. He also attends residents' properties to carry out small jobs for them in their homes. He is out and about most of the time and local residents have got to know him already. There have been issues re what equipment to purchase and where to store it.

There were discussions on dealing with personnel issues at meetings and it was made clear that no issues regarding staff should be done in the meetings, this should be in closed session, as all matters regarding personal details and disciplinary issues are confidential.

Training for clerks was also discussed and members agreed that monies held by Kent SLCC should be spent mainly on providing training.

There was confirmation that cheques would not be abolished and that NALC was asking that the Standards Board should be retained.

There were some discussions around problems individual clerks were currently dealing with and offers of help.

Report on the KALC Finance Day

The clerk reported that she and Cllrs Harvey & Moore had attended the morning presentation which was based around the key legislation and financial procedures as well as budget setting; there was also a section on the Annual Return, Fidelity Guarantee and other insurance. There was a short section covering Health and Safety and Risk Assessment. The audit coverage was much more detailed covering both the work of the internal and the external auditor. This was followed by a workshop on setting the precept.

Following lunch there was an interesting talk by Peter Lacey from NALC. The topics addressed were Abolition of the Audit Commission, Internet Banking, VAT, Transparency Code, Auditing the Accounts, Public Interest Reports and Frauds, Council Tax Veto-next year's budgets.

No decision has been put into the public domain with regard to the abolition of Audit Commission and the Draft bill has been delayed. There are issues with the proposals as it could mean some areas may not be able to get an auditor, whereas currently they are allocated. The present contract ends March 2012. Other issues are who will

Provide Guidance and Proper Practices under the current regulations, for councils and auditors to follow.

The legislation for internet banking has been severely delayed and it was suggested that parishes need to lobby their MP's. The effects of internet banking will require New Model Financial Regulations.

The transparency code only applies to councils with a gross annual income/expenditure of over £200,000. There is a statutory Code of Practice. Peter told those attending that the net salary of staff must not be available to the public; this is classed as personal information and is Data protected. Members should ensure that if they show or pass on their schedule of payments from meetings they must remove the figures for any salary payments. If this is not done they will be in breach of Data Protection Laws.

Peter spoke about the Council Tax veto; he told everyone that he thought the Secretary of State, who will set the figure for the maximum percentage increase, is likely to set it at about 2.5%. This charge will be on a Band D not the precept. If the increase is excessive then a referendum can be called and the council will need to prepare an alternative budget. It is thought that there will be a minimum level set which could possibly be £250,000, but there is no firm detail as yet. All this legislation is subject to the fine details none of which is currently available.

The parishes are not receiving the 2.5% that the District and County Councils are getting from the government to cover inflationary rises. It appears that once again the parishes have been lumped in with the other local authorities without any thought to the fact that our situation is very different and the amount raised on precepts is considerably lower than that of other authorities.

This was followed by a talk on the Developing Role of IT in Council Finance; this was mainly about Finance packages for computers and setting up accounts in Excel.

A very interesting talk by the clerk of Appledore & Kenardington parish councils followed. She spoke on how her council had purchased a hall and secured the funding to develop it. This was a church hall built in 1926 which the parish council leased. It is a brick building which is rendered on the outside. When the lease expired the cost was going to rise considerably and residents were in favour of the hall being purchased. For a long time there was no one driving the purchase forward and the hall was in poor condition and not well used. There were suggestions it should be demolished and the site sold for development. Residents did not want this to happen.

There were several changes that followed, the new parish council chairman was also on the PCC, two newcomers came into the village who were keen to join the committee and apply for grants to improve it, but to do this the parish council needed to own it. The Parish Plan results in 2009 showed a majority in support of the parish council purchasing it. At the parish council meeting in April 2010 it was agreed to purchase for £62,000. In October they took out a Public Works Loan for £100,000 with payment being made over 10 years. They raised the precept from £8,500 to £20,500 in 2011, which was £57 pa increase on a Band D property.

They installed Air Source Heat Pumps and new radiators etc, replaced windows with double glazed UPVC. They installed a suspended ceiling, lighting, insulation and sanded and re-sealed the wooden floor. The kitchen was renewed and new cooker and water heater purchased. Finally the toilets were re-furbished. They did get some grants towards the cost, one being for Low Carbon Buildings and from County & Borough Councils. Their clerk said how important it was to retain healthy reserves; they have nearly twice the annual Precept kept in reserve. They are looking at possibly installing solar panels in the future as they have a south facing roof. The hall is now a pleasant place to be and usage is improving. The parish council has achieved its aim of owning the hall which is now valued at £500,000.

Lessons learned: Environmentally friendly projects attract more funding, PWLB is excellent value with low interest rates, and she said don't delay precepts may be capped in future and grants harder to access. Get a Parish Plan and take full advantage of volunteers while they are keen.

The day ended with a short talk on Crime & Anti Social Behaviour and the financial impact on Parish and Town Councils of dealing with this. It covered things like Alcohol issues, CCTV, reduced policing etc.

An interesting day.

Report on the Parish Forum meeting held on Saturday 8th October

The first item on the agenda was a talk by Adrian Verrall and Catherine Hughes Associates.

They spoke about the Local Development Framework (LDF) and how land is allocated for development. All rural settlements have been visited between April and June 2011. Transport, shops, pubs, community facilities, doctor's surgeries, schools and employment are all looked at during the visits. Herne and Broomfield scored highly, alongside Herne Bay and Whitstable.

There were questions asked about Neighbourhood Plans and Adrian told everyone that these had to conform to EU legislation and were quite onerous and needed trained people to produce them. The likely cost of producing a Neighbourhood Plan was estimated at between £40,000 to £140,000. There was also a requirement to hold a referendum before the plan could be accepted. He went on to say that parishes needed to be involved in the LDF and to have any allocations for development included. It was unlikely that a developer would get permission to build on an area not allocated for development in the LDF. The main advantage to having a Neighbourhood Plan was if a parish wanted more development but that is unlikely. It would not however, be able to reverse an allocation for development.

Parishes will be contacted in the coming weeks for their comments on the progress of the current LDF. It is hoped that most land for development will come from brownfield sites. There was a question regarding back gardens which are no longer classed as brownfield and the clerk raised the question of whether this sort of development would continue to be allowed by CCC. A definitive answer was not given but there was the distinct impression that the Policy Manager would prefer not to use it. This was a very interesting and informative presentation.

Laura Reeves CCC Children & Youth Community Development Officer spoke about what they do and how they can help parishes. The clerk asked about help with setting up a Youth Council and was told this is something they can help with and details have been passed to Cllr Nicholson. It is very evident that there have been massive staff changes within this department and they are trying to cope with a lot less staff. Many of the previous experienced people have gone and those that are left behind are doing their best to cope.

Following on from this was a talk about Concurrent Funding and the Capital Grants Process by Lynda Gatusch who is now head of department. Mella White who has been dealing with these is going onto reduced hours.

CCC is cutting grants by 20% over 5 years. Members are due to discuss Concurrent Grants and Single Gateway Grants at the Executive meeting in November. We were given a copy of CCC's Pledges for 2012-16.

Very interesting and informative morning.

The SLCC SE Conference is being held on 30th November and the clerk requested permission to attend at a cost of £65. This was agreed.

Correspondence: Some Members have received the email from a resident regarding the Community Centre and have had a copy of the response. Thank you cards have been received from the BMX club for all the help they have had with the work on the track and also from the Cat's Protection League representative who attended the Fun Day and had a great time.

Members were reminded that there is a quiz night on November 12th at the Community Centre. The clerk reminded members that together with Amanda Sparkes she was organising a Planning Training Day on 5th November.

The office will be closed from 17 October and will re-open on 31st October as the clerk is on annual leave.

220/11 Reports from council representatives on outside bodies (KALC, Street monitors, etc), any meetings attended by members on behalf of parish council. Cllr Brealy reported that he had attended a KALC meeting where there was a presentation on Rural Broadband. Money has been provided by the Government and KCC are expected to match fund. It will cost £47m for faster Broadband in Kent & Medway. Internet speeds are still not good as soon as you get away from the exchange. Cllr Brealy asked about the Power of Well Being Training. Due to the Communities Bill

this is likely to be changed and therefore training is not available at the moment. There was concern that NALC are going direct to parish councils and not always through the County Associations, there are concerns that some parishes are not being contacted.

Cllrs Taylor and Robert Jones attended the Street monitors meeting. This was held at the Serco offices. They were told about new initiatives of clean ups using both volunteers and local business. These were starting initially in Canterbury. Helen Bennington told them that there was also an issue with rubbish being left on pitches following games, this will be monitored. The Community Pay Back team will be in the area in the next couple of weeks. The rubbish left behind on the Thanet Way after the verges had been strimmed has now been cleared. This happened due to a lack of communication between contractors. Annuals have been planted and packets of seeds will be available to the public from Coleen, Herne Bay in Bloom.

Cllr Taylor reported that she had attended a free seminar on Mental Health. It was explained that they are trying to work with employers to reduce the stigma of mental health issues and how to support staff who have stress and anxiety issues which are on the increase due to the current economic climate, with less people doing more work. They also deal with employees who have Displasia. The NHS has no provision for adults with these problems. Chaucer Employment Services who have trained staff who can deal with all these issues.

Cllr Davis reported that she had attended a Blean Initiative meeting. Although currently there was no co-ordinator the members seemed to be working well together. They are considering another Woodland Festival for September 2012 at Strode Park. KWT were holding a Wild Art Trail from Thornden Wood Car Park on 16th October at 2pm.

221/11 To report on Youth Club. Cllr Taylor reported that the youth club had met the previous week and had two new members attend. The youth worker arrived but had forgotten the games for the Wii and went off to get them; unfortunately they were involved in a road traffic crash and didn't get back. Cllr Harvey reported that he had contacted Mella at CCC re the Single Grant Gateway Funding and he and Cllr Robert Jones had met with her to discuss it. They were hopeful that the youth club would get a grant towards their running costs. The cash for clothes scheme was still running and the bags collected so far will be picked up next week. Cllr Blatherwick gave apologies and left at this point.

222/11 To receive report on Finance & Resources Committee meeting held on 11th October and to discuss and approve the budget for 2012-13. Cllr Robert Jones briefly went through the draft minutes of the Finance & Resources meeting, a copy of which had been circulated to all members. He told them that the title for the employee carry out inspections etc around the parish had been decided, he would be called The Parish Facilities Manager. He then went on to run through the proposed budget. After much discussion mainly centred on whether the amount earmarked for the Community Centre should be £20,000 or £25,000. Cllr Robert Jones told members that the proposed increase of £4,127, equates to £1.92 per year for a Band D property or 16p per month. Following a vote it was agreed to approve the Draft budget as presented. 10 in favour and 1 abstention.

223/11 To discuss the councils view of the possibility of a supermarket taking over the Upper Red Lion. Cllr Moore told members that he had been told by a resident that someone they knew had seen plans for a Tesco at the Upper Red Lion. Members were all against this happening for a variety of reasons, and as there was no concrete evidence or planning application there was little that could be done at this stage.

224/11 To update members on the progress of the lease for the allotment site. A revised lease has been received this morning. Cllr Davis and the clerk have been through it and it will be returned to the solicitor tomorrow.

225/11 To discuss the Consultation for the Community Centre and receive a report from the clerk on the Consultation Day held on 9th October.

The day went very well with about 100 people calling in during the day to take part in the consultation. Most councillors were there at some time during the day and with the consultant, Sue Davis of Community Compass explained the questionnaires and answered queries raised by residents. There were also 7 or 8 craft and produce stalls.

It was good to see so many people there and to see the level of interest in the hall and what should become of it. Over all it was very positive. It was interesting that two different people said that if they had known the hall and land was for sale they would have bought it!

The clerk and a couple of councillors provided refreshments during the day for visitors, stallholders and members. Thanks to all those who helped out on the day especially those who stayed behind to put tables away and clear up.

The clerk suggested that a freepost address should be included for returning the questionnaires in the newsletter. The cost will be in the region of £200 depending on the responses. Cllr Day reported that the Community Centre Committee had not had a meeting following the Consultation Day and that really at the present time there was nothing more to discuss.

226/11 Members Reports Cllr Moore told members he had received complaints about the noise from the MUGA and asked if the area around the electricity sub-station could be tidied up.

Cllr Nicholson said he was pleased to see residents come along and give their views on the Community Centre and he hoped the situation could be amicably resolved.

Cllr Taylor asked if the clerk would chase up the cutting of the bushes alongside the footpath from Woodrow Chase to School Lane. Sue Radcliffe said she would chase up the housing officer.

Cllr Robert Jones reported that he had spoken to Canterbury Garden Centre re the plants for the flower bed and urns at Strode and they will be happy to provide them. There had been two fires recently in Curtis Wood and the fire brigade had attended. It is thought that youngsters had dug a pit and put wood in it but had left it and it hadn't properly gone out, there were concerns that it could travel underground. David Skinner a local resident had collected all the rubbish left behind and removed it. Cllr Jones asked members to let him know if they had any comments on the clerks work as he would be carrying out her appraisal in November.

Cllr Davis reported that the triangle at the junction of Bullockstone Road/Braggs Lane and Canterbury Road had finally been cut.

Cllr Harvey had received a request from a member of the public to help hedgehogs, Cllr Davis will put something in a newsletter if there is space.

Cllr Breal reported that broadband speeds were often lower than advertised.

Cllr Sargent confirmed that he will attend the Planning training.

227/11 The next meeting of the parish council will be on 10th November 2011 at 7-30pm at Wootton Room Herne Mill.

Meeting closed 9.40pm