

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 12 March 2015 at 7.30pm, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Present: Cllr R Jones, Cllr Tracey Jones, Cllr Hobbs, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Davis, Cllr Rafferty, Cllr Sargent, Cllr Day, Cllr Harvey and Cllr Saunders

- 41/15 To receive apologies for absence and accept reasons.** Cllr Ann Blatherwick has parents evening and her Mother in law had also passed away the previous evening, Cllr Nicholson, who was not feeling well and Cllr Moore who is working. The reasons were accepted. County Cllr Alan Marsh who is in hospital, City Cllr Vickery Jones who has an executive meeting and City Cllr Sonnex whose father is ill. Warden Michelle Weston who has parents evening and PCSO Sue Radcliffe who is not on duty.
- 42/15 To receive declarations of interest on items on Agenda and requests for dispensations.** None
- 43/15 The minutes of the meeting held on 12th February 2015** were agreed as a correct record.
- 44/15 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.

3 in attendance 1 spoke who asked for Poo Fairy posters to go in the notice boards.

- 45/15 Chairman's Announcements.** Cllr Robert Jones chaired the meeting in Cllr Blatherwick's absence.
- 46/15 Police Matters/Crime report.** Written report. 'Since the last Parish Council meeting I have completed patrols within the area and liaised with Michelle on several matters within our ward.
Here is a list of some of the other activities I have been involved in .
- Large horse found loose on the Thanet Way- Involved with road closure during rush hr
 - Complaints regarding school buses- liaising with complainant.
 - Dealt with shoplifters in Herne bay
 - Flood Watch- Checking water levels in Coastal areas
 - Elderly lady with dementia who reported stolen bag- welfare /reassurance incl Referral
 - NatWest- Activation of panic alarm
 - Neighbour noise complaint- Liaised with services and completed mediation.
 - Gave advice and information on local signage to proactively show " Parking here endangers children's lives " _ information supplied to

Herne Jnrs after I researched what had successfully been used at Herne bay Jnrs.

- Training received this week on “ Code of Ethics’

47/15

Warden’s Report. Written report. ‘ After completing several joint working activities with Sue, here are some others that I have completed

- Domestic Abuse surgery – weekly attendance
 - Road safety Presentation 90 Children – Herne Infants school
 - Drugs and Alcohol training by KCA
 - Speed watch education afternoon with Herne Jnrs
 - Bogus caller awareness to Community Café attendees
 - Op Safety Net outside Reculver School (Herne to follow soon)
 - Fitted “ call blocker” /Tru Call device to house phone of Meadow Way resident
 - Attended National Grid Proposal for Canterbury District – Hersden
 - Met with PCSO Sue Radcliffe and PCSO Elaine Cannadine RE Joint working for Beltinge, Reculver, Herne and Broomfield- Sharing of Intelligence and Information.
 - Referral from S/Services RE Elderly resident- Concern for welfare.
 - Referral from Kent Police RE Elderly resident- Victim of scam calls.’
- Cllr Rafferty told members that he did not think Op Safety Net was working.

48/15

To receive reports from County Cllr Marsh & City Councillors. Cllr Sonnex has sent a report.

‘Apologies for my absence, my father is ill at the moment and I don’t know how today is going to pan out.

Cllr Joe Howes organised some dementia training for us last week. It was attended by existing Herne Bay councillors and prospective candidates. There are a number of times when we have contact with residents who are living with forms of dementia and the training was extremely helpful. One of the exercises was to split us in to groups and get us to draw both sides of a one penny piece from memory, which was harder than any of us imagined and we all failed miserably !!!

Dog fouling continues to be a problem. I am hoping that the lighter evenings will make this less of an issue as hopefully, there will be more people around during that time.

I attended the business exhibition at the Kings Hall. It was the best yet. A lot of thought had gone into the presentations and even the way you navigated around the hall was designed in such a way that you didn’t miss anything.

There was an exhibition there by Terence Hill. They are intending to start work on the new Sainsbury’s in May or June and that the footbridge over Blacksole Bridge would be coming a month later. They advised it would go in, in one hit, as a single span overnight.

I attended the opening of the new layout at Broomfield Post Office and General Store. A lot of thought has gone into the redesign and I hope that it will be well used. It is a valuable asset to local residents.

Driving down near Herne Junior School I have seen a number of road signs, coloured in and drawn by (I assume) children. Any initiative that highlights the dangers of parents parking irresponsibly is to be applauded.

I attended the Food Fayre at the Kings Hall on Sunday. Again, this has come on in leaps and bounds and was very busy.

Tower House in Canterbury is nearing completion of its refurbishment. We were invited along this week. It is now DDA compliant and whilst primarily used for council meetings and civic invitations it is also going to be made available for weddings.'

- 49/15 Planning & Highways Issues.** To receive minutes of planning meeting held on 05th March 2015. The clerk told members that there was one application for additional parking places at The Links. The application was made by the veterinary practise as they said there wasn't enough parking. Exactly what the planning committee told planning when they approved the development there. 36 Broomfield Road and the demolition of an out buildings and erection of a dwelling at Hoathwood House in Canterbury Road were both refused. Cllr Davis asked if the clerk could request the refreshing of the slow signs painted on the road near the junction of Braggs Lane/Canterbury Road. Some of the yellow lines have been installed and parts of the Ridgeway Road have been resurfaced.

50/15 Finance

To ratify payments made since last meeting. None

To approve payments presented at this meeting; schedule and ban reconciliation supplied. All payments were approved.

To report on income received. Fighting fund KCC £1000, newsletter advertising £310, fun day entry £40, hall hire £736.25, 100 club £156, calendars £27.08, fun raising £5,701.50 (£5,000 donation from developer for new hall) Total £8,073.15

Statement of Internal Control was confirmed for the year.

Effectiveness of Internal Auditor was approved for the year.

To agree the purchase of litter pickers approx cost £20 each. It was agreed to purchase 4 litter pickers.

51/15 Clerk's Report/Correspondence.

It has been quite a busy month again for the clerk.

The clerk reported she had spotted within one of the CCC agenda's an amended draft document for Event Management on CCC owned land, T & C's and a Memorandum of Agreement.

Some of these proposals were ludicrous, for example any vehicles on site shall be parked on boards/tarmac at all times. Community & Charity events, organisers will be asked to provide evidence that they are not profiting from allowing third party contractors, i.e. commercial stallholders to attend their event! CCC has the right to refuse or cancel any booking without stating a reason or liaising with the hirer. Only essential vehicles to park on site and the number of vehicles to be agreed prior to the event and the hirer to provide a list of owner's details on request. Permission required to drive poles or stakes into the ground. They will also require copies of all Public Liability Ins for attendees as well as safety certificates, hygiene certificates etc! all generators to be silent running.

The clerk explained that she was not happy with the proposals and contacted City Cllr Peter Vickery Jones who came into the office to discuss the document. He sent the clerk details of the officer who had put the draft together and the clerk contacted him straightaway to discuss what was wrong with it. He did say he would make amendments and it goes to the executive tonight. He has sent the clerk a copy of the proposed amendments and he has made most of the alterations suggested. The clerk has also requested that the section for Community & Charity Events does not have the bit about organisers needing to

provide evidence that they are not profiting from allowing commercial stallholders, surely that is the whole point, to raise funds for the community or charity. Fingers crossed that members approve the alterations requested.

The clerk had also spotted that on the agenda for a full council meeting there were recommendations to alter some of the procedures regarding planning meetings, one of those was to allow only one speaker for, (agent or applicant) and one against any application heard at committee. Again the clerk contacted City Cllr Peter Vickery Jones and raised the issue with him. She also contacted some of the members on the committee at CCC saying that the reduction in speakers should not be approved. It is understood that this was not passed at the meeting. The clerk thanked Peter for his help with these two matters.

Report on Concurrent funding meeting held on 27th Feb 2015 at Guildhall.

There were about 22 representatives from parish councils and hall committees. The report produced by CCC officers has been circulated to all members. CCC is trying to find a fair way of distributing the funding available and trying to find a system that suited everyone.

Unfortunately there is a diminishing amount of funding available and none of the parishes are going to get full funding for their concurrent functions.

There may be one good thing that came out of the meeting, the clerk raised the issue that H&B PC would like to be in RAMP and not HBAMP and officers said they would look into this.

Cllr Day told members that he felt the system was grossly unfair as non parished areas get all the services paid for whereas the parished areas have to precept to cover some of the cost of those services.

The clerk attended a meeting regarding the proposed installation of new pylons in and around the area. These are huge compared to existing pylons and are scheduled to go across many areas of open land and will certainly be a blot on the landscape. Sir Roger Gale and County Cllr Marsh along with city councillors and residents and parish council representatives attended the meeting in Hersden. The report on the meeting has been circulated to all members.

As members will have seen from the Community Centre minutes the Flower Arranging evening was very successful and raised £700 for the Community Centre build fund.

The new computer should be installed by the end of next week.

It is of course approaching year end for accounts etc and work on this has already started.

The soakage test has been carried out at the Community Centre and the results should be back soon there is also an acoustic survey to be carried out. The clerk thanked Cllr Rafferty who has set up an email address for the Community Centre, this can be used instead of the manager's home email.

2/15 The clerk reported to members that Peter Gray was in hospital in London and she had sent a card and chocolates. It is hoped he will return home in the next few days.

CCC is asking for suggestions for gypsy/traveller sites. A letter from Independence Party for a United Thanet.

Environmental Issues including Tree & Pond Warden's Report. Cllrs Davis and Hobbs reported that the Pond AGM will be on 24th March.

53/15 **Reports from council representatives on outside bodies and other organisations.** Cllr Harvey reported on the allotment meeting, they thanked the parish council for getting the fence repaired and they will be having a day in

June for security marking. They currently have 6 vacant plots. They are no longer subscribing to National Allotments Association as they do not find there is much benefit to them, they do not get any insurance cover and are currently sourcing this. Cllr Harvey told members he had also attended a Pier Trust meeting and there was a lot planned for the future.

Cllr Tracey Jones reported that there had been a meeting to discuss the laying of the memorial stone for Harry Wells VC, in September and that invitations to attend had been accepted by Lord Lieutenant of Kent, the local schools and British Legion as well as representatives from his regiment. The clerk was asked about relaying the slabs around the memorial and she said she would get hold of the company who had quoted and would arrange a meeting with them and Alan Dilnot. Cllr Jones also told members that volunteers would meet one day in August to give the memorial a light clean. Residents of Herne Street opposite the church will be asked to put up bunting on the day of the service, the parish council can provide this.

Cllr Robert Jones and Cllr Taylor attended a Street Monitors meeting. They reported that Helen Millward from Serco had attended the meeting and told them of a new scheme that they hoped to introduce called the Community Champions. A nominated resident would have a camera that would link back direct to Serco and they could photograph, things like graffiti and fly tipping and this could then be dealt with quickly. Members agreed this was an excellent concept. There were reports that residents were still putting the wrong things in the recycle bins, although the situation was gradually improving. The glass recycle unit has now been removed from School Lane Car Park. Cllr Taylor has raised the issue of the tree that needs cutting back in Cherry Orchard.

Cllr Hobbs reported that the Business Exhibition held at the Kings Hall was well attended with 70-80 stands.

54/15 Update on Local Plan, report on meeting with Sir Roger Gale.

A meeting was held with Sir Roger Gale MP to discuss the issues Herne & Broomfield Parish Council has with CCC Local Plan. The planning consultant, Wendy Le Las, engaged by Herne & Broomfield Parish Council and County Cllr Alan Marsh also attended the meeting, along with Parish Council chairman Ann Blatherwick and the clerk.

Wendy had brought along a large amount of documentation which has been sent to the Inspector, regarding what is considered, by all the parties involved, to be wrong with the Local Plan and the procedures used by CCC before submission, and afterwards.

Sir Roger was very supportive over the issue of needing more school provision and the highways infrastructure, as well of the amount of development proposed in Herne & Broomfield. He supports the parish council view that Strode Farm should not be developed, and that this would lead to the loss of open space between the parish and Greenhill/Herne Bay, and also the loss of identity for the village of Herne.

He has agreed to do what he can to stop any development on Strode Farm. He was also told of the issues that many organisations and parish councils had with the delivery of the Local Plan. CCC has submitted information and withdrawn some of what had been submitted, to the Inspector, which means much of the plan submitted has not been consulted on. The parish council has worked hard in its opposition to what has been proposed for Herne and the clerk told members that she would like to thank residents for their support, and also County Cllr Marsh for his support and work behind the scenes in order to try

and stop the over development in Herne, and also for trying to ensure increased school provision and that the Highways infrastructure proposed is viable. The clerk read out a letter that Sir Roger Gale MP sent to The Planning Inspectorate and also copied in to Eric Pickles MP and Brandon Lewis MP. The letter was extremely supportive of the Parish Council and their objections to the development of Strode Farm.

Hopefully, there will be some indication of how the Inspector will deal with what has been submitted, soon.

- 55/15 Report on meeting with those opening their gardens.** The meeting was held on 13th February. There are 14 gardens opening with another 2 possible, plus the two schools. The Allotment Society will be asked to open the allotments again this year and the Horticultural Society will be asked if they are selling plants and WI Art Group to hold an exhibition in the Wootton Room.

Due to it being half term week no one from the schools was available to attend. Representatives from six of the gardens opening were at the meeting. Those that attended the meeting were asked who they would like the proceeds to go to this year and all were agreed that they would like to see all the proceeds go into the Herne Community Centre Project.

There were discussions on the refreshments and write ups for the programmes. There was a request for flyers and programmes to be available by 25th May. Gary Collins offered to take some to Meadow Grange.

The clerk informed those present that Cllr Martin Rafferty would visit them this year to carry out the risk assessment.

- 56/15 Update on VAT consultants report re Community Centre.** All members have had a copy of the report from Elysian Associates. This report confirms that if the hall is registered as a Charity VAT would not be reclaimable

- 57/15 Report on Community Centre Committee meeting held on 26th February 2015.** The draft minutes of the meeting had been circulated to all members. It was agreed to increase Alan King's hours by three a month to 25 and to employ his wife Linda to clean 9hrs per month. The purchase of road stone for St Martin's View was discussed, Cllr Sargent was going to make enquiries to see if he could source some road planings. It was agreed to purchase some stone up to £180. It was also agreed to increase hire fees from 1st April 2015 by 50p per hour.

- 58/15 Members Reports.** Cllrs Rafferty and Saunders gave apologies for the April meeting.

Cllr Day told members the next meeting would be his last and that he would not be attending any other meetings. He was not re-standing as he now didn't live in the parish and felt disconnected to what was going on. Cllr Robert Jones told members that Cllr Day will be missed. Cllr Harvey reported some tyres fly tipped in Broomfield Road. Cllr Hobbs reported that work had started on the land next to Huntsman & Horn. Cllr Davis reported that work had started on the site for the Sainsbury petrol station.

Cllr Sargent reported that the notice board had arrived and that he would get it installed as soon as possible.

Cllr Rafferty reported graffiti near the Junior School and some chain link fencing that was in need of maintenance.

- 59/15 To confirm the next meeting of the parish council will be on 9th April 2015 at 7-30pm at Wootton Room Herne Mill.**

Meeting closed at 8.50pm