

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

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

Not present: Cllr Davis, Cllr Tobin and Cllr Moore.

110/14 To receive apologies for absence and accept reasons. Cllr Tobin, who's wife in hospital, Cllr Davis, who has had a knee replacement and Cllr Moore, who is dealing with admin issues. City Cllrs Vickery Jones & Sonnex.

111/14 To receive declarations of interest on items on Agenda and requests for dispensations. Cllr Rafferty 76/14 personal interest.

112/14 The minutes of the meeting held on 8th May 2014 were agreed as a correct record.

113/14 To report on matters arising from the minutes, not on the agenda, for information only. The clerk and Cllr Blatherwick met with Revd Richardson to discuss her concerns re the Community Centre, it was a productive meeting. The advert asking for Expressions of Interest for the building of the Community Centre went into the local paper and there have been a number of responses.

ADJOURNMENT FOR MEMBERS OF PUBLIC TO SPEAK

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

Two in attendance 1 spoke

114/14 Chairman's Announcements. The chairman explained to members that they needed to make sure of their facts when discussing issues such as the Community Centre with residents, as if the information was incorrect it could cause unnecessary distress. She also congratulated all those involved with the Garden Safari which was very successful. She was also delighted that the allotments had seen quite a few visitors and that there was such a good sense of community there. Cllr Harvey reported that the plot holders were very pleased to have the parish council support and had signed up some new plot holders on Sunday.

115/14 Police Matters/Crime report. No report

116/14 Warden's Report

Scam Mail- Canterbury KCC Wardens have been given a list of previous victims of scam mail in the coastal area. Michelle and a colleague have been tasked with Herne, Broomfield, Herne Bay, Beltinge and Reculver.

They have visited over 40 residents, offering advice and support. The project is ongoing.

Community Café- Currently the numbers have stabilised and it continues to be supported by the Parish Council (A big thank you) Michelle will be advertising it to new parents at the school when she attends the parents evening, next week.

Speed watch- Kent Police have come to our area and risk assessed two new sites as requested by Cllr Davies and Cllr Roberts

Lower Broomfield Rd, Margate Rd (nr Post Office)

She is now leaflet dropping the areas, to try and encourage new volunteers.

Strode Park – Nuisance Youths- She has held a partnership meeting to create an action plan and a follow up meeting is planned next week.

Op Safety Net- This is a road safety awareness day involving KFRS, Community Wardens, Civil Enforcement Officers and Police. Michelle and the PCSO, attended the day at Herne Infants- Highlighting the issues with emergency vehicle access.

Road Safety Presentations- Michelle spent a whole afternoon at the Infants school. She gave a presentation to a total of 298 students on safety and road awareness.

She has also attended 4 dates with the school, walking with the children to visit the windmill and church.

She completed a litter pick at Little Acorns. The perimeter fencing is now in place and we have cleared the areas within for safe, secure play.

Footpaths -Following a request for help from a resident who was unable to clear their bushes from the pathway due to a disability, Michelle said she would like to say a huge thank you to Cllr Robert Jones who completed it for her. The footpath is now clear and a safe place for the children to walk home along.

Weekend working – She attended both weekend events (Cakes and Craft/Garden Safari) and found it beneficial in meeting new residents within the parish. and will continue to attend such events in the future.

- 117/14 To receive reports from County Cllr Marsh & City Councillors.** Only County Cllr Marsh attended and gave a report. He reported that KCC had doubts regarding the draft Local Plan. The Head of Transportation at KCC has met with CCC officers and he reported that there are concerns regarding ‘Viability-he has stated that firm assurances are needed around the ability of the plan proposals to fund the necessary infrastructure, including highways and education provision and how binding any undertakings will be on subsequent CCC administrations.

Phasing- the whole plan needs to be phased sensibly so that roads are in place before huge volumes of traffic occur. Paul Carter would particularly like to see South Canterbury and the A2 junctions brought forward before the sites round Sturry and Herne are actioned.

Robustness of scheme estimates- there needs to be added assurance that the developers will pay whatever the cost. KCC also want to see sensitive handling and an open mind with regard to off street car parking reductions-they are being seen as anti-car and anti-business. Request for on-street back in use. Only when these concerns have been addressed will KCC agree to take the subject to a special one item JTB’.

There is to be a JTB meeting in September to just discuss the Westgate Towers issue, again. Cllr Blatherwick asked if the Local Plan could still go to the Inspector without KCC approval. County Cllr Marsh said it could but that it wasn’t likely as CCC would fall foul of the requirement to co-operate with other authorities. Cllr Blatherwick also asked about the link with the A2 and whether that would be overseen by Highways Agency, this was confirmed; it appears that CCC have not yet had discussions with them.

There is also the question of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan which has not yet been published. County Cllr Marsh thought it was unlikely that the draft would go to the inspector before December.

County Cllr Marsh re-iterated that there were no longer KCC representatives on the Area Member Panels. He also reported that everything was in place for Remembrance Sunday.

The clerk asked about provision of salt/grit bins, these will only be filled if purchased from KCC. Price details will be supplied. He spoke about the hopes for Manston airport; Thanet District Council will hold a meeting on 10th July to discuss Compulsory Purchase of the site, unfortunately the current owner is asset stripping the site. An American Finance Corporation have agree to underwrite the cost of the CPO.

- 118/14 Planning & Highways Issues.** To receive minutes of planning meeting held on 5th June 2014. Cllr Blatherwick read the parish councils response to the planning application for a car park area on the Protected Open Space at Eddington the committee had objected to this application. As has been previously stated KCC will not fill a salt bin if one was purchased. Members discussed the issue of a 20MPH limit in School Lane and also the possibility of making the crossing by Herne Juniors more visible. The clerk will seek more information on this.

119/14 Finance

To ratify payments made since last meeting. Judge Architects £8,977.50.

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

To report on income received. Sponsorship of Flower troughs £250, Newsletter advertising £560, fun day booking £33.33, Bank Interest £4.66, Hall hire £619.80, fundraising £221.90, Total £1689.69

Donation for HB in Bloom; it was agreed to give a donation of £75.

120/14 Clerk’s Report/Correspondence.

The clerk reported it had been a very busy month with the Draft Local Plan being published, a variety of planning issues that have required some in depth responses and the events. The latest edition of the newsletter has been delivered and the clerk thanked all those who had delivered and also Cllr Davis for getting it to the printers.

The Bingo night was good fun and enjoyed by all those who attended, the clerk thanked Cllrs Robert & Tracey Jones, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Rafferty and Cllr Hobbs for their help on the night, about £160 was raised with entries and raffle.

The Cakes & Craft Fair could have been better supported but the weather was lovely and people were obviously doing other things. Despite that £170 was raised on the day. The weather was excellent for the Garden Safari and so was the turnout, with over 400 people attending on the day. The feedback on the gardens, by the visitors was very good and many of the youngsters were able to bottle feed the fish at 33 Broomfield Road! The gardens providing refreshments did a roaring trade and were kept busy all day. Programme sales amounted to £1,520, raffle £202 and donations from refreshments, sales etc £676.65, giving a total of £2,398.65 on the day. Expenditure is small, just the cost of the advert and signage, as the programmes are sponsored by Vincent Nurseries.

A big thank you to the residents and schools for opening their gardens and putting in so much hard work both before and on the day. The clerk also thanked those that helped on the day, Cllr Day and his wife Sheila, Cllr Hobbs and Kay Heyward. Cllr Day also visited all the gardens and took photo's, these will be posted on the Smug-mug web site. Cllr Blatherwick also visited all the gardens. KCC warden Michelle also worked on Sunday and this proved an excellent opportunity to network with residents.

Tickets are still available for the Valuation Day on 19th July.

The clerk reported that she had a meeting with a stone mason to look at the war memorial with regard to re-cutting the letters, which he really did not want to do as it would mean taking the surface right back, he suggested cleaning first and then look at it again. Obviously the idea was to get a grant but for that quotes for needed. The clerk recommended going ahead with the cleaning and then look at grants for the lettering if required afterwards. She will liaise with Revd Richardson.

A meeting was held with Wendy Le Las re the Local Plan and she had a look at the site and surrounding area and was happy to take on the fight against the development at Strode Farm, she had a good understanding of the fact Herne is a village.

A meeting was held with Trevor Wain to discuss installing two benches at the Community Park, this expenditure was approved by E & L Committee. Following the installation of the water supply we needed to secure the taps to ensure water was not being left on. In the past we have had issues, a quote has been received for the cost of £365.50 to secure this. A lockable manhole will be installed to house the top cocks, which will also be supplied. Each supply needs to have its own stop cock. This work will be done as part of the maintenance programme.

Caravan and Christmas float, the clerk reported that she may have found someone willing to store both, Cllr Sargent will go along and assess the suitability of the site. The clerk thanked Cllrs Sargent and Robert Jones for their help clearing some of the footpaths.

Cllr Davis, as you know, has had a knee replacement and will be out of action for a while, Cllr Blatherwick asked the clerk to organise some flowers, these are ordered and will be delivered tomorrow.

The clerk is trying to get a dog bin installed in Ridgeway Road, Cllr Robert Jones told members that it may be better to get a litter bin installed.

The clerk reported that the office would be closed from Monday 16th and would re-open on Monday 30th June. Cllr Taylor will be checking the post and answer phone and the emails will be monitored.

121/14 Environmental Issues including Tree & Pond Warden's Report. Cllr Hobbs reported that a task day is to be held on 22 June at 10am this will be followed by a BBQ which will be £5 pp.

122/14 Reports from council representatives on outside bodies (KALC, Street monitors, etc). Cllrs Robert Jones and Taylor attended the Street Monitors meeting. CCC are holding a Litter Awareness week commencing 23rd June. The waste collection contamination rate is currently 5%-10%. There will now be charge for supplying red lidded bins. There were questions regarding all the proposed new developments and who will pay for the provision of bins for these properties. Collection of bulk items can now be booked on line.

123/14 To approve Pension Regulation Policy for KCC (attached). KCC Pension Section have requested that this policy is adopted. This was approved.

124/14 To receive minutes of the Community Centre Committee meeting held on 5th June and discuss and agree recommendations arising from the meeting. All members had received a draft copy of the minutes. The only item discussed was the installation of a noise limiter in the community Centre. It was agreed to go ahead with this at a cost of £325. The clerk is to speak to Peter Gray as it is likely he will not continue as hall manager and the post has been advertised. Interviews will take place on the clerks return.

125/14 Update on Local Plan response etc. Cllr Blatherwick reported that she had attended a

meeting with the Canterbury Society to discuss the issues with the local plan. Their main issues were with the proposals for South Canterbury and it was agreed that the best way forward would be to look at the soundness and justification issues of the plan. CCC has yet to produce an Infrastructure Delivery Plan and it is felt that there is not enough detail on the overall cost or standards that are to be applied. Concerns were also voiced regarding the level 4 that CCC were working to when most councils were working to level 6, which is closer to carbon zero. One of those attending the meeting was knowledgeable regarding the visum modelling that had been carried out and he pointed out that no visum modelling had been done for the Herne & Broomfield area. The majority of vehicle movements from the Hillborough development are likely to use the roundabout on Margate Road by Table Table and feed down to Eddington roundabout.

It was made clear that residents needed to respond again to the consultation otherwise their comments would not go to the inspector. The clerk had checked and CCC would accept letters and not just the form which was available on the web site, which most residents would not feel qualified to complete as the wording is quite ambiguous. Another meeting has been arranged for 26th June. There is a public meeting that has been arranged by CCC at HB High on 16th June at 7pm and as many people as possible need to attend. The parish council has organised a public meeting for residents to discuss the proposals for Strode Farm, this will be held in St Martin's Church at 7.30pm. Cllr Blatherwick also stated that the by-pass route for Sturry had changed. The clerk also highlighted that there were areas which would needed significant highways work which were not included in the costings.

S E Water were now moving forward with proposals for a reservoir at Broad Oak.

126/14 Request by Cllr Davis for the pc share of the Garden Safari and Fun Day to go towards the Community Centre build fund. Grant funders like to see that funds have been raised by the group applying. It was agreed that the share of the profits from both events will go towards the Community Centre.

127/14 Members Reports. Cllr Hobbs thanked Margaret Burns for planting up the troughs in Herne & Broomfield and HB in Bloom have also replanted the ones that have been moved in Herne Bay. Doug Hobbs has been out and cut back brambles etc along the footpath in Broomfield, near B/F Post office. Cllr Nicholson reminded members that he was helping at Broomfield Church on 16th July, if any members could attend their presence would be appreciated. Cllr Blatherwick thanked the clerk and her husband for their help at the Garden Safari. Cllr Rafferty told members that the Garden Safari in 2015 will be on Father's Day.

128/14 The next meeting of the parish council will be on 10th July 2014 at 7-30pm at Wootton Room Herne Mill.

Meeting closed 9.10pm