

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 10th April 2014 at 7.30pm, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Present: Cllr Day, Cllr Blatherwick, Cllr Hobbs, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Harvey, Cllr Sargent, Cllr Nicholson, and Cllr Rafferty.

Not present; Cllrs Robert & Tracey Jones, Cllr Tobin, Cllr Moore and Cllr Davis.

62/14 To receive apologies for absence and accept reasons. Cllrs Robert Jones, Tracey Jones and Davis all are away, Cllr Moore who has flu.

63/14 To receive declarations of interest on items on Agenda. Cllr Sargent item 76/14.

64/14 The minutes of the meeting held on 13th March 2014 were agreed as a correct record.

65/14 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.

1 resident attended

66/14 Chairman's Announcements. To report on the outcome of the nominations for election. The chairman welcomed Martin Rafferty who was elected onto the parish council unopposed. The chairman announced that he would not be re-standing as chairman and he did not intend to stand for election in 2015 due to the fact he was no longer living in the parish and will not be paying the precept.

67/14 Police Matters/Crime report. Not on duty.

68/14 Warden's Report The clerk gave apologies for Michelle. The warden had done a series of late shifts since Friday and was not on duty and she had been called out to deal with a situation in Herne Bay and had not been able to do a report.

69/14 To receive reports from County Cllr Marsh & City Councillors. County Cllr Marsh spoke about the Local Plan proposals especially the highways. He told members that he needed to know what the residents and the parish council wanted, if they did not want the development then he would do his best to help stop it. He also stated that there was no agreement in place with regard to the Transport Strategy between CCC & KCC. The JTB was cancelled on 24th March and it looks like they will only have one KCC member on JTB in future. County Cllr Marsh made it clear that Bullockstone Road needed to be 8mtrs wide when he met with Rugh Goudie KCC Highways officer as the carriageway needed to be 7.3mtrs. He was also concerned about how the road will be done. He was worried that developers would only build some of the housing in order that they do not have to pay S106. There is a school included in plans for the Altira site. He also stated that Stagecoach will not run buses through a traffic calmed road. He is still talking to the people dealing with the closure of some of the outpatients units pointing out that all the development proposed for the Herne Bay area will increase the population by nearly 5000 and that the Queen Vic Hospital should remain open. KCC will receive £8.6M for road improvements from the government.

70/14 Highways Issues. No details yet on the closure of School Lane, there is quite a large back log of work at present.

71/14 Planning Matters. To receive minutes of planning meetings held on 03rd April 2014. No questions regarding this.

72/14 Finance

To ratify payments made since last meeting. Transfer £20,000 to Unity Trust Bank.

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

To report on income received. Donations £213.50, Grant £200, Advertising £123.67, Funday £550, Interest £57.53, Sales £5, Hall Hire £618.95, Calendars £10.42. Total £1,779.07.

73/14 Clerk's Report/Correspondence. A meeting was held with Quinn Estates with Cllrs Day, Blatherwick and the clerk. They brought along the amended drawings which have now been submitted for planning. The area originally allocated for a school has been

changed to allow for a care home/ assisted living.

The tree work etc required around the hall has been carried out.

Cllr Davis and the clerk had a meeting with Mick Sammonds at the Community Park to discuss the spraying of the weeds. It is hoped that this work will be done by the end of this month.

A new sign has been made for advertising the events and the clerk thanked Cllr Sargent for putting it up. The clerk also thanked Cllr Sargent for cutting the grass in the fenced area outside the community centre.

The clerk reported that she had attended the NHW AGM, a copy of her report has been circulated to all members.

The Spring edition of the newsletter has been circulated and the clerk thanked Cllr Davis for all her hard work putting this together and she also thanked all those who had delivered it.

CCC Transport Strategy has been circulated to CCC members at for approval prior to it going out to public consultation along with the final draft of the Local Plan. The clerk told members she had looked through it and didn't consider that the projected figures for the new works on the highway were sustainable and there was still a lot of information that wasn't there. The document has been passed to Cllr Blatherwick for her comments and a meeting has been arranged with Brian Lloyd, Barry Gore and John Payne at the end of the month, hopefully we will then have some idea as to how we can move forward with our objections to the development at Strode Farm.

The grant application form for preplanning costs has been submitted and the queries raised are being dealt with by Cllr Davis and the clerk.

As many of the members had attended, they were aware that a public meeting was held, with representatives from Bidwells representing Hollamby Estates, to discuss their proposals for developing Strode Farm.

Chris Crook from Bidwells explained that they had about 430 people visit the Kings Hall and about 50 in Herne. Just over 200 forms had been received. Approx 80% of people spoken to had issues regarding the road and wanted to be sure it was fit for purpose. The development would be mainly housing with a small mixed use area possibly with a convenience store. They were also looking at a Doctors/pharmacy and pub restaurant chains and some retirement housing. The A299 would have traffic lights to replace the roundabout and the new road would go virtually through the centre of the development, this would have a pavement area to be shared between pedestrians and cycles, the public footpath would be upgraded. There was very little detail as to how the residents would access this road in vehicles.

Chris told everyone that they thought Hollamby owned enough land in Bullockstone Road to be able to make the road suitable for HGV's with a width of 6mtrs. 30% of the development should be affordable housing but this might not be achievable due to the S106 required for the work on roads in the area. Bidwells did not consider there would be enough funding generated by the developments to cover the cost of road improvements proposed for the Canterbury area. They also considered that there was not enough information in CCC Transport Strategy.

Cllr Blatherwick asked specifically what standard Bullockstone Road would be if it was taking the A road traffic and was told Manual for Streets, she did not consider this acceptable and stated it should be to Highways Agency standard. There were various questions raised as to the road, regarding access for those using Bullockstone Road and also the issue of the junction with Canterbury Road, when asked how the roads would be delivered the answer was it would be phased, which Cllr Blatherwick told them was not acceptable as all the traffic would already be generated and there were also comments that it was not fair to the existing residents to have to deal with the increases in traffic movements until the developments were completed, it could take 20 years.

Flooding issues were addressed and the open space and mixed development would be mostly in the area that is listed as a possible flood area. There will be ponds and attenuation schemes and the ditch will be cleared. Cllr Blatherwick pointed out that all the water drained into Plenty Brook and the clue is in the name! Play areas were discussed and they said that play areas would be provided and space would be appropriate for the area and the type of housing. They stated that the environment would be as green as possible. The issue of the horses in the area of Bullockstone Road was raised and Cllr Blatherwick said the business that run stables could have to close. Hollamby intends to submit a planning application at the end of the year. The clerk told members she would circulate

this report.

A reminder that the Beetle Drive is on 26th April still places available.

Andrew Brealy contacted the clerk regarding the damage to the salt bin caused by a vehicle delivering to Strode Farm, the company had agreed to pay for a new one. The clerk reported that she had ordered one and it had arrived today. Strode Farm will cover the cost when the invoice arrives and will get the funds reimbursed.

Correspondence

A letter from CSU inviting a representative to a meeting on 13th May at Littlebourne. This is a Canterbury District Rural Community Engagement meeting. The idea is that the representative will be a conduit to encourage communication between the Community Safety Unit, consisting of Police and City Council and our rural community.

74/14 Environmental Issues including Tree & Pond Warden's Report. No tree wardens report. Cllr Hobbs reported that they had held the AGM and discussed entering SE in Bloom but they are too late but they will enter Herne Bay in Bloom, in the environmental category. There is a Herne Bay in Bloom meeting to try and get more volunteers. Cllr Harvey asked what the grass cutting regime at the Community Park was, the clerk told him that the grass on the BMX track and along the path edges were cut regularly but the remainder about twice a year. This keeps costs down.

75/14 Reports from council representatives on outside bodies (KALC, Street monitors, etc). Cllr Harvey reported that he had attended the Allotment Society AGM Peter Broad stood down as chairman and Alan King has taken over and he attended the Annual Parish Meeting to give a report. There was a committee meeting and the treasurer said there was enough money to pay the rent but due to having to change cheque signatories there was a delay. They intend to run a water pipe from the BMX supply and will pay the water bills. Two of the plots were designated for Community use, one has been taken by the church and the other is to be offered to Strode Park. They have set up a facebook account and are working on a logo. They are going to apply to HBAMP for some funding for a composting toilet. They thanked the parish council for persisting with the allotments and also the offer of supporting prizes for competition to be held later in the year. They had decided on 3 categories Best Shed, Best Plot and Best Produce Box. The decision on what will be given for these categories will be made at the next council meeting.

76/14 To discuss holding a public meeting for residents to give their views on the proposed development of Strode Farm. Public meetings have been held by Hollamby Estates, the general feedback from residents is that they do not wish to see this land developed. It was agreed that once the final draft of the Local Plan has been published and looked into a public meeting will be held to hear residents views and discuss how the parish council can fight it if that is what residents want.

77/14 To receive minutes of the Community Centre Committee meeting held on 27th March and discuss any issues arising from the meeting. Cllr Blatherwick told members that there were a variety of fund raising events planned and encouraged councillors to attend.

78/14 Report on the Annual Parish Meeting held on 4th April 2014. The APM was well attended with many local organisations reporting on their year. Prior to the meeting Matt Judge put the plans for the new community centre on display and spoke to some residents about the plans. At 7.30pm Chrissie Barr spoke about the Canterbury Food Bank, unfortunately she was unable to show her presentation as her lap top was not compatible with their system at Kent Enterprise House. There was a lot of information given regarding who receives parcels and what items are required etc. They are hoping to expand but need new permanent premises in which to do so. The chairman officially opened the business of the meeting, taking apologies and approving the minutes of the previous year's meeting. There being no matters arising the chairman continued with his report for the year. The clerk then gave a brief finance report. The chairman then gave Margaret Burns the Award for the Outstanding Contribution to the Community.

There followed reports from KCC Warden Michelle Weston, Herne Junior School (Malcolm Saunders)

Herne & Broomfield Allotment Association (Alan King), Strode Park (Tracy Barden), Herne Infants (written report from Liz Thomas Friend), Horticultural & Rose Society (Margaret Burns), Friends of Mill (Barry Thundow)

Herne & Broomfield Local History (Alan Dilnot), Rainbows, Brownies and Guides (written report supplied by Alison Ventham), Beavers, (written report from Brigid Meehan) Cubs report from (Becky), Scouts (report from Julian)

Over 50's (written report supplied by Alan Crout), WI (Sandy Brown)

Friends of St Martin's Church Herne (Andrew Gough), Friends of the Pond (Carol Davis), H & B Football Training (written report from Will Lee)

When the reports were finished with no further questions or comments from those attending, the chairman closed the meeting.

79/14 To discuss a budget for advertising events. The clerk told members that advertising in the local papers was necessary for the Garden Safari and the Fun Day. Last year almost £600 was spent on advertising. The clerk told members that costs have increased so suggest that up to £800 be allocated for this. Members agreed that up to £1,000 would be allocated.

80/14 Members Reports. Cllr Hobbs reported that no wood chips would be given away this year but there will be a plant give away. Cllr Blatherwick reported on the land at Kent Enterprise House where George Wilson had cleared an area of Protected Open Space and CCC say they are powerless to do anything about it, that he hasn't done anything illegal. It is understood that George Wilson intends to put in a planning application for a car park. This area was a buffer for residents, they now have open views of the A299 and slip road.

Cllr Nicholson told members that he had been asked for help doing work to the garden at Broomfield Church. They want it as Community Space and have asked for a donation of £800 and volunteers to help with the work. The water main needs moving as well. It was agreed to put an article in the next newsletter for volunteers. Cllr Day told members that it was generally not acceptable for parish councils to give to churches. Cllr Nicholson gave apologies for the next meeting, he will be away on business.

81/14 The next meeting of the parish council will be the Annual Parish Council meeting on 8th May 2014 at 7-30pm at Wootton Room Herne Mill.