

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 12th September 2013 at 7.30pm, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Present: Cllr Day, Cllr Blatherwick, Cllr Hobbs, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Robert Jones, Cllr Tracey Jones, Cllr Tobin, Cllr Harvey, and Cllr Moore.

Not present: Cllr Davis, Cllr Nicholson, Cllr Sargent and Cllr Brealy.

186/13 To receive apologies for absence and accept reasons. Cllr Davis who has family visiting from Australia, Cllrs Sargent and Brealy who are working and Cllr Nicholson who doesn't expect to get home in time. Reasons were accepted. Ward Cllr Vickery Jones has an executive meeting.

187/13 To receive declarations of interest on items on Agenda. None

188/13 The minutes of the meeting held on 8th August 2013 were agreed as an accurate record.

189/13 To report on matters arising from the minutes, not on the agenda, for information only. None.

ADJOURNMENT FOR MEMBERS OF PUBLIC TO SPEAK

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

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190/13 Chairman's Announcements. None

191/13 Police Matters/Crime report. PCSO is not on duty.

192/13 Warden's Report. Warden is on holiday.

193/13 To receive reports from County Cllr Marsh & City Councillors. County Cllr Marsh reported that the agenda of meetings for the JTB had been set and he was vice chairman this year. The options for Westgate Towers will be published soon. He didn't think any of the options were acceptable and that it needed hopper buses to operate through the towers. He had made contact with S E Water to try and reduce the quoted cost of a water supply into the allotment field. He had also attended the HBAMP meeting as a member of the public. Cllr Robert Jones asked about the lack of cutting of the footpaths, County Cllr Marsh said that there was no money for footpaths, but he would try. The clerk was asked to email the details. Cllr Blatherwick asked about the Transportation Study and why it was not going to be published until December. County Cllr Marsh told members that the developers needed to understand that they alone would be liable for the cost of the infrastructure as there is no funding available from central government. He also pointed out that only KCC could compulsory purchase land for strategic purposes.

City Cllr Sonnex reported that the trees over the flyover were cut a couple of days after being reported. She spoke about an issue with a lamp post in Canterbury Road which had been removed due to corrosion. There was now an issue with replacing it as a new power supply has to be found. She told members that she had responded to the parking regulation review and had objected to the proposal for yellow lines in Margate Road. She had received a lot of objections from residents of Braggs Lane regarding the licensing application for the brewery. There has been some shed break ins in the area one neighbour had been supplied with a shed alarm by the KCC warden.

Ward Cllr Vickery Jones asked the clerk to pass on his congratulations with regard to the parish councils' response to the Local Plan which he totally agrees with. He has spoken to officers who think that the experts view of the cost of implementing the infrastructure required re the highways proposals, is too high. Cllr Vickery Jones is of the opinion that CCC hasn't really done any accurate figures with regard to the potential cost.

194/13 Highways. None

195/13 Planning Matters

To receive minutes of Planning & Highways meeting held on 29th August 2013. Cllr Blatherwick told members that there had been a large delegation objecting to the license application for the brewery and the parish council had objected and also pointed out to planning that this would be in contravention of the planning conditions.

196/13 Finance

Report on Finance meeting held on 3rd September 2013 to discuss any issues brought

forward, especially placing some of the councils funds with another bank. Following discussions on the banks terms and conditions for opening an account, interest rates etc, it was agreed to place £150,000 in a new deposit account with Unity Bank. It was also agreed to continue insurance cover with Came & Co.

To ratify payments made since last meeting. ACRK £25, Macmillan £778. These were approved.

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

To report on income received. Youth council funds £400, Newsletter advertising £250, Funday £2,897.02, bank interest £2.61, Community Centre hire £607.50, Sale of calendars £85.76, Kent Probation Service £115. Total £4,357.89. The clerk reported that the external auditors report had come back without any comments, therefore no issues had been raised.

197/13 Clerk's Report/Correspondence. The parish council's response to the Local Plan was submitted on 27th August and members have all received a copy. It looks like the next consultation will be around January. A response was also submitted to the Landscape Character and Bio Diversity Appraisal.

The fun day was very successful a separate report comes later.

The last consultation evening for the new Community Centre was held on 5th September and was quite well attended.

The parish calendars are now on sale at £6.99, Margaret Burns has taken some to sell at events and clubs she is attending and Tracy Barden at Strode Park will try and sell some at their Christmas Fair on 30th November, some will also be sold in the Mill.

Some damage has been done to the fencing around the forest school, a hole has been cut in it to gain access. The police have been informed as this is criminal damage and the damage will be repaired as soon as possible.

There has been a problem at the community park with the water stop cock being damaged for the second time. The first pedestrian gate has been damaged, possibly someone had driven into it and moved the post. The fencing beside the second pedestrian gate has been pulled out of the ground. These will all need to be repaired.

Cllr Robert Jones and the clerk attended a meeting by ACRK a Training Workshop held on 4th September at Lenham Community hall. The report has been circulated to all members.

The clerk reported that she and Cllr Davis had a meeting with Roger Wragg from Serco to discuss further planting at the Community Park. The Concurrent funding grant must be spent before the end of March therefore the planting needs to be done in the next few months. It was agreed to try and plant during tree week in late November.

The clerk had also had a meeting with Timmy Gledhill from Serco to discuss the poor state of some of the paths and the steps. He will put together a quote for remedial works. There is currently £1,500 in the concurrent funding grant to spend on this.

198/13 Environmental Issues including Tree & Pond Warden's Report.

199/13 Reports from council representatives on outside bodies (KALC, Street monitors, etc).

Cllr Harvey reported that he had attended an Allotment meeting. He commended Peter Broad for all his hard work moving the project forward. The secretary has had to stand down for personal reasons and Peter will cover for her in the short term. Trevor Harding will act as treasurer. There is currently a list of 60 people who would like an allotment. The car park has been checked by Cllr Blatherwick now that it is finished and she confirmed it had been done as per the quote. The water issue is ongoing but not urgent. The likely cost of an allotment will be in the region of £35pa. There will be a meeting for all those who want an allotment, on site, on 28th September.

200/13 Report on Fun Day. The clerk reported that once again the parish council hosted a very successful Fun Day. She said that a big thank you must go to all the volunteers who helped out on the day. A special thank you to the guys who turned up to help put up gazebo's, rings and signs etc. Without these people it would not be possible to put on the event. There was a shortage of helpers this year, some were away, some unwell or had relatives who were unwell, but following some last minute phone calls, enough people were there on the day to cover stalls etc. There are a few people who do need to be singled out, who stayed all day and did or went wherever they were needed; Martin Rafferty, Cllr John Nicholson and Will Brealy who between them did a fantastic job during the day. Cllr Blatherwick and her husband Tim who put off starting their holiday until after the fun day, Cllr Davis and her daughter Sue and of course the clerks husband Mark, who transports all the equipment and

takes it all away again to store, as well as organising the putting up and taking down of gazebo's. Thanks must also go to Cllrs Day, Robert Jones, Tracey Jones, Pam Hobbs, Jennifer Taylor, Chris Tobin and Andy Harvey for all their hard work during the day, as well as those who manned stalls etc during the afternoon.

Two KCC wardens attended from 11am and did a great job on the gate and once again we had Chestfield Rotary who organised the car park and collected the money, they were kept busy until about 3.30pm.

Thanks to the weather being good, apart from one short sharp shower late afternoon, there were a great many people who attended during the course of the afternoon. There was a lovely atmosphere and everyone was saying what a lovely event it was, how friendly everyone was and how much they had enjoyed it.

There were a couple of hiccups on the day, problems with the water supply for the scouts and running out of prizes on some of the stalls and a lack of teams for the challenge, but nothing major! Stall holders were happy and they could see a lot of what was going on from where they were positioned this year.

The dog show was well supported and the classes were good with over 90 dogs registering. A big thank you to Swalecliffe and North East Kent Dog Training clubs for all their hard work on the day and the judge Annette Saunders.

The children had plenty to keep them occupied, as well as rides, there was Pip the Clown, face painting and of course the fun races. As always Paul & Bunny Parker did a great job on the PA getting people involved and cheering on the teams. Unfortunately the Liven History Crime & Punishment people were a waste of money and quite disappointing as they did very little during the day.

The star wars characters were as popular as ever and the Boot Camp Challenge was very entertaining. Cllr Nicholson, Martin Rafferty and Paul Parker did a great job getting the crowd to support the teams. It was fun for all watching to see the attempts at getting under the crawl net and putting up the tents, especially when Paul Parker insisted Cllr Nicholson demonstrated how the crawl net should be done! The space hopper race for the adults was also very entertaining.

The bands kept people entertained while they were enjoying the many refreshments on offer and the Kent Warriors Karate club did two displays during the afternoon.

Will Lee, the football coach, organised ball games for the youngsters in the ball court for an hour and a half, which he does free of charge.

There was a good attendance at the car show with over 70 vehicles on display, this was despite the HB Festival organisers putting on a Classic Car show and other entertainment on the same day in Herne Bay.

Although takings on the day were up on last year there was a lot less grant funding this year. Last year there was £1,525 of grant/donation funding and this year it was only £472 but despite that the overall profit is expected to be in the region of £1,850 to be split between Strode Park and Community Projects. Hollamby Estates have agreed to make a donation of £500 this year to Strode Park rather than donating towards the fun day, so this will boost the amount given to Strode Park. The chairman thanked the clerk, on behalf of the council, for all the work she had done in order to make the event happen.

201/13 Report on Community Centre Committee meeting held on 10th September 2013.

Members had received details of the outcome of the consultation and were shown the winning design. Cllr Blatherwick told members that Epps and the designer Judge had listened to what had been asked for and made alterations following comments made; they were also interested in partnership working when it came to building. The design chosen should mean that the existing hall could remain open during the new build process. The design showed a staircase into the roof space which could be used for storage at a later stage if required. Cllr Moore said he did not think the loft space should be used and he did not support the project. The clerk raised the issue of applying for Pre Planning which would cost £420. Members approved this. Cllr Robert Jones thanked Cllr Davis and Linda White for their work on the final figures produced from the questionnaires. The committee had discussed a sign for the Community Centre but Cllr Robert Jones told members that there was not a clear view of it from School Lane. The clerk raised the issue of grant funding, this will be discussed at the next meeting. A meeting will be arranged for the hall committee to meet with the developer, to discuss any issues that have arisen.

202/13 To discuss a Village food bank. An email had been received from vicar Elaine Richardson who explained that this was already up and running in Herne Bay and she was trying to get collecting bins in the parish. Cllr Nicholson had sent a message to say he

hadn't investigated further.

- 203/13 Report on cheque presentation to Macmillan Cancer Care held on 8th September 2013.** Cllr Day thanked Cllr Harvey and Cllrs Tracey & Robert Jones for all their hard worked. Cllr Harvey and his wife Sabina very kindly offered to host this year's event. There was a good turnout on the day with about 42 adults and children attending. Councillor Robert Jones did a sterling job on the BBQ, there didn't appear to be any burnt offerings! Cllr John Nicholson cooked an array of Indian dishes and there were some very good comments about his food and very little left at the end of the afternoon. Cllr Tracey Jones and Cllr Harvey and his wife Sabine provided salads and Sheila Day the pasta to accompany the hot food. Desserts were donated by Cllrs Hobbs, Davis and Blatherwick and the clerk.

Elizabeth O'Hanlon attended on behalf of Macmillan Cancer Support to collect the cheque for £778, she also spoke about what Macmillan can do for cancer patients and how donations such as these can make a great difference. She thanked everyone for their efforts in helping to raise such a good amount.

Following the cheque presentation, parish council chairman Tony Day, became auctioneer and his sterling efforts resulted in £66 being raised as he successfully auctioned all the vouchers that were not won at the Fun day.

Councillors helped to clear away at the end of the afternoon, as by about 6.30pm everyone drifted away. A pleasant few hours was greatly enjoyed by all.

- 204/13 To discuss installing another bench at Community Park.** During the meeting with Roger Wragg the issue of benches was raised and it is likely we can have a bench made from timber, taken from the trees that are being felled in the Memorial Park Herne Bay. Members were happy with this solution.

- 205/13 Members Reports.** Cllr Robert Jones reported some fly tipping in Ridgeway Road. He also raised the issue of the footpaths not being cleared. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting. Cllr Hobbs reported on the Herne Bay in Bloom meeting. Herne Bay had taken a break this year. The Memorial Park had won a Gold and Reculver Country Park a Gold. Whitstable got a Silver and Canterbury a Silver Gilt.

- 206/13 To confirm the next meeting of the parish council will be on 10th October 2013 at 7-30pm at Wootton Room Herne Mill.**

Meeting closed 9pm