

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 11 June 2015 at 7.30pm, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Present: Cllr Blatherwick, Cllr Davis, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Sargent, Cllr Nicholson, Cllr Mitchell, Cllr Moore, Cllr Harvey, Cllr Jones Cllr Rafferty and Cllr Saunders.

- 101/15 To receive apologies for absence and accept reasons.** City Cllrs Robert Jones and Sharron Sonnex have meetings at CCC.
- 102/15 To receive declarations of interest on items on Agenda and requests for dispensations.** Cllr Rafferty item 115/15
- 103/15 The minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 14th May 2015** were agreed as a correct and accurate record.
- 104/15 To report on matters arising from the minutes, not on the agenda, for information only.** Following the last meeting the clerk made inquiries both with CCC and KALC regarding the position with John Moore as he had failed to sign his Acceptance of Office. There was agreement that if the form had not been signed before or at the first meeting following the election then he was no longer a councillor and a Notice Declaring a Vacancy needed to be published. This was then done.

ADJOURNMENT FOR MEMBERS OF PUBLIC TO SPEAK

Members of the public to identify themselves, and confirm they are resident in the parish.
100 Club draw and ticket no 30 was drawn first and 15 2nd

Two speakers attended from Guides and Scouts to speak about the Wildlife Area.

- 105/15 Chairman's Announcements.** The chairman asked those who put the notices in the notice board to make sure that they do go in as soon as possible after receipt. Cllr Blatherwick thanked Cllr Sargent for the work he carried out on the flower bed and around the trough.
- 106/15 Police Matters/Crime report.** None
- 107/15 Warden's Report.** None
- 108/15 To receive reports from County Cllr Marsh & City Councillors.** County Cllr Alan Marsh that it was impossible to calculate the number of vehicles that will be generated by the traffic using the sports facilities and there is concern about this. The works on Millview Road are very slow and they will have to pay a penalty if they over-run Alan has suggested that if that does apply the money should go to the parish council. The pantomime this year is Aladdin and starts on 18th December. Sturry Parish Council would like some advice on outdoor fitness equipment, Cllr Davis offered to do this. Alan offered £300 towards the cost of a metal shed for storage for the Community Centre. Manston Airport Compulsory Purchase Order process has started and everything is ready for signing on Friday. The American Company will be chosen as the partner for Thanet District Council. It is government policy that Manston is included in the airports for the South east. City Cllr Robert Jones has supplied a written report *'Since being elected, I have, as you are probably aware, been elected to the Role of Sheriff of Canterbury, which is an Honour and a surprise at the same time.*
My councillor training is well under way and there is a lot to learn. I am a member of the Policy and Resources committee along with HBAMP, and now have a very busy civic diary as well, just to add if you want the sheriff to be present at any events etc, contact the civic office.
With regards to the ward.I am meeting with a Richard Tolson from CCC with regards to looking at the possibility of a dog bin along Ridgeway Road a few residents have spoken to me about it so I will keep you informed.
With regards to the missed bin collections I have sent you through the information etc to the clerk, and asked for it to be circulated.
Michelle our excellent warden contacted me to ask if I could help cut back some grass for a disabled lady in School Lane which we did and hopefully in the future we may be able to

get this done on regular basis, with volunteers, fingers crossed good work from Michelle on this.

Also Tracey and I attended the community cafe which Michelle has set up we had a great time. I spoke with one person there who had seen someone camping in Cherry Orchard and was concerned. I passed the information onto Michelle and that evening she spoke with the people involved and it was all sorted. The reason for mentioning this is that the community cafe set up by Michelle gives people a forum where they can speak about things they have seen etc. this enables us to resolve these issues quickly and the coffee and cakes a great by the way. Good luck with the Garden Safari fingers, crossed for good weather.

City Cllr Sonnex's reported

The bus stop in Herne opposite the church has been repainted. It has been repainted significantly shorter which means it does not line up correctly with the raised kerb for disabled /buggy access. If there are no parked cars adjacent the drivers are using the common sense approach and lining up correctly but if there is a car parked legitimately this could prove difficult for some passengers. Stagecoach and Alan Marsh are aware and I understand it is in hand to be dealt with.

There is a lot of overgrowth between the Post Office and the Huntsman which include large stinging nettles. This is causing residents to have to walk in the road in what is a difficult and dangerous bend. It has been indicated it is on private land, therefore the responsibility of the landowner so I have, through Monica asked Michelle to look into this.

I received an email from a resident advising me there has been a paint spillage in Norton Avenue. The resident was advised that it should be cleaned up by the 22nd May. Apparently, an operative from Serco attended but did not clean it up. I made enquiries and was advised as the spillage was on tarmac, they had to use a powerful chemical and as there were cars parked close by, the operative chose not to risk damaging the cars. I relayed the info to the resident and requested they come back to me should it not be cleared up. So far, I haven't heard from them, so assume the job has been done.

Like Robert, I have had numerous complaints regarding bins not being collected on the correct day. I have been in touch with Serco and Chris Wallis at CCC. Robert has included part of the response in his report so I will not duplicate.

I hope the Garden Safari goes well this weekend and that we are blessed with good weather. Hope to see you next month.

109/15 Planning & Highways Issues. To receive minutes of planning meeting held on 2nd June 2015. Cllr Blatherwick told members that the committee had not objected to the application for the Golf Course as a great many residents support the sports facilities. Members have all received a copy of the draft minutes. The fence at 58 The Meadows which was reported as obscuring vision at the junction of The Meadows and Broomfield Road has been looked at by CCC enforcement they have 'invited a planning application to assist in determining the planning merits of the development' A resident reported tripping on the pavement in Strode Park Road where it is very uneven, this has been reported to Highways. Michelle and David continue with Lorry Watch.

110/15 Finance

To ratify payments made since last meeting. Mrs Mcvey £10, 100 club winner.

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

To report on income received. Precept £99,834, Fighting fund £100, Newsletter advertising £240, Fun day £175, Sponsorship £125, Bank Interest £.77, Allotment Rent £750, Hall Hire £416.66, Donation to Community Centre £4.10 Total £101,645.53.

111/15 Clerk's Report/Correspondence. The clerk reported a busy month once again. Everything is ready for the Garden Safari, the clerk delivered bunting, programmes etc to all the gardens that were opening and carried out risk assessments. Cllr Davis has sorted out some prizes for the raffle on Sunday and the clerk thanked members who had given others.

There have been Local Plan meetings with the other organisations and individuals fighting the Local Plan and also with County Cllr Marsh. More on the Local Plan later.

Mark Quinn from Quinn Estates requested a meeting to discuss his planning application for the Golf Course, this was attended by Cllr Blatherwick and the clerk.

The clerk reported that she had had a meeting with Michael Head from Crown Products to discuss fund raising for the new Community Centre. He has gone away to see if there are any ways he can help, but he did say he was happy to donate the kitchen.

Cllr Davis and the clerk are to attend a meeting held by Viridor Credits to discuss their

grants, on 8th July.

Preparations are still ongoing for the Fun day and we now have consent to use Cherry Orchard from CCC.

The latest edition of the newsletter has now been delivered and the clerk thanked Cllr Davis for getting it to the printers on time.

Andrew Brealy donated his winnings from 100 club back to the Community Centre fund. The clerk reported she would be at a KALC clerks training day on 17th June and the office would be closed.

The clerk will be on annual leave from 22nd June returning to work on 6th July, in time for the start of the Local Plan hearings! Cllr Taylor will check the post to make sure there is nothing urgent to be dealt with during the clerks' absence.

The clerk thanked Cllr Sargent for clearing the area around the planter in the village ready for Herne Bay in Bloom to plant it. The planting was carried out on Friday with red, white and blue plants ready for the laying of the Memorial stone for Harry Wells VC. in September.

The clerk asked for volunteers to help on Sunday at the Garden Safari.

Alan King has had a work party at the Community Centre and the work on painting the exterior has started. Many thanks to him and all those involved in helping.

The clerk has received complaints about the Serco collections and City Cllr Robert Jones has supplied information on this issue, the clerk has circulated to all members. There has also been an issue with fly tipping in Mill Lane North, which turned out to be the developers at Talmead. This has now been cleared.

There was also a complaint about a vehicle causing an obstruction in Pigeon Lane, Warden Michelle Weston dealt with this and another in Hawe Farm which has been scheduled for removal. The damaged wall at the property on the corner of Gorse Lane and Broomfield Road has been removed. An update on Peter Grays's progress, he is home but is expecting to return to hospital in the next week or so for the operation on his vertebrae.

112/15 Environmental Issues including Tree & Pond Warden's Report.

113/15 Reports from council representatives on outside bodies and other organisations.

114/15 Update on Local Plan. Lots of emails and some meetings have taken place. Another legal opinion has been sought both on the Environmental and Legality issues. The questions asked by the inspector are being answered and all the information has to be with supplied by midday on 17th June, there is still much work to be done. The intention is to get the draft to the planning consultant for her to look at over the weekend and then send it all off on Tuesday. Cllr Blatherwick and the clerk have been busy completing the question sheet on all aspects of the Local Plan, which was sent out by the Inspector, Cllr Mitchell has also come on board to help with this.

There was a meeting with the Highways Consultant and he has supplied a new 'opinion' on the Draft Transport strategy. The document and supporting evidence will go to the Planning consultant for her to look at it before submission. The hearing starts on the 14th July at Franciscan International Study Centre, with the Duty to Co-operate and Legal Compliance. Most are hoping that the Inspector will decide that the Local Plan is not compliant and will call a halt to the examination at this time.

115/15 To approve the purchase of a shed for storage at Community Centre (£80). Cllr Rafferty has offered his shed, for the price of £80, for storage of chairs, etc at the Community Centre.. Cllr Rafferty left the meeting while this item was discussed. It was agreed that the shed would be purchased, as it was already at the Community Centre and was quite heavy. They agreed £80.

116/15 Update on Councillor vacancies. CCC has confirmed that no request for an election has been received and therefore the parish council can co-opt two new members. Notices advertising the co-option have been put in the noticeboards and on the website. All applicants will be asked to attend an interview and then there will be a recommendation to full council regarding adoption. The interview panel will consist of the Parish Council Chairman and Vice Chairman and chairs of the committees.

117/15 To discuss a request to carry out pest control at Community Park. Darren Crooks contacted the clerk re shooting rabbits late at night at Community Park. He has all the certificates and insurance. No charge. The clerk was asked to check with KCC Waste Management and then to meet with Darren to discuss it.

118/15 To approve a donation to the Allotment Society for prizes. (£150). At the last meeting members agreed in principle to this donation and the decision needs to be ratified. This was approved.

- 119/15 Members Reports.** Cllr Harvey announced it was his last meeting as a single man as he was getting married on 20th June. Cllr Davis reported that when she attended a meeting at the Wildlife area there were two ladies who were using the fitness equipment and used it regularly as part of their physio. Cllr Taylor told members the hedge opposite her by the bus stop needs cutting again. Cllr Moore said he had received complaints about football being played on the green area in Norton Ave. Cllr Jones told members that she thought the Community Café was brilliant. City Cllr Robert Jones had got agreement to have a dog bin placed in Ridgeway Road.
- 120/15 To confirm the next meeting of the parish council will be on 9th July 2015 at 7-30pm at Wootton Room Herne Mill.**

Meeting closed 9.10pm