

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

Present: Cllr Davis, Cllr Blatherwick, Cllr Harvey, Cllr Davison, Cllr O'Donnell, Cllr Saunders, Cllr Sargent, Cllr Moore, and Cllr Mitchell.

Not Present: Cllr Nicholson, Cllr Jones, Cllr Rafferty and Cllr Taylor.

Cllr Davis chaired the meeting until 8pm when Cllr Blatherwick arrived.

- 197/15 To receive apologies for absence and accept reasons.** Cllr Nicholson who is busy with his Mum's funeral, Cllr Jones who has a migraine and Cllr Taylor who is unwell. City Cllrs Jones & Sonnex.
- 198/15 To receive declarations of interest on items on Agenda and requests for dispensations.** None.
- 199/15 The minutes of the meeting held on 10th October 2015 were agreed as a correct record.**
- 200/15 To report on matters arising from the minutes, not on the agenda, for information only.** Doug Hobbs is out of hospital but is waiting to go back in for another procedure. CCC have said they can only trace back the urban boundary around Herne to 1963, it is on the maps for that year. The clerk is trying to find out if previous local plans are held at the Cathedral archives. If these can be found it should be possible to determine when the urban boundary was placed around Herne & Broomfield. County Cllr Marsh has provided A boards to go outside the school.

ADJOURNMENT FOR MEMBERS OF PUBLIC TO SPEAK

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

Draw for 100 Club. No 1 first prize and No 38 second prize

- 201/15 Chairman's Announcements.** It was announced that Revd Elaine Richardson was leaving, she was taking early retirement due to ill health members were told there would be a collection for her at the end of the meeting.
- 202/15 Police Matters/Crime report.** None
- 203/15 Warden's Report.** Apologies from Michelle she was unable to attend tonight.
- 204/15 To receive reports from County Cllr Marsh & City Councillors.** County Cllr Marsh spoke about the situation with the schools. Briary, Hampton, Herne Juniors were all to be extended but there still will not be enough places. KCC Highways are pushing to ensure the infrastructure is in place regarding the proposed developments. Between now and February KCC will hear about funding from central government. The governments cuts to funding having been £400M over the last 4 years. The wardens and Freedom passes are not statutory duties. The refuse tip is now open and the fault found. The Panto is virtually sold out. The Remembrance Service went very well and there was also a service of Armistice Day attended by the school children. Cllr Blatherwick thanked County Cllr Marsh for organising the service at the war memorial and for the food he laid on for those that attended. Thanks were also given to warden Michelle Weston for her help on the day.
- City Cllr Robert Jones sent a written report
- 'Good evening yet another busy month
I don't know where the time goes
I won't report on the policy and resources meeting yesterday as I am sure Monica will have a report and you don't need to hear things twice
Flytipping
my neighbour confronted a flytipper in Curtis wood road he came round to me to let me know I went straight round but the car had gone (I, would like to point that I don't advise any one to confront someone breaking the law call the police if it's a crime in progress as flytipping is a crime) I, called CCC enforcement who were on site in 10 mins He took pictures and the car reg number, when the reg check came back the car has no registered owner tax or insurance ! the*

police were informed, I have also Michelle let know the details etc.

The graffiti is still in the building in the cherry orchard I have chased this again I have been told that the high pressure machine is needed and it will, be done I have suggested If I can have access to water and electricity I would do it as I have a pressure washer

The Canterbury road closure for gas mains repairs went off not too bad and a thank you to the Albion lane residents who had to park elsewhere for the duration, of the works.

205/15 Planning & Highways Issues. To receive minutes of planning meeting held on 5th November 2015. All members had received a copy of the minutes. No questions were asked regarding these.

206/15 Finance

To ratify payments made since last meeting. None

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

To report on income received. Vat refund £300.55, donations poo bags £24, Grants £500, Newsletter advertising £180, fun day £152.04, Interest £117.34, hall hire £1232.09, fund raising CC £481.90, 100 club £36. Total £3023.92.

To receive minutes of the Finance Meeting held on 8th October 2015 and report on quarterly audit. All members had received copies of the audit report and the Finance minutes. The main item is the budget for 2016-17, which is on the agenda. There were no questions.

20715 Clerk's Report/Correspondence. The clerk thank Cllr Taylor for covering in the office while she was on annual leave. Preparations for the Children's Party are well under way, this will be held on 5th December and help on the day and any cakes donated will be appreciated. The newsletter has gone out for delivery and the clerk thanked Cllr Davis for all her hard work on getting it out. Cllr Davis apologised about the mistake re the float on the dates. There will be a public consultation on the amended sites in the Local Plan and the parish will host a public meeting at St Martins church on 5th January at 7.30pm to run through the proposals and answer any questions residents may have regarding the ongoing Local Plan and also help them, where required with their responses. The date for the Fun Day next year has been moved to 31st July, this is due to the likelihood of the air show being held on 14th August and, in order to get Shout Disco avoiding the 7th August when they attend the Dogs Trust event. The clerk told members she had notified as many people as possible. The clerk attended a Kent Highways meeting and the report is included in the minutes of the last planning meeting. The clerk attended the Policy & Resources meeting at CCC with Cllr Blatherwick and Pippa Wiltshire who both spoke on the petition. Cllr Blatherwick also spoke on the Local Plan and proposed changes to the Conservation area. Cllrs Davis & Taylor were also at the meeting. Details further on in the agenda. The Service of Remembrance was very well attended and the minister was Revd Estella who is covering for Elaine, who as we all now know is taking early retirement due to ill health. Thanks must go to County Cllr Marsh for organising the bugler, road closure etc and for laying on food for those in attendance following the service. The clerk asked for volunteers to go out with the Christmas float, on 19 & 20 December.

208/15 Environmental Issues including Tree & Pond Warden's Report. None

209/15 Reports from council representatives on outside bodies and other organisations. Cllr Harvey told members he had been unable to attend the KALC and the Allotment meetings. He had received a report that the septic tank had been installed for the allotments.

210/15 Report on CCC meeting re the presented petition. Cllr Blatherwick spoke on the fact that Canterbury City Council do not consider we are a village and due to this there had been much development in the area. Pippa Wiltshire who spoke really well on the village of the history and of the sense of place.

Officers told members that the urban boundary was already in place in 1963 and they had not been able to go back any further to confirm when it was done or whether it had been done following any consultation. The outcome was that one member asked if there was any reason why the designation could not be reversed, Ian Brown tried to think of a reason but couldn't. Cllr Baldock put forward a resolution that the urban boundary should be removed from the Herne & Broomfield area and much to our surprise the motion was passed. The clerk told members that she was sure that Ian Brown would find a reason why this cannot happen in the not too distance future! The best outcome is probably to stop the urban boundary being extended to include Strode Farm. The minutes of the meeting will go to full council on Thursday next week and it is possible to ask a question at the start of the meeting, we are going to ask for the removal of the urban boundary to be included in the consultation due to

start at the end of November.

- 211/15 **To discuss the Quality Council registration.** The clerk has now confirmed that the cost of re-registering will be £180.
- 212/15 **To receive minutes of Community Centre meeting held on 15th October and discuss any queries.** Quote for painting £480 to paint, walls and woodwork in main hall, toilets, kitchen and lobby to paint everything including ceilings. Parish council to supply materials. Request from hall cleaner to replace curtains and poles at a cost of approx. £350. Members approved this expenditure and asked if the curtains could be a cheerful colour.
- 213/15 **Update on Local Plan consultation.** The amendments to the Local Plan re the additional sites and sites to be removed were discussed at the meeting last night. Cllr Blatherwick spoke about the amount of development already proposed and objected to the addition of 80 dwellings on the Driving Range site and the additional ground next to it. She spoke of the need to get the infrastructure in place early. She asked that members delay the consultation until all the information was ready, further transport modelling is still being carried out and is unlikely to be available for the consultation. There were quite a few speakers and much discussion but with the exception of changing the wording regarding the A2 slip, it was rushed through; presumably to be approved without any discussion by full council. Cllr Blatherwick went through what was said at the meeting and answered any questions members had. As stated in the clerk's report there will be a public meeting on 5th January to allow the parish council to get feedback from residents and answer any questions they may have. Cllr Saunders left at this point.
- 214/15 **To discuss the proposed budget/precept for 2016-17 as set out by the Finance Committee.** The clerk explained to members that the Community Centre Committee and the Finance Committee, were agreed that in order to get moving on the new community centre there was a requirement to borrow a large amount of funding. It had been agreed that residents would be asked if they were in favour of this and whether they would be willing to see an increase in the 2016-17 precept, approx. £15pa for Band D. The latest newsletter is in the process of being delivered and there is a questionnaire in that. Residents can also email or go on to Survey monkey and register their vote. Voting closes at the beginning of December. The clerk asked members to agree in principle the budget including the additional amount to cover the loan. If the vote is for not going ahead with the loan the £40,000 will be removed and the precept request reduced by that amount. The result of the consultation will be announced at the December full council meeting. Members approved this proposal.
- At the December meeting there will be a report on the process that has led up to the grant of planning permission and then the process that has been followed since that time, including the consultation regarding increasing the precept, and the approximate cost of that and how it is to be paid. Members will need to approve the report and will then need to give approval for the budget and the application of a loan. DCLG have been contacted and have been very helpful and are happy with the amount that we are looking at borrowing.
- 215/15 **Members Reports.** Cllr Moore asked if the tree near the entrance to the BMX track could be looked at as it looked dead. Cllr Sargent will check next time he is up there. Cllr Davison reported that she with Margaret Burns had planted the flower bed in the village. They were thanked for that. Cllr O'Donnell reported graffiti and anti-social behaviour in the underpass. The clerk will pass this on to the warden and PCSO
- 216/15 **The next meeting of the parish council will be on 10th December 2015 at 7-30pm at Wootton Room Herne Mill.**

Meeting closed 9.35pm