

HERNE & BROOMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Herne & Broomfield Parish Council meeting held at Herne Mill, Wootton Room, on Thursday 14th August 2014 at 7.30pm, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Present: Cllr Davis, Cllr Robert Jones, Cllr Tracey Jones, Cllr Day, Cllr Hobbs, Cllr Taylor, and Cllr Nicholson.

Not Present: Cllr Blatherwick, Cllr Tobin, Cllr Harvey, Cllr Moore, Cllr Rafferty and Cllr Sargent.

- 148/14 To receive apologies for absence and accept reasons. Received from Cllr Tobin, away, Cllr Harvey, away, Cllr Blatherwick, away, Cllr Sargent, working. Cllr Moore not well and Cllr Rafferty no babysitter. These reasons were approved. City Cllr Vickery Jones.
- 149/14 To receive declarations of interest on items on Agenda and requests for dispensations. None
- 150/14 The minutes of the meeting held on 10th July 2014 were agreed as a correct record.
- 151/14 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.

None

- 152/14 **Chairman's Announcements.** Cllr Robert Jones chaired the meeting and he introduced Alan King, who has taken over looking after the Community Centre from Peter Gray.
- 153/14 **Police Matters/Crime report.** None. PCSO has been on compassionate leave. The clerk reported that there has been an increase in issues arising on the Talmead Estate regarding the young people and as yet there are no play facilities on the development. The warden and PCSO have attended on a fairly regular basis.
- 154/14 **Warden's Report.** Michelle sends her apologies.
- 155/14 **To receive reports from County Cllr Marsh & City Councillors.** County Cllr Marsh who reported that the Boundary Commission has published the final decision on ward changes, there will be 39 councillors representing the Canterbury District. Reculver, Hoath and Chislet will be one ward with one councillor. Herne & Broomfield will be the existing parish with 2 councillors. There are two JTB meetings scheduled one on 4th September to discuss Westgate Towers, which is not for discussion as the work starts on 1st September, Flooding Issues and KCC Highways update; the meeting on Oct 2 is to discuss the Transport Strategy and speakers are welcome. It was confirmed that KCC do not have any plans for new schools and that primary school places are now at capacity and the pressure on grammar schools will get worse. Cllr Davis asked if KCC had a duty to provide schooling and the answer was no. Paul Carter leader of KCC has his top priority as schooling and if this can't be addressed KCC will oppose development. On a lighter note the Pantomime this year is Mother Goose and will be held on 17, 18, 19 and 20 Dec. Cllr Davis asked about Braggs Lane and whether the last section would be improved. It is hoped that discussions with KWT will be productive to enable this work to be completed. City Cllr Sonnex reported that the foliage had now been cut from around the road signs on the flyover. The Boundaries Commission had given the final results on Boundary changes and Herne & Broomfield would in future have just 2 members. Dog fouling in the Broomfield area was getting worse. Broomfield PO had asked for an information sign for Local shops.
- 156/14 **Planning & Highways Issues.** To receive minutes of planning meeting held on 24th July 2014. The clerk reported that the only contentious application was the one for the former Eddington Nursery site and the parish council has objected. The minutes of this meeting have been circulated.
Members approved the installation of grit bin costing approx £350, in Margate Road. The clerk reported there had been several accidents on Canterbury Road and one in Lower Herne Road, recently. A speed watch day last Sunday had to be cancelled because of the inclement weather. Cllr Davis asked for recognition for the work done on the Local Plan

- by Cllr Blatherwick and the clerk to be minuted, she thanked both for all their hard work.
- 157/14 Finance**
 To ratify payments made since last meeting. KCC Pensions £888.93. This payment was ratified.
 To approve payments presented at this meeting; schedule and bank reconciliation supplied. Payments submitted were approved.
 To report on income received. VAT £2,638.85, Donations £60, Fighting Fund £1,438.32, Newsletter advertising £670.00, Fun Day, £65, Sponsorship £125, Bank Interest £6.12, Hall Hire £1,051.44, Community Centre fundraising £213.90. Total £6,268.63.
 Report on and accept minutes of Finance meeting held on 22nd July. Cllr Robert Jones reported that the quarterly audit had been completed satisfactorily. The auditor had reported on one double entry and an outstanding cheque. The clerk told members she had dealt with these. All members had received a copy of the minutes of the meeting and Cllr Robert Jones pointed out that Cllr Harvey had taken over from him as chairman.
 The clerk reported that the Annual Audit had been completed and signed off with no issues raised.
- 158/14 Clerk's Report/Correspondence.** The clerk reported that it had been a very busy month with getting newsletters out and preparations for the fun day. Help for the fun day has been a bit of an issue but hopefully there will be enough people there on the day.
 The external auditors report has been received and everything has been signed off. There has been some confusion this year with the precept because CCC have told the external audit that the precept figure is £85,839 and the balance of £8,946 is government grant. As far as the parishes are concerned, they feel that the precept is the precept no matter how CCC put it together. It doesn't affect the overall figures. The clerk did say that she had concerns though, as if the government grant is withdrawn, even if the precept amount stays the same, it will show a large percentage increase in the precept.
 A meeting was held with the planning officer and Cllr Blatherwick, City Cllr Vickery Jones, Matt Judge and the clerk to finalise details for the planning application for the new hall. The tender documents have been distributed by Betteridge & Millsom.
 The new hall manager seems to be settling in well. There has been an issue with the roof leaking on the hall, one side has had a sheet battened to it and the other side will be done soon. There didn't seem much point at the moment of spending a lot of money on it.
 There had been some problems at the Community Park, a problem with a resident who was exercising his dogs in the BMX track despite a notice saying NO Dogs also the padlocks on the main gates had gone missing again, these had been replaced. The KCC Waste Management team has supplied KCC padlocks for the gates as they were all the same key.
- 159/14 Environmental Issues including Tree & Pond Warden's Report.** Cllr Hobbs reported on the results of Herne Bay in Bloom. Best Front Garden 2nd prize to a resident in Canterbury Road, Best Photo 1st prize to a resident in Honeysuckle Way, best Commercial, 1st Prize went to Huntsman & Horn Public House and 2nd Prize to First & Last Public House Best School Environment 2nd Prize to Herne Juniors, Highly Commended to Herne Infants; Best School Environment (Nursery) 1st Prize to Little Acorns and 3rd to Herne Nursery plus a special award for Environmental project went to Broomfield Pond. Cllr Davis told members there was a Mini Beast Safari in Curtis Wood Park on 26th August at 2pm.
- 160/14 Reports from council representatives on outside bodies (KALC, Street monitors, etc).**
 None.
- 161/14 Report on Valuation day held on 19th July 2014.** 27 tickets were sold for the day and everyone came along with their articles for valuation. Some were left disappointed as the items were not of high value, however a couple of items were handed over to the auctioneers and will go to auction later in the year. A raffle and refreshments were available to those in attendance, thanks to Cllrs Taylor and Hobbs and Michelle Weston who helped out at the event.
 Thanks must also go to The Canterbury Auction Galleries for attending to carry out valuations free of charge. All monies raised will go towards the new community centre. A total of £201.70 was taken but there is the cost of hire for Kent Enterprise House to come out of that. It is hoped that another can be held at a later date.
- 162/14 Report and accept minutes of Environment & Leisure meeting held on 31st July 14.**
 Cllr Taylor said members had all received the minutes and that the main focus of the meeting had been the fun day preparations.

- 163/14 Final update on Fun Day.** The clerk reported a shortage of helpers on stalls has been an issue, stall bookings have been good this year. The clerk thanked Cllr Moore for giving out flyers at the carnival and also Cllr Hobbs who did the same. She also thanked Cllr Davis and her daughter Sue for getting the plan organised for the day and the prizes etc for the tombola and games, also Cllr Rafferty for completing the Event Management Plan. Any additional help on the day will be appreciated.
- 164/14 Request for a donation to Broomfield Post Office for signage and from Kent Air Ambulance.** Broomfield Post Office Stores would like signage for their shop and a request has come from ACRE for the parish council to help with this. The signs would cost in the region of £500. Members felt that if they did this for one shop that many other businesses may request the same. It was decided to wait and see what happened with the Sainsbury application before making a final decision. Kent Air Ambulance have sent a letter asking if pc would give a donation. It was agreed that the KAA would be put forward as the recipient of the Garden Safari proceeds next year.
- 165/14 Members Reports.** Cllr Tracey Jones spoke about the footpath being overgrown between Broomfield PO and the Huntsman & Horn.
- 166/14 The next meeting of the parish council will be on 11th September 2014 at 7-30pm at Wootton Room Herne Mill.**

Meeting closed 8.55pm