

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 8th August 2013 at 7.30pm, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Present: Cllr Day, Cllr Blatherwick, Cllr Hobbs, Cllr Davis, Cllr Harvey, Cllr Sargent, Cllr Tobin, Cllr Moore, Cllr Brealy and Cllr Nicholson.

Not present: Cllrs Tracey and Robert Jones and Cllr Taylor.

165/13 To receive apologies for absence and accept reasons. Cllrs Tracey and Robert Jones, away; Cllr Taylor, away.

166/13 To receive declarations of interest on items on Agenda. Cllrs Brealy & Sargent 179/13

167/13 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 11th July 2013

168/13 To report on matters arising from the minutes, not on the agenda, for information only. The response to the Electoral Commission re the number of councillors for the Canterbury District has been submitted.

ADJOURNMENT FOR MEMBERS OF PUBLIC TO SPEAK

3 members attended, 1 spoke

169/13 Chairman's Announcements. The chairman reminded members that the Family Fun Day was being held on 18th August.

170/13 Police Matters/Crime report. None

171/13 Warden's Report. None

172/13 To receive reports from County Cllr Marsh & City Councillors. County Cllr Alan Marsh reported that he had had a meeting with Sir Roger Gale MP to look at the issue of School Lane. They both agreed that as much as was possible had been done. It may be that if the proposed developments go ahead and the A291 is diverted down Bullockstone Road the road through the village would be downgraded. Cllr Davis pointed out that a lot of the early morning and afternoon traffic was going to the school and this would not change. County Cllr Marsh told members that people knew the area was difficult to negotiate and therefore they took extra care. Sir Roger Gale has written to the occupants of 15 Herne Street with his comments. He then spoke about the Draft Local Plan and emphasised that he would support whatever decision was made by the parish council with regard to this. He would represent the people of the parish as their KCC councillor.

City Cllr Vickery Jones reported that he had attended the Local Plan meeting held at the Kings Hall on 6th August and was disappointed that there was very little representation from the parish council in attendance. Cllr Day explained that the email had been sent out while the clerk was on annual leave and had gone astray and members were not aware of the meeting. It had not been publicised anywhere else. If the parish council would like him to Peter said he would try and organise another presentation to be held in the parish. Members confirmed they would like this. He asked that the clerk email him explaining the circumstances as to why the parish council did not attend the meeting at the Kings Hall.

City Cllr Sonnex has sent a written report *'On the night of the 5th August I retired at 11 45 and noticed all the lights in the church hall behind my property blazing. There were no functions on and the hall is usually vacated by around 10pm at the latest. I contacted the police who attended some time later. I was informed at 2 15am that the place was secure, though the lights remained on. Around 5am I was conscious the lights had been turned off.*

With regard to the planning application for the large dormer roof in Strode Park Rd, the application was refused a few days ago. Since then, the applicant has lodged an appeal against the decision.

I received a complaint regarding vehicles being parked inappropriately in Hawe Farm Way opposite the junction with Arden Rd. It was suggested that the vehicles were being sold professionally so this matter was passed to Michelle Weston to investigate.

A concerned resident contacted me regarding a lamp post that had been removed in Canterbury Rd. I made enquiries and was advised it had been removed as it was corroded and that it will be replaced in the coming weeks. Ref 17430607.

A number of concerned residents have knocked on my door about a car in Rye Walk that may have been abandoned. Some of the neighbours have made their own enquiries and no one seems to know who owns it. It has been there for over two weeks without moving. Being

a cul-de-sac most neighbours are aware of each other's movements. The vehicle is taxed, but may have been stolen or dumped so Monica has the registration number to further enquiries through the appropriate channels.

I have logged a call to KHW regarding the signage on the flyover. Coming from the Harvester back into Broomfield the road signs have virtually disappeared behind the foliage. Ref 76348.

I note that an application has been presented by the Micro-Brewery in Braggs Lane requesting a variation on their existing licence. I understand the notices will be going up today.

I was invited to attend the presentation by John Gilbey and Ian Brown on Tuesday regarding the Local Plan. The presentation was followed by a Q & A session where those present were invited to put forward their views. There were a diverse number of concerns raised which included housing numbers, infrastructure and highways issues. Any residents who wish to comment need to make their representations to Canterbury City Council by the 31st August'.

173/13 Highways None

174/13 Planning Matters

To receive minutes of Planning & Highways meeting held on 6th August. There were no questions relating to this meeting.

175/13 Finance

To ratify payments made since last meeting. Refund cheque for £25.

To approve payments presented at this meeting; schedule and bank reconciliation supplied. The payments were approved.

To report on income received. £1,889.39 refund VAT, Advertising revenue £750, Fun day £292.56, Garden Safari £41, Bank interest £2.73, Hall hire £618.32, CCC grant hall £1,460. Total £5,054.

176/13 Clerk's Report/Correspondence. The clerk reported that she had had a very busy month with Local Plan response and the Fun day, as well as the consultations for the Community Centre. The consultation days were well attended and following requests from residents who were away that weekend or couldn't get there for other reasons, it was agreed that another final public consultation would be held on 5th September and then the responses will be collated. The feedback generally has been good so far. Many of those who came to view the designs thought that all the designs were well presented and a lot of thought had gone into what was proposed.

Preparations for the fun day are now hectic, the clerk reported that she and her husband had put up and sorted out 8 gazebo's to make sure that everything was ready for the day. Prizes for the tombola have been collected and the clerk thanked Cllr Hobbs who had managed to get local shops to donate. Thanks also to Cllr Davis who has sorted out all the tombola prizes and the advertising in the local papers etc. There is still some stall space available and if anyone knows of someone who might help on a stall they would be most welcome.

The clerk reported that the next edition of the Community News had gone out to the deliverers and she thanked Cllr Davis for all her hard work in producing it. The clerk thanked Cllr Sargent for sorting out the board on the Herne PO wall, this now has a fun day sign on it.

The allotment car park will be started week commencing 19th August and the fencing will be installed around mid September. Options for installing the water supply are being looked at and it is thought the cheapest option will be T-ing off the supply at the Community Park.

The Single Grant Gateway application form has been submitted. This is towards hall running costs. The applications for Concurrent Funding and Capital will need to be in by the end of October.

Correspondence has mainly been for Local Plan and the Fun Day as well as the normal day to day things such as highways issues, name plates and street lighting.

177/13 Environmental Issues including Tree & Pond Warden's Report. Curtis Wood Park has been awarded the Green Flag and the Friends of the Ponds attended the presentation. The dead willow at Broomfield Pond has been removed. On 28th August there is a Family Activity Day at Curtis Wood and on 29th August at 7.30pm a bat walk.

178/13 Reports from council representatives on outside bodies (KALC, Street monitors, etc). Parish Council chairman Tony Day was invited to a launch event at Strode Park. The event was attended by Terry Waite and Amanda Cottrell. Strode Park are proposing to

build a Hydrotherapy unit for residents and day visitors; this will allow exercise other than those exercises that have to be done from the wheelchair.

Cllr Harvey reported on the Allotment meeting saying that ragwort was to be removed and the allotment plots have been marked out.

- 179/13 To discuss the progress on the Local Plan parish council response. Cllrs Brealy and Sargent left the room.** All members had received the first draft of the response, sent out by the clerk. Cllr Day congratulated the clerk on the work she had done to date on the draft response. Members were asked if they had any comments or if there was anything they wished to add. Cllr Davis voiced concerns that some references in the Landscape and Biodiversity Appraisal were incorrect, one reference was to the old hospital which it states is 'currently being re-developed for housing' This development has been built for about 12 years. Cllr Blatherwick told members there were concerns regarding information that had not been provided. Cllr Moore told members that he had attended the meeting at the Kings Hall and John Gilbey had told him that CCC had provided more information than they needed to with regard to the local plan. The clerk told members that the consultations are ongoing with CPRE and John Payne the highways expert. It looks like CPRE are willing to share the cost of this initial consultation with John Payne. Cllr Blatherwick has been dealing with John and hopefully we will get his full opinion in the next week. Once finalised a copy of the response will be sent out to all members. Cllrs Sargent and Brealy returned to the meeting.
- 180/13 To agree the salary increase of 1% on pay scale for clerk, as per the new NALC figures, payable from April 2013.** Both NALC and SLCC have informed parishes of the new pay agreement which will be back dated to 1st April 2013. This was approved.
- 181/13 To discuss a Village food bank.** Cllr Nicholson suggested it may be a good idea to have a food bank in the village. He had not had looked into it in any detail. Cllr Day said there were logistical issues with this, as there would be a need for storage and a collection point someone to administer the project. Cllr Nicholson will look into it and find out how the one in Herne Bay is run and report back at the next meeting. Cllrs Sargent and Tobin said they would be willing to help.
- 182/13 To discuss report on Annual Inspection of play equipment.** There were several issues raised following the inspection of the equipment, mainly with the MUGA. As little has been necessary in the way of repairs up to now, these issues need to be addressed and the clerk reported that she had sent the installers the details and asked for a quote for the repairs. These were mainly self closing hinges on the gates, signage and replacing back boards for hoops. There is an earmarked fund for the maintenance of equipment. Members agreed these repairs should go ahead.
- 183/13 Members Reports.** Cllr Brealy reported that he had spoken to Natural England with regard to the ragwort. KCC had been given until 19th August to deal with it. If the ragwort is within 100 metres of livestock grazing or an area for producing hay, action can be taken. Cllr Hobbs told members that the Herne Bay in Bloom results have gone in the newsletter and that Herne & Broomfield had done very well. The ransom strip in Honeysuckle Way is owned by Wards and Highways were due to come and look at the path that was overgrown.
Cllr Davis reported that the ragwort by Broomfield pond had been noted by CCC but had not yet been removed.
Cllr Tobin asked if members could go out with secateurs and cut back overgrowth. Cllr Day said it was not legal to cut back someone else's vegetation.
Cllr Sargent told members ragwort needed to be pulled up and incinerated.
Cllr Moore asked if the metal posts opposite the slip road could be removed or the Herne sign replaced.
Cllr Day said he had ordered 100 calendars and that he had learned a lot about the process and will seek advice if another is produced.
- 184/13 An opportunity to propose items for the next agenda.** Cllr Harvey asked if another bench could be provided at Broomfield Community Park. Also there was a finger post in the garden of 105 Mill Lane, would it be possible to refurbish it.
- 185/13 To confirm the next meeting of the parish council will be on 12th September 2013 at 7-30pm at Wootton Room, Herne Mill.**

Meeting closed 9.05pm