

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 8 January 2015 at 7.30pm, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Present: Cllr Blatherwick, Cllr Sargent, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Nicholson, Cllr Rafferty, Cllr Hobbs, Cllr Davis, Cllr Harvey, Cllrs Robert and Tracey Jones

Not present: Cllr Day and Cllr Moore

- 01/15 To receive apologies for absence and accept reasons.** Cllr Moore not well. City Cllrs Sonnex and Vickery Jones have a full council meeting.
- 02/15 To receive declarations of interest on items on Agenda and requests for dispensations.** Cllr Hobbs item 19/15.
- 03/15 The minutes of the meeting held on 11th December 2014** were agreed as a correct record.
- 04/15 To report on matters arising from the minutes, not on the agenda, for information only.** The contractor who will carry out the work on the trees in the Wildlife area is unable to get on site due to the ground conditions. The new notice board has been ordered.

ADJOURNMENT FOR MEMBERS OF PUBLIC TO SPEAK

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

Alan Dilnot spoke regarding the Commemorative stone for Harry Wells.

- 05/15 Chairman's Announcements.** The chairman wished everyone a Happy new Year.

- 06/15 Police Matters/Crime report.** None

- 07/15 Warden's Report.** Michelle reported that she had thoroughly enjoyed being part of the team on the Christmas float when it toured Broomfield. The regular coffee morning was held at Herne Infants School just before Christmas. The dog fouling project would be taken forward this year. Michelle told members that she had dealt with nuisance vehicles and dog issues and had looked into a report that there had been a rough sleeper at the Community Park. She had also been called in to visit a lady with mental health issues, this was outside the parish. Following the report that the allotment container had been broken into she had been able to locate, from KCC, some smart water to mark tools etc and also some shed alarms along with information sheets on keeping sheds safe. She thanked Cllr Carol Davis for the information on the Galaxy Hot Chocolate grants and said that a grant for £300 had been applied for this was to pay hall fees for the coffee morning.

- 08/15 To receive reports from County Cllr Marsh & City Councillors.** City Cllr Peter Vickery Jones had asked the clerk to wish members a Happy New Year. County Cllr Marsh reported that he was delighted that we had managed to keep the wardens and this was a great start to the New Year. He highlighted a meeting he had attended in Westbere where Mark Quinn was trying to build 200 houses on Greenfield land. As chairman of JTB he told members that any requests by the parish council for yellow lines would be approved. He also requested that any emails to Richard Jenkins should be copied to him. County Cllr Marsh told members that he would like to be involved with the project for laying the memorial stone in memory of Harry Wells VC, he pledged £1000 towards the cost of the project. He said this would be a significant acknowledgement of a VC recipient. He reported that there was to be a meeting at House of Commons on 2nd February to discuss Manston, all the proposals by the American company had been submitted to the government before Christmas. He hoped that the outcome would be that civil servants will set up a team to help TDC carry out a compulsory purchase on Manston.

Cllr Blatherwick asked about proposals for a weight restriction on the A290 and said she was concerned this would push more HGV traffic through Herne village. County Cllr Marsh will look into this. Cllr Blatherwick also asked about the Boundary Commission Review for KCC and was told there was a proposal to reduce the number of councillors from 84 to 80. The clerk thanked County Cllr Marsh for the pantomime tickets he had provided.

- 09/15 Planning & Highways Issues.** To receive minutes of planning meeting held on 30th December 2014. Cllr Blatherwick went through some of the applications considered, the Huntsman and Horn had some minor alterations to the existing application. The

application for 27 Millview Road, members did not think this was not visually attractive and would be detrimental to the streetscene. The amended application for the solar farm in Owls Hatch Road showed that more mitigation had been provided members took on board a concern from a local resident regarding possible flooding issues and noise from the inverters but as a general principle the parish council supports renewable energy. Finally an application for Hoathwood House to build a new property in the garden. Concerns were raised as many trees were cut down prior to this application being submitted and Cllr Blatherwick stated she did not particularly like it but there were no major planning reasons to object. Cllr Blatherwick then went on to talk about the proposed weight restrictions and it appeared, looking at the map provided that there were some inaccuracies.

10/15 Finance

To ratify payments made since last meeting. None.

To approve payments presented at this meeting; schedule and bank reconciliation supplied. Payments as listed, were approved. The clerk told members that the bank reconciliation was up to 17th December as she had not yet received the statement to the end of December.

To report on income received. Float £407.35, Grant party £100, Donation left-over food £15, Newsletter advertising £300, Bank Interest £70.52, Hall hire £520.52, Race night £25, Calendars £135.41, Fighting fund donation £10 Total £1,583.80

11/15 Clerk's Report/Correspondence. The clerk wished all members a happy new year and thanked them for her Christmas present. The Christmas float toured Broomfield on 13th December and £253.71 was collected on the night, much of this was due to a resident of Willow Farm Way arranging for presents to be given out on behalf of parents and a donation to the float for each present. Many thanks to all those who helped with the float. The clerk reminded members about the Race Night on 17th Jan.

12/15 Environmental Issues including Tree & Pond Warden's Report. None

13/15 Reports from council representatives on outside bodies (KALC, Street monitors, etc).

14/15 Update on Local Plan. The Inspector has asked CCC to supply information that he has requested and there is no indication to date as to when a programme of dates will be published. A letter went to DCLG but they are sitting on the fence claiming that there is nothing they can do. This is likely to be challenged.

15/15 To discuss the laying of the stone in memory of Harry Wells. Local History Group chairman Alan Dilnot has asked if more could be made regarding the laying of the stone for Harry Wells, inviting local dignitaries etc. Members thought this was a good idea and a working party will be formed to deal with this comprising of four parish councillors and members of the Local History Group.

16/15 Grassed area School Lane. As the land is owned by CCC and managed by the Housing Association, the clerk suggested she ask Michelle Weston to speak to the relevant housing officer about getting posts around this area to stop people putting cars on it.

17/15 To discuss new Health & Safety Policy. Cllr Martin Rafferty had put together the new document and this had been circulated to all members. Cllr Davis told members she thought it was too detailed and a bit over the top. Cllr Tracey Jones told members it was quite short compared to some and she thought it was a good document, others agreed and the document was duly adopted with 1 abstention.

18/15 To discuss the Community Centre. Grant funding and roof repairs. Viridor has come back with a request for further information. It is unlikely this can be supplied within the time frame given. Cllr Davis and the clerk have spoken to professional fund raisers, they operate on a fee basis and there are no guarantees that they will be successful in raising the funds required. The cost of their services is between £10,000 and £30,000. Members agreed it would be prudent to make sure that everything was in place and that all the information that was needed had been received before progressing with the grant application. They felt it would be irresponsible to continue at present. Cllr Blatherwick told members that it may be necessary to retender when things start moving forward. Other options for raising funds would be looked at and fund raising would continue. It was agreed that if possible work would commence to kick in the start for planning and building regs. Advice would be sought from the employers agent and architect regarding this. The clerk reported that the roof had leaked again and that more repairs were due to be carried out. The hall committee will have a meeting in early February and the roof etc will be discussed at that meeting.

19/15 To discuss the co-opting a new member. Only one applicant applied and he was

interviewed on Tuesday 6th Jan 2015. Following the interview, members recommended co-option of Kevin Saunders. The vote was carried unanimously. Cllr Hobbs took no part in the discussion or vote.

20/15 Members Reports. Cllr Rafferty asked if there was a date for removing the recycle bins in the car park. The clerk had been told early 2015.

21/15 The next meeting of the parish council will be on 12th February 2015 at 7-30pm at Wootton Room Herne Mill.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm