

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 9th April 2015 at 7.30pm, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

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

Not Present: Cllr Rafferty, Cllr Saunders, Cllr Moore and Cllr Robert Jones.

- 60/15 **To receive apologies for absence and accept reasons.** Cllr Rafferty and Saunders are both away. Cllr Robert Jones who is working. The reasons for absence were accepted. City Cllr Sonnex also sent apologies.
- 61/15 **To receive declarations of interest on items on Agenda** and requests for dispensations.
None
- 62/15 **The minutes of the meeting held on 12th March 2015** were agreed as an accurate record.
- 63/15 **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.

No members of the public were present. The draw for this month's 100 club took place at this point.

- 64/15 **Chairman's Announcements.** Cllr Blatherwick thanked the councillors who are standing down, Cllrs Day, Hobbs and Robert Jones, for all their hard work during the time they have served on the parish council, she said they would be missed. She reminded members that the Annual Parish Meeting was being held at the Community Centre on 24th April 7pm.
- 65/15 **Police Matters/Crime report.** PCSO Sue Radcliffe reported that there have been ASB issues on the Talmead Estate. *"It is due to poor design and a large number of young children/people living so close to each other such a small area. This is not really a police matter but we are working with the housing association, Taylor Wimpey, residents and Peter Vickery-Jones who has taken the lead on this matter. Recently there has been some multi-agency working in regards to an elderly female who has Mental Health problems which has resulted in her calling the police making reports which were untrue about her neighbour. This matter has now been fully investigated and a line drawn. We are hoping this is the end of the matter. There was a report of a mattress dumped on the slip road. I was unable to get it removed however Monica has liaised with Highways Agency when they had the road closed and the mattress has been removed. I recently had to do an address check in regards to a person using an address on this ward them to be bailed to. Due to recent media reports of a stranger danger by schools Michelle and I have been doing patrols round schools at the school run times. On one occasion this has led to having to call out Kent Fire and Rescue due to a six and a 18 month child being locked inside a vehicle. The children and some adults were very happy to see them. The children were rescued and was a happy ending only a small window being broken. Michelle and I have today dealt with a few issues regarding dogs.*

I have also had some time off this month and done much more but these are not on this ward so of no interest to the parish council.

Sue also reported that there was a charity that would be in the area until 3rd May AGS Global Funding Services.

- 66/15 Warden's Report.** Michelle reported that the Community Café was going well and one of the sessions was held at Herne Infants to give the residents a chance to meet the children. Some fly tipping issues had been dealt with and graffiti at the school, notices had been issued and sent to CCC. Sue and Michelle had carried out a road safety talk at the Beavers. Pavement parking and parking in general in Streetfield is an issue as the school hires out the football pitches and the parking of players is causing problems. Sue and Michelle will speak to the school again to see what can be done. Michelle has been in contact with the chairman of the management committee at Willow Farm Way, they have dog fouling issues and Michelle has given him posters etc to put up in the area. Marshall driveways have carried out a lot of work in the area, it all seems to be legal but Michelle has concerns that they are pressure selling. She attended a meeting of the Housing Association that looks after some of the properties at Talmead, they are now working with CCC to try and find a solution to the problems, which are mainly a lack of suitable play space. Youths have been reported in the Wildlife area and signs have been put up, residents have been advised to ring 101 if they see anyone in there that shouldn't be.

- 67/15 To receive reports from County Cllr Marsh & City Councillors.** County Cllr Alan Marsh reported road closures in Bullockstone Road and Lower Herne Road, later this month, both will be for two days. Shalloak Road in Broadoak is also to be closed for 5 days on 20th April. He said he was very disappointed that UK Networks were digging up the service road in Canterbury Road so soon after it has been redone. They will be responsible for re-instatement for two years. He has authorised 6 bollards to be installed in Streetfield to try and stop some of the pavement parking issues. He also said he thought that the school should have the caretaker in attendance when they hire out the pitches at weekends and allow parking.

The Manston issue was moving forward, the government has approved the plan by Riveroak for the airport, they will cover the full cost of the Compulsory Purchase Order and the Transport minister has said he expects it to move forward now; but with elections coming up nothing was likely to happen until after May 7th. The air sea rescue helicopters will be based at Lydd for up to 12 months before they are expected to move to Manston.

He has helped the 1st HB Beavers with some funding.

City Cllr Peter Vickery Jones told members that this was his last meeting as ward councillor as he was standing in West Bay ward at the forthcoming elections. He told members that he had been pleased to be able to help the parish council and that recently he had been working closely with the clerk on procedural changes at CCC. He had been involved in trying to resolve the neighbour disputes at Talmead, and it was hoped that a solution will be found. He told members he was delighted with the news regarding Manston. He told members working with the parish council had been challenging but also rewarding. He said Herne & Broomfield was an exemplary parish council and he had been proud to represent them. Cllr Blatherwick thanked Peter for all his hard work as Ward Councillor and wished him luck in the forthcoming elections.

- 68/15 Planning & Highways Issues.** To receive minutes of planning meeting held on 2nd April 2015. The draft minutes had been distributed to all members.

- 69/15 Finance**

To ratify payments made since last meeting. Replacement cheque for Peter Gray £47.15

To approve payments presented at this meeting; schedule and bank reconciliation supplied. The schedule was distributed to all members at the meeting and payments were approved.

To report on income received. Advert £120, Funday £673, Bank Interest £68.46,

- Allotment water bill £12, Hall hire £643.95, Fundraising £17. Total £1,534.41
- 70/15 Clerk's Report/Correspondence.** It is year-end so is busy with getting the accounts finalised and all the normal year end work.
CCC are not able to supply radios for the funday, it is hoped that Michelle will be able to access some from Community Safety Unit. The clerk thanked the councillors who are retiring for their support over the years. It was confirmed earlier today that there were 12 nominations for the 13 seats on the parish council, therefore there will not be an election in this ward for the parish council. The clerk thanked Cllr Davis for her work getting the newsletter to the printers and for all her help with the latest grant form.
- 71/15 Environmental Issues including Tree & Pond Warden's Report.** Cllr Davis had received another report about the trees behind the cottages in Herne Street next to The Glade, it appears CCC had lost the application put in by the applicant to remove trees, therefore the work had been able to go ahead. Cllr Davis suggested the parish council should request a conservation appraisal for Herne. She has also got some wildflower seeds to be planted by the pond and in the wildlife area.
Cllr Hobbs reported a Pond Task Day on 19th April in Broomfield at 10am, there will also be one on 17th May at Goldspots Pond.
Cllr Harvey reported on the allotment AGM, which about 30 people attended. Alan King has stood down as chairman and Graham Strater has taken over. The committee remain the same. Members agreed to open for the Garden Safari and they are going to hold a BBQ again later in the year with prizes for a variety of classes on the allotments.
- 72/15 Reports from council representatives on outside bodies and other organisations.** Cllrs Harvey, Tracey Jones and Rafferty attended a Village Hall Conference at Lenham. Some of the information was useful but the big problem was that all the workshops were in one room, making it difficult to hear the individual presentations. Cllr Tracey Jones attended the funding workshop but reported we had already covered the suggestions for funding with the exception of a new European funding stream, details of which have been passed to the clerk. Cllr Harvey attended the Financial Planning workshop and the issue of PRS fees was raised. It was also mentioned that acoustics need to be considered early on in the development of a building. Another important point touched on was the importance of comfortable, lightweight chairs.
- 73/15 Update on Local Plan.** The date for the pre hearing has been set for 13th May no further details have been circulated to date.
- 74/15 To discuss nominations for Community Award to be given at APM.** It has been suggested that Mabel Wright and Ann Berry receive this year's award for all their hard work in raising funds for the Community Centre. This was approved and they will be presented with Garden Vouchers for £20 each at the Annual Parish Meeting.
- 75/15 Report on Neighbourhood Watch AGM.** (Previously circulated) Insp Sharron Adler spoke as the police representative, she told attendees that the police objectives were to give a 1st class service, for Kent to be a safe place for all. They are committed to Neighbourhood policing and to act with integrity. There has been another restructure with the Neighbourhood Police Officers amalgamating with response officers. This means one officers deals with a call and sees it through to the end. She explained that she line managed all the PCSO's and Canterbury Officers. The Community Policing Team worked closely with other agencies and the Community Safety Unit based in Canterbury. The Domestic Abuse One Stop Shop had been running in Canterbury for some time and had also started at the Poppy Centre in Herne Bay on a Tuesday. The night time economy, drugs, predictive policing and burglaries are the main focus in the area. Sharron told everyone that she had been promoted and would be moving to Thanet in the next few weeks; her replacement had not yet been announced.
The 2nd speaker was Andy Goodwin from Crime Fighter Alarms. He told everyone that home security could be done on a budget. He advised that gates should be kept closed, fences and hedges maintained and the planting of prickly shrubs in any vulnerable areas was recommended. Make sure that tools are put away and sheds and garages are locked. Be careful regarding keeping doors and windows locked, it is possible to get locks for

sash windows, which can easily be opened otherwise. If you move into a new property change the barrel and have new keys. Make sure all 5 lever deadlocks confirm to Sold Secure Diamond Standard or BSTS007 3 stars or Secured by Design. Other Euro cylinder locks fitted to UPVC doors can easily be broken to gain access. When leaving the house close the curtains and leave a light on. Alarm systems can be fitted for approx £500 and can cover sheds and garages, there is also CCTV.

Following a short break there was a questionnaire given out and everyone got about 10mins to complete it, the answers were useful and informative. Householders can register their items on a website and if it is then stolen it is easier to identify if found www.immobilise.com There is available a fake TV unit which produces flickering making it look like someone is watching TV. There is a website that anyone can sign up to which will help identify hoaxes and scams that arrive via email etc www.Hoax-slayer.com

There is a social media webpage www.mysociety.gov.uk that gives community advice, links to local councils etc. www.actionfraud.police.uk is the National Fraud & Cyber Crime Reporting Centre website, this will give you information regarding fraud and scams affecting the UK.

76/15 Members Reports. Cllr Day thanked everyone who had supported him when he was chairman, he said it was very daunting following on from Bill Whiffen and he had depended on the members co-operation to see him through, although quite daunting it had also been enjoyable. Cllr Harvey reported that Jenkins Dog Services were using the Community Park on a regular basis to exercise the dogs they were looking after. Cllr Hobbs said she would like to re-iterate what Cllr Day had said, she thanked the members for their support during her time as a parish councillor, it had been a wonderful 12 years and she had got to know a great many people. Cllr Nicholson thanked members for their support during the last few months.

77/15 To confirm the next meeting of the parish council will be the Annual Parish Council meeting on 14th May 2015 at 7-30pm at Wootton Room Herne Mill.

Meeting closed 9.05pm