

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 13 September 2012 at 7.30pm, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

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

Not Present: Cllr Harvey, Cllr Sargent.

195/12 To receive apologies for absence and approve reasons. Cllr Harvey working in London, Cllr Sargent who has had a family bereavement. Apologies also from County Cllr Marsh who will attend Chislet Parish Council meeting first. City Cllrs Bissett, Sonnex and Vickery Jones and PCSO Sue Radcliffe who is on annual leave.

196/12 To receive declarations of interest on items on Agenda. None.

197/12 The minutes of the meeting held on 9th August 2012 were agreed as a correct record.

198/12 To report on matters arising from the minutes, not on the agenda, for information only. None.

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

1 attended and spoke

199/12 **Chairman's Announcements.** None.

200/12 **To receive reports from County Cllr Marsh & City Councillors.** City Cllr Bissett has said she is chasing up repainting the yellow lines in the service road. County Cllr Marsh reported that there would not be an increase in KCC part of the council tax despite further cuts to their budget from central government. A new scheme was being introduced to deal with smaller highways issues. A van with 4 operatives would be available to go into areas and deal with minor repairs. He told Cllr Brealy how sorry he was to hear about the arson attack on his barn and the loss of all his hay and straw. There are a few extra tickets for the pantomime with some additional dates added. If anyone wants tickets they should contact County Cllr Marsh as soon as possible. At the full county council meeting there was a question scheduled about the ragwort on highways land, unfortunately there had not been enough time to discuss this. There were concerns that fly tipping could increase while the tip is closed for refurbishment. Any issues regarding this should be made to the cabinet member Brian Sweetland. Cllr Davis thanked County Cllr Marsh for the repairs to Braggs Lane and Cllr Moore reported that the kerb stone on the corner of Millview Road and Canterbury Road had not been repaired.

201/12 **Police Matters/Crime report.** None

202/12 **Wardens Report.** Gary told members he had just got back from calling the police to deal with an assault at the entrance to the Community Park in Broomfield, this was believed to be a domestic incident. Following his two weeks annual leave he has made 11 highways reports and dealt with some Trading Standards issues. He has also had two untaxed vehicles removed. He is investigating anti social behaviour in Arden Road and has also been working with the Beavers and Cubs. He will be in Thanet next week training with the mobile task force. He is looking at Junior Road Safety Champions for the local schools. Cllr Nicholson asked if he could get involved with the youth council.

203/12 **Planning and Highways matters.** To approve minutes of the meetings held on 16th August & 11th September 2012 and discuss issues raised. Minutes were approved. Cllr Blatherwick explained that the committee had objected to the new application for a nursery at 40 Busheyfields Road mainly on highways grounds but also on loss of amenity to neighbours. The issues raised regarding the Local Plan were discussed and as one of the proposed areas that may be allocated for development was Strode Farm. Cllr Brealy declared an interest and left the room. Cllr Blatherwick went through the sites that were on the list for consideration, she explained that there was quite a large area with Strode Farm and the Golf Course, which, if it

was all developed would mean that Herne Village would lose its identity. Such extensive development was likely to join Herne to Greenhill. If the area was developed it was likely the developer would have to put in a bypass for Herne. In addition to which there was the proposed development by Kitewood on the other side of the Thanet Way. The clerk reported that she had contacted the ward Councillors to tell them of members' views. Members agreed that action would need to be taken by the parish council but as the proposals had not yet gone to consultation Cllr Day stated that care must be taken not to scaremonger before the land allocation proposals had been clarified. Cllr Blatherwick pointed out that it may be necessary to agree to some development in the parish. As soon as the clerk receives further information on which the parish council can act a planning meeting will be called to discuss it.

Cllr Brealy, on his return, asked if the problem with parking along Lower Herne Road was raised, Cllr Blatherwick confirmed it was but didn't think there was an easy solution to it. The warden could be asked to keep an eye on the situation when lorries were expected.

204/12 Finance

To ratify payments made since last meeting. Fun day payments to Carol Bosworth £80, Bryony Walton £90, Jane Wells £90, Hawklands £300, Preacher Handmade Guitars, £60, Mrs Blaskett £60, Preacher Guitars £20, Mrs Blaskett £20. Pilgrims Hospices £730

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

To report on income received. Newsletter advertising £730.00, Events £2,218.76, Bank Interest £.73, Hall hire £223.74, Wildlife Area £25,000. Total £28,173.23.

205/12 Environmental Issues including Tree & Pond Warden's Report. Cllr Davis reported that she was having a meeting with CCC regarding the ongoing management of Curtis Wood Park and also with Little Acorns to discuss the Forest School using the wildlife area. She has also looked at some trees which were causing problems in Chapel Row and these have been reported to the relevant authorities. There had been a letter received questioning Cllr Davis' qualifications for making comments on a tree in Ash Close that the resident had wanted to remove and Cllr Davis had suggested pollarding. Cllr Davis will be attending a Blean Initiative meeting. There is a task day at Broomfield on 30th September at 10am.

206/12 Clerk's Report /Correspondence. The fun day will be discussed under item 209/12. The thank you BBQ went very well and a cheque for £731 was presented to David Denne from Pilgrims Hospices.

The new email address has had some issues in that it only seems to work intermittently. There have also been issues with Outlook Express since the new email has been added. Outlook Express was also throwing up an error message and then not sending at all. After much messing about the clerk ordered a router from Talk Talk and called out a computer expert to sort out the problems. He installed the router got Outlook up and running and transferred all the files etc. over. The scanner then wasn't working so EKS had to come out but for some reason they cannot get it working. The computer man will come back to see if he can sort the problem out. The quiz night is on 22nd September and there are still a few tables available.

Correspondence as stated at E & L meeting two letters received thanking the parish council for the BMX track from visitors and one from someone who opened their garden saying thank you for the BBQ. A letter has been received from the Audit Commission stating that Littlejohn had been appointed as the auditor from 2013 for 5 years.

207/12 Reports from council representatives on outside bodies (KALC, Street monitors, Standards Board etc), any meetings attended by members on behalf of parish council.

208/12 To report on Youth Council and Youth Club. Next Youth Council meeting is on Saturday 15th September, Kent on Sunday ran an article on the Youth Council and flyers were distributed at the fun day. Cllr Day will also attend on Saturday. The youth club started back on 12th September and 6 youngsters attended. They may get a visit from a man who keeps snakes at a future meeting.

209/12 To approve minutes of Environment & Leisure meeting held on 6th September 2012 and report on the Fun Day. All members had received a copy of the minutes and the report on the fun day. The day had been very successful with the only real hitch being the opening. Cllr Day stated that a really big opening would make more of it, with perhaps a band playing and then

- stopping for the official opening. Cllr Taylor thanked everyone who attended to help on the day, she also told members that there had been complaints that the sound system which wasn't as good as usual, but overall it had been a very good day and well supported.
- 210/12 To report on the meeting held with residents of Herne Street and School Lane on 31st August.** Cllr Davis reported on the meeting, she said it was a very positive meeting with concerns regarding parking being raised especially when there were other events on in the village. Residents would like spaces in the public car park allocated for residents only. Those present were pleased that the band practise had been stopped and that finishing times were earlier. There were some issues raised regarding the loss of spaces while the building was going on and whether the spaces would be reinstated once the building had been completed. Cllr Moore asked why it had been a private meeting, Cllr Day explained, again, that it was for those people more affected and they felt they should have special treatment. The committee decided to hold 3 meetings for the various residents as each area was likely to have different concerns and it also enabled more of a one on one approach to ensure everyone would be heard, this could not be done in one meeting. Cllr Moore reported that the clerk had parked in the hall car park on 4 various dates over the last 3 months, on a Sunday. He also asked why notices were being put on vehicles using the hall car park. Cllr Blatherwick said they were trespassing as they were not hall users. If necessary this could be discussed at the next hall committee meeting.
- 211/12 Update on Allotments.** The clerk reported that she was waiting to hear when the next meeting was going to be held. There had been no further action taken to date.
- 212/12 Update on Wildlife Area.** The £25,000 had been received from the developer for the ongoing maintenance and the final paperwork has been signed and returned for registration at Land Registry.
- 213/12 Resolution stating that Herne & Broomfield Parish Council meets the criteria for the General Power of Competence.** It is resolved that the parish council meets the criteria. Two thirds of members must be elected or have stood for election. The clerk must be qualified by passing S7 of CiLCA. Council must pass a resolution at a full council meeting stating that it meets the criteria and clearly minute this. Confirmation that it meets the criteria to be made at the Annual Parish Council meeting following elections, for ongoing eligibility.
- 214/12 To approve the renewal of Insurance cover for the year.** The renewal cost for the hall is £746.26 and for the Parish Council is £1,502.93. The parish council is tied in for 3 years in order to take advantage of cheaper premiums. Members approved the renewal.
- 215/12 To approve the parish council taking over the painting of the mural in the underpass.** KCC warden supervisor asked the clerk if there was any chance that she could look for additional funding to get this project completed. The clerk has successfully got a donation of £1,000 and County Cllr Marsh has said if the parish council contributes £250 he will match fund, this will cover all of the cost. If the parish council employs the artist he will be covered under parish council insurance. Members agreed to take over the project in order to get it completed.
- 216/12 Members Reports.** Cllr Nicholson reported that he had been contacted by a resident complaining that Herne Bay High school uniform is only available from Rogers Menswear in Herne Bay. She was very surprised that there was a sole supplier. The clerk told members that she had also had a visit from the same lady and suggested she needed to discuss the problem with the head teacher. Cllr Nicholson said he had also had a request from Herne WI for a donation towards their 60th Anniversary next year. Cllr Day said they needed to write in and explain what the funding was for or come along to a meeting to talk about it. Cllr Breally told members that if the planning committee would like a fuller explanation of what may be planned for the development at Strode Farm, then someone would be willing to come along and speak to them. Cllr Hobbs has received a complaint that a resident of Curtis Wood Park Road is tipping garden rubbish into Curtis Wood Park. She had attended the results meeting for S & SE England in Bloom and was pleased to announce that Herne Bay had received a Silver Gilt. The Memorial Park and the cemetery had also received Silver Gilt and Reculver Country Park, a Gold. Next year Herne Bay would be going for Gold. Cllr Day asked that the parish council's congratulations be passed on the Herne Bay in Bloom committee. Cllr Tobin reported

a new fence had gone up along the footpath to Little Acorns and was greatly appreciated. Cllr Moore reported that the hedge belonging to the bungalow in Canterbury Road was starting to encroach on the footpath.

217/12 The next meeting of the parish council, will be held on 11th October 2012 at 7-30pm at the Wootton Room Herne Mill, Mill Lane.

Meeting closed 9.20pm