

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 July 2014 at 7.30pm, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Present: Cllr Blatherwick, Cllr Hobbs, Cllr Davis, Cllr Robert Jones, Cllr Tracey Jones, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Tobin, Cllr Rafferty and Cllr Moore.

Not Present: Cllr Sargent, Cllr Harvey, Cllr Nicholson, and Cllr Day.

- 129/14 To receive apologies for absence and accept reasons.** Apologies received from Cllr Sargent who is away, Cllr Nicholson who is working, Cllr Harvey who is in London, Cllr Day who is working. The reasons for the absences were accepted. County Cllr Marsh is attending a meeting in Thanet and City Cllrs Vickery Jones and Sonnex are unavailable.
- 130/14 To receive declarations of interest on items on Agenda and requests for dispensations.** None
- 131/14 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 12^h June 2014.** These were confirmed as a correct and accurate record.
- 132/14 To report on matters arising from the minutes, not on the agenda, for information only.** The clerk told members that Fathers Day next year is 21st June, not the same day as the Garden Safari.

ADJOURNMENT FOR MEMBERS OF PUBLIC TO SPEAK

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

2 in attendance, none spoke

- 133/14 Chairman's Announcements.** Cllr Day has asked members to email him 13 photo's from those on the web site, that they would like to see in the calendar. Cllr Blatherwick commented on the fact that she was very disappointed that she had been the only elected representative to attend the CCC public meeting at Herne Bay High for the Local Plan. There were only 18 people there from the whole of the Herne Bay area. Residents need to be encouraged to submit a response even if it is just a letter. Cllr Moore will put in next Daily Doings. Cllr Blatherwick also welcomed Cllr Davis back, following her operation.
- 134/14 Police Matters/Crime report.** None
- 135/14 Warden's Report** *Youth Alcohol Project- As a team, we have delivered a workshop to Community College ,Whitstable and will be going into Spires, Barton Court and Herne Bay High in the next couple of months. This enables us to interact with the pupils and highlight the dangers, alongside giving information about websites and supportive groups available locally .*
Knotweed !! After the misquote in the times, Michelle has become an expert in removal etc It quoted that we have Knotweed in Herne (I do not know if that is the case!) but , as requested, I have provided the Parish Council with useful information and websites explaining about the weed.
Scam mail project This has now been completed with us visiting over 70 residents in Herne, Herne bay , Reculver etc.
Strode Park – Nuisance youths Michelle and the PCSO, continue to work with Strode Park around nuisance youths. They have now made arrangements to visit on a regular basis to view incident logs etc.
House Watch – Residents have been making Michelle aware when they are on holiday and she can then pay particular attention to their properties.
Mediation Michelle has completed several mediation sessions with neighbours and has managed to reach an acceptable solution for both parties.
Speedwatch - Some weekends planned
Sign – Mystery disappearance - After a few local enquiries, our missing sign from outside the Old Red Lion pub , has mysteriously reappeared.
On a final note ...
Cold Callers

Last week we had a roofing company cold call a resident. They stated the work was £2,000 and they would do it the same day but needed cash up front. After drawing the money out, the resident felt unsure and rang Michelle . She called in Trading Standards and notified the police. On returning to the property , the men left empty handed. Today, due to the resident calling me and us providing details of vehicle and individuals, the men were arrested . Good team work !!

136/14 To receive reports from County Cllr Marsh & City Councillors. No reports.

137/14 Planning & Highways Issues. To receive minutes of planning meeting held on 3rd July 2014. Cllr Blatherwick asked if there were any questions and then went on to say that the Local Plan had been discussed at the meeting but she would talk more about that on item 77/14. Cllr Moore raised the issue of cuttings being left by Ridley Court. The clerk reported that she had received a complaint about the leak in School Lane. Cllr Davis reported that there had been two accidents either side of the junction of Bullockstone Road and Canterbury Road. The footpath by Little Acorns has been cut.

138/14 Finance

To ratify payments made since last meeting. KM, Adverts £144.76

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

To report on income received. Fighting find £1,250, Newsletter advertising £180, Fun Day £325, Garden Safari £2,433.65, Interest £20.12, Unity Bank Interest £67.36, Hall hire £564.16, Grant hall £1,477.00, Hall fund raising £142.80 Total £6,460.09.

139/14 Clerk's Report/Correspondence. The clerk thanked Cllr Taylor for keeping an eye on the post and phone calls while she was on holiday. The clerk told members that it had been very busy since the beginning of the month with the public meeting for the Local Plan, particularly the proposal for Strode Farm. The clerk and Cllr Blatherwick have been working on the response to the Local Plan and the Transport Strategy. Reports from other organisations have been passed to us and we are able to pull out relevant parts of that to include in our submissions. These will then be sent to Wendy Le Las and Brian Lloyd before the submission to CCC. The response to the Transport Strategy will go to John Payne before being submitted. Submission deadline is 18th July.

There have been meetings with Andrew Walker and Matt Judge to discuss some queries from planning and also to discuss the tender process. Four companies have registered an interest and the tender documents will be sent out at the end of next week. There will then be a 6 week period for them to return their quotes. Unfortunately we will miss the August deadline for the Viridor grant, this application will now have to be submitted in November.

The clerk had a meeting with David Austin, the new landscaping manager at Serco to discuss the work at the Community Park. The electrician has installed the noise limiter in the Community Centre but the microphone was faulty and has had to be replaced, he will finish the work as soon as this arrives.

The clerk went to the boot fair in Whitstable on Saturday to get prizes for the fun day, Cllr Davis's daughter went on Sunday and she has also managed to get prizes.

The clerk said she would like to thank Cllr Sargent for strimming the path in Cherry Orchard. There had been another attack on the fencing around the wildlife area and it has been suggested that we need to plant some thorny shrubs along that section of the fencing to discourage this.

There are still a few tickets left for the valuation day but all the tables have gone for the Nosh & Knowledge in October. Preparations for the fun day are a bit behind due to the amount of time currently being spent on the Local Plan.

The next newsletter will hopefully be ready for early August.

Correspondence

The clerk reported that she had received a complaint about the water in School Lane, the highways steward had been asked to take a look and SE Water were back and have dug up the area around the leak, hopefully with some success. A complaint has been received about a resident feeding seagulls in the Canterbury Road area and speeding in Broomfield Road. Michelle has dealt with these. Most other correspondence has been to do with the local plan and events.

140/14 Environmental Issues including Tree & Pond Warden's Report Broomfield Pond will be entered in the Herne Bay in Bloom Environmental Class. Doug Hobbs has been out clearing ragwort and litter around the area. There is a Bat & Trap competition at Huntsman & Horn on 21st July. Cllr Blatherwick thanked Doug Hobbs on behalf of the

parish council.

- 141/14 Reports from council representatives on outside bodies (KALC, Street monitors, etc).**
None.
- 142/14 To get parish council approval for the arrangements for the Family Fun Day on 17th August.** The clerk has been advised that the parish council should approve arrangements that have been made for the fun day. The fun day will take place from 1-5pm on 17th August. Volunteers will help set up from 8am in the morning and will take down at 5pm. Rotary will deal with car parking at Strode Park. St John's Ambulance will attend for the First Aid. Cllr Rafferty will deal with ensuring people know what they are doing on the morning of the event and the risk assessment will be updated prior to the event. Exhibitors rides etc will be required to supply copies of their public liability and those supplying refreshments will also need to provide insurance details, hygiene certificates etc. Two wardens will be at the gate to ensure that traffic in and out of the site is managed to stop it backing up on Canterbury Road. Radios will be used for communication between marshals etc. Rubbish bins will be provided and the area will be left clear of rubbish at the end of the day. Vehicle movements during the event will be managed and gazebo's will be secure. Guy ropes will need to be obvious to reduce risk of trip hazards. Dog owners will be asked to keep their dogs on a lead. Cycling around the site will not be allowed on the day. Emergency access will be maintained during the event. Members approved all the arrangements.
- 143/14 To approve the appointment of a new hall manager and give an update on the tender process.** Cllrs Blatherwick, Davis and Robert Jones interviewed 6 candidates to take over the post that is currently held by Peter Gray. One withdrew following the interview. The candidates were all strong and there were two particularly that stood out and it was a hard decision. The outcome was that the councillors are putting forward Alan King who lives in Ruskins View to take over from Peter Gray. Cllr Blatherwick asked the clerk to respond to those that had not been successful and ask them if they would continue to be involved. Cllr Tobin asked if there was to be a deputy, Cllr Robert Jones explained that the hours worked didn't warrant spending resources on a deputy. It was resolved to appoint Alan King, who would work a 3 month probation period. Cllr Moore told members he could not vote for someone he had not met.
The applications to tender have been received, and the Soil Investigation had been completed. A meeting will be held next week with Andrew Walker and Matt Judge to finalise the tender documents, this will ensure the parish council gets Best Value.
- 144/14 Update on Local Plan and public meeting, also council approval to appoint John Payne and Wendy Le-Las as consultants for the Local Plan response etc.** The public meeting was quite well attended; all members have received the report on the meeting. Ian Brown from CCC Strategic planning came along and answered questions. The meeting was also attended by County Cllr Marsh, City Cllrs Vickery Jones and Sonnex. Residents were encouraged to respond to the draft Local Plan in order that the Inspector would get to see the submissions and objections etc from residents. The feedback from the residents has been good and they have been encouraged to respond. It was agreed that the parish council would engage Wendy Le Las and John Payne to help with the submission and the Inspectors hearing. The main issues raised for the submission were, traffic, schools, the lack of a housing needs survey, lack of consultation, no Visum modelling for this area and no Infrastructure Delivery Plan.
- 145/14 Update on litter bin Ridgeway Road and salt bin in Margate Road.** The clerk reported that CCC has agreed to install a litter bin near the footpaths in Ridgeway Road close to Ridgeway Farm. City Cllr Sonnex has reported to the clerk that if the parish council purchase a grit bin KCC will fill it. The clerk has asked for that in writing.
- 146/14 Members Reports.** Cllr Moore reported that one of the stalls that attended the fun day were not coming this year as the stall fees were too high. Cllr Hobbs reported complaints about the builders vehicles attending the dairy in Mount View Road, Cllr Blatherwick pointed out that it was necessary for the building to go ahead. Doug Hobbs has cut brambles back in Honeysuckle Way. Cllr Davis reported that there had been a complaint about trees being cut down, but they were not in a Conservation area.
- 147/14 To confirm the next meeting of the parish council will be on 14th August 2014 at 7-30pm at Wootton Room Herne Mill.**

Meeting closed 8.35pm