

HERNE & BROOMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting of Herne & Broomfield Parish Council held at Herne Mill, Wootton Room, on Thursday 10th May 2012 at 7.30pm, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

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

Not present: Cllr Brealy and Cllr Tobin.

Prior to the start of the meeting Cllr Day told members of the public that the council would be receiving the report on the results of the consultation for the Community Centre but would not be going into any deep discussions as to how the matter would be taken forward, this would go to the Community Centre Committee at their meeting on 15th May. He was sorry if they had had a wasted journey following the rather misleading leaflet that had been distributed by Cllr Moore, which had come to Cllr Day's attention that evening. Most of the public in attendance left at this point.

100/12 Election of Chairman. Cllr Day was elected as Chairman.

102/12 Election of Vice Chairman. Cllr Blatherwick was elected as Vice Chairman.

103/12 The following were elected onto the committees.

Finance & Resources Committee: Cllr Robert Jones, Cllr Andy Harvey, Cllr Brealy, Cllr Hobbs, Cllr Day, Cllr Blatherwick and Cllr Moore.

Environment & Leisure Committee: Cllr Taylor, Cllr Sargent, Cllr Davis, Cllr Nicholson, Cllr Tobin, Cllr Tracey Jones, Cllr Day, Cllr Blatherwick

Planning & Highways Committee: Cllr Blatherwick, Cllr Day, Cllr Hobbs, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Harvey, Cllr Sargent and Cllr Moore

Community Centre Committee: Cllr Davis, Cllr Robert Jones, Cllr Day, Cllr Blatherwick

Policy Committee: Cllr Day, Cllr Tracey Jones, Cllr Moore, Cllr Nicholson and Cllr Blatherwick.

104/12 The following representatives were elected

KALC Canterbury Area Committee: Cllrs Brealy and Hobbs

Friends of Broomfield & Herne Ponds: Cllrs Davis and Hobbs

Herne & Broomfield Youth Club: Cllr Taylor & Cllr Harvey

Street Monitors: Cllr Robert Jones & Cllr Taylor

Allotment Society: Cllr Davis & Cllr Harvey

Herne Bay in Bloom: Cllr Hobbs

H & B Youth: Cllr Nicholson

British Rail: Cllr Nicholson

To following were also appointed

Tree warden & Pond Wardens: Cllr Davis & Cllr Hobbs

Newsletter Editor: Cllr Davis

Press Officer: Cllr Davis

Web site manager: Cllr Davis

105/12 To receive apologies for absence and accept reasons. Cllr Brealy who is attending another meeting and Cllr Tobin who is attending a funeral in the West Country. These reasons were approved. City Cllr Bissett. County Cllr Marsh will be here after Chislet.

106/12 To receive declarations of interest on items on Agenda. Cllrs Davis and Harvey item 124/12.

107/12 The minutes of the meeting held on 12th April 2012 were approved as a correct and accurate record.

108/12 To report on matters arising from the minutes, not on the agenda, for information only. The disabled toilet in Cherry Orchard is now available for mothers with toddlers and has a changing mat fitted. Cllr Day spoke about the new Code of Conduct that will be finalised in a couple of months and told members that parish councils had to adopt a code.

ADJOURNMENT FOR MEMBERS OF PUBLIC TO SPEAK

Members of the public to identify themselves, and confirm they are resident in the parish.

7 residents attended

- 109/12 Chairman's Announcements.** The chairman would cover his surgery under item 118/12. The chairman told members that he was intending to put an item on the next agenda concerning why confidentiality is required at times. He also reminded members that they need to consider whether their Register of Interest was up to date and if not to contact the clerk for a form. It is the responsibility of members to do this.
- 110/12 To receive reports from County Cllr Marsh & City Councillors.** County Cllr Marsh told members that he had allocated £200 towards sponsoring a trophy for the BMX club. He asked if the clerk could send a copy of the Jubilee programme to him. He spoke about the painting of the mural in the underpass and how he wants to see this move forward. He spoke about KCC's Adult Social Care Policies which he feels is horrendous and inappropriate for current needs. If there is anyone who knows of someone not getting the care they need Alan would like to be contacted with their details. Cllr Taylor commented that by the time people asked for help they were usually desperate and got to the point where they can no longer cope. County Cllr Marsh said he wanted to see better care in Kent. Cllr Blatherwick commented that people remaining in their own homes with carers not really having the time to do what they needed to; arriving at different times with little continuity was a major issue. City Cllr Sonnex has reported some footpath damage in Hillbrow Ave and Greenacre Close. She also reported that she had been around the new Beenie in Canterbury and that it was an amazing building and completed to a very high standard. She gave apologies for the June meeting; she would not be available to attend. City Cllr Vickery Jones said he was pleased there was a new KCC warden in the parish. He had helped 4 local residents who had issues and was pleased to say 3 of those had been resolved. He had attended the exhibition at the Christian Centre, where if it goes ahead, there will be a large number of elderly people. They intended to provide a medical centre in the complex with 10 dementia units. Cllr Vickery Jones was however concerned about the pressure this could bring to the GP's in the area. The planning consent for the footbridge at Blacksole had been passed. There was a holdup between Network Rail and Kitewood. Cllr Vickery Jones had been to Blackpoll to see how they had regenerated the area with £200m, and it was now beautiful. Steve Cam who runs the pleasure beach in Blackpoll has offered to visit Herne Bay to offer advice on the pier and the leader of Blackpool Council has offered to give advice on how to access funding. CCC received an award from the council of Europe, Herne Bay regeneration was awarded 2nd place.
- 111/12 Police Matters/Crime report.** PCSO Sue Radcliffe has been off sick for 4 weeks and will hopefully return to duties at the end of next week.
- 112/12 Warden's Report.** New KCC warden Gary Moore has started this week and hopefully he will be at the next meeting.
- 113/12 Highways.** Cllr Robert Jones reported that the potholes in Albion Lane and Ridgeway Road had been filled in; Cllr Davis asked if the clerk would contact Highways to get the triangle at the junction of Braggs Lane/Bullockstone Road and Canterbury Road cut. The resurfacing of Broomfield Road would take place in August.
- 114/12 Planning Matters**
To receive minutes of Planning & Highways meeting held on 8th May 2012. Two applications discussed one was controversial 40 Busheyfields Road which the committee objected to because of the access and highways issues; there were also noise and issues surrounding the proposed building.
- 115/12 Finance**
To ratify payments made since last meeting. None.
To approve payments presented at this meeting; schedule and bank reconciliation supplied. These were approved.
To report on income received. Concurrent Funding grant £6890.77, Precept £92,655, VAT refund £1049.95, Events £1,015, Bank Interest £57.60, Grants £200, Community Centre £20,416.75, incl grant of £20,000 from Viridor.
To receive minutes of Finance & Resources Committee meeting held on 3rd May 2012 discuss and approve any recommendations including approving the Insurance renewal.
To agree and sign the Annual Statement of Accounts, Annual Governance Statement and

Statement of Internal Control. The alteration to the Financial Regulations was approved. Members also approved the self insurance for the MUGA. The Annual Statement of Accounts was signed by the chairman and the clerk, as was the Statement of Internal Control.

To discuss request for funding from H & B Youth. County Cllr Marsh would like to give £250 from Tesco fighting fund to them. It was agreed to wait until after the leaflets had been distributed to see if H & B Youth needed any additional funding. The clerk said she thought the group might need insurance and checked that Cllr Nicholson had submitted the paperwork for his CRB check.

- 116/12 Pond Tree Wardens Report.** Cllr Davis reported a dead duck had been removed from the pond. The Big Blean Walk has been launched this is 25 miles and goes from Selling to Hoath. Green Flag judges will be at Curtis Wood Park next week. Cllr Hobbs reported that the pond was quite full now but the ducklings had all gone. Cllr Moore reported a spike sticking out of the ground in Curtis Wood Park.

- 117/12 Clerk's Report/Correspondence.** The clerk thanked to Cllr Sargent for doing the sign boards and Cllr Davis for getting another edition of the newsletter ready and for doing the programme for the Garden Safari.

The clerk reported that she had attended the Parish Forum meeting on 21st April details of the meeting have been circulated. A meeting was held with Alison Small CCC, Cllr Taylor and the clerk to discuss the youth worker. There were discussions regarding lone working and the service level agreement between the youth club/pc and CCC.

Cllr Davis, Cllr Blatherwick and the clerk had a meeting with Serco at the Community Park to discuss the ongoing maintenance.

Preparations for the Jubilee Garden Party on 4th June are well under way, a meeting was held with Tracy Barden, Cllr Taylor and the clerk to tie up the loose ends. The children's entertainment will all be in one area, the porta clubhouse. The bands and the Morris Dancers and the Fancy Dress will be near the food area. Jubilee mugs have been purchased to give away to the local children who attend. There will be games available for people to try, no charge, no prizes. Lucky Number Programmes will be on sale at the parish council stand, along with copies of the Parish Plan and Parish Maps, Garden Safari flyers and programmes, quiz sheets and tombola. Helpers will be required to set up at 10.30am and take down at 5pm. Helpers will also be needed on the stand for the afternoon. The clerk asked members to let her know the times they would be available, in order for a rota to be produced.

The Garden Safari will take place on 10th June and the clerk is trying to get the risk assessments done before she goes on annual leave.

The clerk reported that the completed Fields in Trust paper work had been received along with the forms to register with Land Registry; the clerk has passed these on to Cllr Davis to look at and complete.

Complaint received from a resident in Lower Herne Road about the leaflets that Cllr Moore has been circulating as they are not being put right through the door which is an invitation to burglars if you happen to be on holiday.

The clerk reported that she would be on holiday from 19th May and back in the office on 6th June. The clerk thanked Cllr Taylor for offering to check the post and answer phone and Cllr Davis for checking the emails while the clerk is away. The clerk told members that she would be working at the Jubilee event.

A couple of letters and emails stating parish council should not purchase the Upper Red Lion.

- 118/12 Reports from council representatives on outside bodies (KALC, Street monitors, etc).** Cllr Day reported that at the surgery the previous Saturday the following issues had been raised: Grants given by parish council were not required to give details about the need, should they be interest free loans instead. Could the meeting minutes be published earlier as Draft Minutes? The parish council should join with CCC to put pressure on SE Water regarding a new reservoir. Grass crete could be installed in Cherry Orchard as overflow parking for the school. Not in favour of the underpass having a mural. Parish Council should be a pressure group and not do projects. Why does there need to be 4 editions of the newsletter. Cllr Day told members that as to the last question this was a requirement for Quality Status. The clerk reported that parking in Cherry Orchard would not be allowed as it is now registered as a Field in Trust. Cllr Day told members the other issues

raised would be looked at sometime in the future.

Cllr Nicholson reported that SE Rail had contacted him about changes to timetables.

Cllr Jones reported on the Street Monitors meeting held on 17th April. The meeting was attended by Chris Sear from Serco who stated Serco would be tendering for the new contract for Waste and Street cleaning. There will be a consultation in September on public toilets. There had been an issue with the change of colour for the refuse collector's jackets; these were now more difficult to see by the drivers. Cllr Hobbs reported on HB in Bloom, the woodchip give away was on Saturday 9th in William Street Car Park and the plant giveaway was on Wednesday 16th by the clock tower from 10-2. Herne Bay in Bloom and the Horticultural Society had planted up the troughs and tubs in the village the urns in Strode Park and carried out work in the garden outside the Institute hall. Cllr Davis suggested that the trough in Broomfield could be moved to under the village sign. Members agreed this.

119/12 To report on Youth Club. Cllr Taylor reported that there had been six at the last meeting. CCC had been undercharging for the one youth worker this will be addressed from the end of May. The amount is about £6 per session. A key to the hall has been given to the youth worker but there must be a volunteer present when the youth worker arrives and at the end as she is not allowed to be on her own. A Child Protection course is to be arranged and Cllr Taylor suggested Cllr Nicholson needed to attend this.

120/12 To report on H&B Youth Cllr Nicholson reported that there had not been a meeting and that the next one was on 19th May which Cllr Day had agreed to attend. Cllr Day is also a counter signatory on the bank account. Cllr Nicholson thanked County Cllr Marsh for the donation of £250. This would go towards the cost of paying for the web site and leaflet printing.

121/12 To discuss the report on the consultation for the Community Centre and discuss what action needs to be taken. Sue Davis has sent through the figures for the various options given in the consultation. The results are as follows: Option A: Do Nothing, 43 Option B: Refurbish, 18, Option C: Extend, 26, Option D: Rebuild 191. Sue received 300 responses via the questionnaire, email and survey monkey. 22 responses were not included in the final figures as they had ticked more than one option, or no option had been selected. There were also a small number of photocopied entries which were not included. Sue is continuing to input the data from question 2 which asks what facilities people would like in the hall and she will send this through once it has been completed. The hall committee will hopefully look at this in more detail when it is available. Cllr Moore stated that the consultation was contentious as residents were not given any idea of the costs involved or what impact it would have on the precept, he considered the consultation was rubbish. Cllr Taylor pointed out it was impossible to cost until the parish council knew what residents wanted and it would be obvious that a rebuild would cost more. She also challenged Cllr Moore over his comments a couple of meetings back where he had stated residents would be happy to pay £10- £20 more on their precept to purchase the Upper Red Lion. Cllr Day stated that it was not possible to look at costs until there was a decision as to what residents wanted to see happen to the Community Centre. The Community Centre Committee would discuss this further. Cllr Robert Jones stated that he considered the consultation very worthy and that it had asked the right questions. Cllr Blatherwick explained that although the response was only about 10%, people who are happy tend not to respond and those who are against something normally respond. She considered that overall the response was good and that the consultation was discussed by the council. The clerk pointed out that there would have to be more consultation on any decisions taken.

122/12 Update on the Wildlife Area in Cherry Orchard. The paper work has been signed but there is still written confirmation awaited from Taylor Wimpey regarding the access from Ruskins View. This will not be completed now until after 5th June as the solicitor is currently on holiday. Cllr Blatherwick reported that she had spoken with Little Acorns manager who would like to work with the parish council on their forest schools agenda. The manager of Little Acorns is willing to attend a meeting explain what they would like to do with this area. They would be willing to help with the maintenance and would like to see it up and running by September. It is also hoped that the youth groups and the schools could be involved. Cllr Davis reported that there was a Management Plan in place. This matter will be considered by the Environment & Leisure Committee once the legal

documents have been finalised.

- 123/12 Request from a resident that parish council repairs the bench in Ridley Close.** The clerk told members that a resident had rung her to report that the bench in Ridley Close badly needed repairing etc. The clerk said she had not been to look at the bench and asked if any members had looked. Cllr Moore said it was in a very poor condition and should be removed and replaced. The clerk was asked to get a price for replacing.
- 124/12 To discuss the allotment meeting.** Report from Cllr Davis sent to all members. Cllr Davis told members that the meeting had been very positive with members keen to take things forward. There were 59 people who wanted an allotment plot. All the paperwork has now been signed. They had asked for no bonfires on site which had been agreed. There was a query as to who would be responsible for insuring the fencing.
- 125/12 To discuss whether the coach who is giving training sessions at BMX should be charged for using the track.** A national coach has offered to give training sessions at Broomfield, one a month for the next 3 months. He has asked if the parish council wish to charge him for giving the sessions. As he is a professional coach he will of course charge the youngsters who attend. After some discussion it was agreed to charge £10 per hour. Cllr Harvey asked if he could add BMX track to the board at the entrance to the site. Members agreed this.
- 126/12 Members Reports.** Cllr Robert Jones reported that he was now a Trustee of Herne Bay Pier Trust. Cllr Moore reported the water leak in School Lane was still there. Cllr Blatherwick reported that there had been problems with postal deliveries in the area and residents were asked to report any issues. Cllr Hobbs reported that it was difficult to get along Margate Road where there is a post in the middle of the pavement and the vegetation needs cutting back. Cllr Harvey reported that he had attended the Classic Car Show in Herne Bay and given out a lot of leaflets for the Fun Day.
- 127/12 An opportunity to propose items for the next agenda.** None
- 128/12 To confirm the next meeting of the parish council will be on 14th June 2012 at 7-30pm at Wootton Room Herne Mill.**

Meeting closed 9.50pm