

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 11th July 2013 at 7.30pm, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

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

Absent: Cllr Moore, Cllr Tracey Jones.

145/13 To receive apologies for absence and accept reasons. City Cllr Sonnex Cllr Moore who is ill, Cllr Tracey Jones who has been delayed at work. Reasons accepted.

146/13 To receive declarations of interest on items on Agenda. Cllr Ian Sargent and Cllr Andrew Brealy item 159/13.

147/13 The minutes of the meeting held on 13th June 2013 were agreed as an accurate record.

148/13 To report on matters arising from the minutes, not on the agenda, for information only. The Local Plan documents have been collected from CCC and are available in the office if anyone wishes to view them. Cllr Robert Jones has sorted out the notice board in Streetfield. The clerk thanked him for doing this.

ADJOURNMENT FOR MEMBERS OF PUBLIC TO SPEAK

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

4 attended one spoke.

149/13 **Chairman's Announcements.** None

150/13 **Police Matters/Crime report.** PCSO Radcliffe is not on duty today, no report received.

151/13 **Warden's Report.** Michelle has sent a written report. She has been dealing with nuisance motorcycles in Blean Woods, nuisance parking, working with NHW co-ordinators. On 7th August she attended a Road Safety Awareness Course. She is pursuing mediation for two local residents. She has visited Little Acorns and issued shed alarms. A couple of late shifts have been worked and visible presence maintained especially Strode Park, Curtis Wood and Cherry Orchard. She has dealt with requests re hedges and shrubs over growing pavements and visited a property with the housing officer. She has attended training on Domestic Abuse and she was called on to help in Canterbury with the Farewell for the Argyll & Southerland Highlanders.

She would like to remind residents to secure sheds as there has been a spate of break-ins and not to have dealings with door knockers selling items, and to make sure homes are secure when residents are out in the garden. She will be helping at Herne Juniors Fair on 13th July, has talked to the Beavers about Stranger Danger and attended surgeries in Herne Bay Library.

152/13 **To receive reports from County Cllr Marsh & City Councillors.** County Cllr Marsh reported that a bollard had been damaged by a large vehicle in Herne village; he was pleased that it had done its job and any repairs would be carried out quickly. He raised the issue of School Lane and Herne Street as residents wanted something done but could not agree on what; he did not know what the answer was to this situation. He gave members details of this year's pantomime and also told them the government were cutting funding by another 10% and KCC were expecting to make further cuts in services next year. He asked that when making final preparations for the Community Centre that there was at least double or triple glazing and spaceship doors to help with noise reduction. There is a possibility that a new grammar school could be built on the golf course site. Members at County Hall have redirected the KCC highways officer at Canterbury, there is no Memorandum of Understanding in place for the draft Local Plan, as it is inappropriate at this time. County Cllr Marsh agreed that the infrastructure should be in place before the proposed development takes place. He was asked if KCC had done an Infrastructure Delivery Plan or a Transport Plan, he believes that is the responsibility of whoever is producing the plan.

City Cllr Vickery Jones reported that there were really no objections to the Sainsbury

application. He had looked at the proposals for a new mobile phone mast in Margate Road, but did not think it was a problem. A letter had been received from KCC regarding the creation of a Bridlepath and cycle way through Clowes Woods and Blean Woods coming out at the junction of Braggs Lane, Bullockstone Road and Canterbury Road. Cllr Davis asked what would happen if A291 was changed to go down Bullockstone Road and cycles and horse riders would then need to cross an A road.

- 153/13 Highways.** Cllr Davis reported on the work being carried out in Braggs Lane. KCC Highways had come along and started clearing the ditches, without informing residents that this work was going to be carried out. This had made the verge very narrow and due to this KCC is going to install bollards. The pot holes have been filled in.

Planning Matters

- 154/13** To receive minutes of Planning & Highways meeting held on 20th June. Members all had a copy of the draft minutes, there weren't any questions. The proposed new property at 18 Norton Avenue has been withdrawn.

- 155/13 Finance**

To ratify payments made since last meeting. None

To approve payments presented at this meeting. These were approved. The schedule and bank reconciliation were supplied to all members present.

To report on income received. Grants £3,200, newsletter advertising £100, Fun day £110, Garden Safari £1683.45, bank Interest £3.41, Hall hire £551.05, Total £5,647.91

Internal Auditors quarterly report. Cllr Robert Jones reported that everything was found to be in order during the quarterly check. A copy of the auditor's report had gone to all members.

- 156/13 Clerk's Report/Correspondence.**

The clerk reported that she had been busy going through the Local Plan and making notes and comments. Plans for the Fun Day were moving forward but there has still been no confirmation from CCC that the event can go ahead! The clerk told members she had attended the Preston Steam Fair and given out leaflets for the classic car show and had received about 8 more entries. The email sent out asking for bottles of booze for the Barrow of Booze had resulted in some cans and a few bottles being delivered to the office more would be most welcome. The Sea Cadets are no longer available to play at the fun day; Cllr Nicholson will make enquiries regarding the Air Cadets band. Flyers for the schools are ready so they can go to the children before they break up. The banners and signs have gone to be altered. Cllr Sargent is going to put a new piece of board up outside what was the Upper Red Lion and a fun day sign is being made to go up there.

The quarterly audit has been carried out. The clerk had a meeting with Nick Harrison to discuss cutting the grass in the fenced area at the hall and also regarding the flower bed in the village. There had been further discussions with the designers of the new Community Centre and a meeting held for members to view the proposed designs. The clerk reminded members that the public consultation was being held on 12th July from 1-7pm in the Community Centre and from 10am to 1PM on 13th July at Broomfield Hall. Several hundred flyers had been distributed locally for the public consultation. The clerk thanked Cllr Sargent for getting rid of the ruts just inside the gate at the Community Centre. The work on the car park for the allotments will start on 19th August. The photo competition entries have been received and the judging will take place on 16th July. There has been an issue over payment of the replacement glass in the community centre. The Community payback officer is now stating it is not their responsibility and the invoice has been passed to the offender and he has been told to pay.

The office will be closed from 22nd July and will re-open on 29th July. Phone messages etc will be monitored by Cllr Taylor and emails if urgent will be answered by Cllr Davis.

The next newsletters will go to the printers at the beginning of August.

Several complaints from residents were received about overgrown shrubbery and trees. These were passed to the warden who successfully dealt with the complaints. A letter has been received from a resident of St Martin's View complaining about noise from a wedding reception that was held in the hall. An email was also received from chairman of St Martin's View Residents Ass. The two emails had been sent to members.

- 157/13 Environmental Issues including Tree & Pond Warden's Report.** Cllr Davis reported that there had been a bee walk at Broomfield Community Park on 6th July this had been attended by 19 adults and 4 children. It all looked very good around the park at the moment. The issues around the pond appear to have been resolved with CCC now responsible for cutting the grass etc, the arisings have also been removed. Cllr Day

reported that he had received 54 entries for the calendar competition and the judging will take place on 16th July.

- 158/13 Reports from council representatives on outside bodies (KALC, Street monitors, etc).** Cllr Hobbs reported on the KALC meeting (full minutes will be sent to all members). Peter Topley from Sturry has resigned from both KALC and the parish council. The Local Plan was discussed especially the green gaps and the Electoral Review. The Locality Board is stay as it is. KALC subs were discussed and these will eventually be per capita. Bristows will be taking over Search & Rescue and will operate from Manston in 2015. There could be a change in planning law allowing developers to go straight to the inspector if a local authority has a poor previous record.
- Cllr Harvey attended the Allotment Association meeting on 19th June. Fencing is organised and the car park will be started on 19th August, this work is being carried out by Quinney's. The container will need to be put on blocks and levelled. There is a working party on 24th July to mark out plots.
- Cllr Hobbs reported on Herne Bay in Bloom. There was a meeting to celebrate the centenary of the Kings Hall, at the King's Hall. During this event there was a dedication ceremony for the centenary garden which was planted up by the special needs group from Elham.
- 159/13 To discuss the progress on the Local Plan and further action.** Cllrs Brealy & Sargent left the meeting at this point. Cllr Blatherwick and the clerk met with Brian and Barrie from CPRE and also John Payne who is a Strategic Highways expert. John has agreed to help the parish council form an initial response to the proposals in the draft Local Plan. He believes he can supply enough suitable information to give Cllr Blatherwick the chance to be able to flesh it out. He will charge £500 for the initial work. He thinks this will be enough for the first response to the draft plan. Following CCC's response it may be necessary to do much more detailed work on the highways issues and subsequently he may be required to attend the Inspectors hearing and speak on behalf of the parish council. The clerk has put together comments which need to be put into some sort of order for the response and a meeting will be held between Cllrs Blatherwick, Day and Moore in early August to finalise. Hopefully most of the response will be ready to go to full council for the August meeting. Cllr Davis raised the issue of previous flooding in Lower Herne Road near Ash Close. The chairman confirmed that all highways costs for the proposed changes in the Canterbury area are to be developer funded. The clerk reported that there was a lack of detail to go with the Local Plan. Cllr Blatherwick told members she would like to see traffic figures and the estimated cost of the infrastructure and she agreed with County Cllr Marsh that the infrastructure should go in first. It was agreed the clerk would see if any of the information required was available. The points to help residents respond to the Local Plan will be in the next newsletter. Cllrs Brealy & Sargent were asked to rejoin the meeting at this point.
- 160/13 To discuss the response to the Electoral Commission re Consultation on changes to the number of City Councillors.** It has been pointed out that if the numbers of councillors are reduced by 12 as suggested that the wards are likely to be made bigger. If the number of houses proposed goes ahead, the councillor's numbers would need to stay much the same. Cllr Day thought that reducing the number of councillors would dilute the voice of the residents. Members questioned CCC's claim that it would improve the quality of the councillors. The clerk will respond to the consultation with member's comments.
- 161/13 Report on E & L meeting.** Cllr Taylor asked if there were any comments on the minutes of the meeting, these had gone to all members. The clerk reported that the Sea Cadets Band would be unable to play as they will be away on the day. Cllr Nicholson said he would ask the Air Cadets.
- 162/13 Members Reports** Cllr Hobbs had been asked by some residents to get advice about a letter from KCC regarding an over grown area in Honeysuckle Way. Cllr Day said it was owned by Wards and was their responsibility not the residents. Cllr Harvey reported that one of his pictures was on display at Whitefriars. Cllr Davis reported that a resident had asked for a noticeboard in Lower Herne Road and that he also wanted his new recycle bin removed. The clerk said he needed to contact Helen Bennington at CCC to arrange this.
- 163/13 An opportunity to propose items for the next agenda.**
- 164/13 The next meeting of the parish council will be on 8th August 2013 at 7-30pm at Wootton Room Herne Mill.**
- Meeting closed at 9.25pm