

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

Present: Cllr Blatherwick, Cllr Davis, Cllr Jones, Cllr Moore, Cllr Nicholson, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Saunders and Cllr Davidson.

Not Present: Cllrs Sargent, O'Donnell, Rafferty, Mitchell and Harvey.

- 177/15 To receive apologies for absence and accept reasons,** Cllr Harvey who is away and Cllr Sargent who is working, Cllr Rafferty who has family problems, and Cllr O'Donnell who is away. These were accepted. City Cllr Robert Jones has a meeting and City Cllr Sonnex whose father is in hospital. PCSO Radcliffe is away.
- 178/15 To receive declarations of interest on items on Agenda and requests for dispensations.** Cllr Davis request for funding for Friends of the Pond 186/15.
- 179/15 The minutes of the meeting held on 10th September 2015,** were agreed as an accurate record..
- 180/15 To report on matters arising from the minutes, not on the agenda, for information only.** Repairs to the MUGA have been completed. The path to the school has been strimmed and thanks to whoever did that. The contractors laid the Harry Wells VC stone at the War Memorial, the cost was covered in the original quote. CCC has been contacted re the yellow lines in Albion Lane

ADJOURNMENT FOR MEMBERS OF PUBLIC TO SPEAK

Members of the public to identify themselves, and confirm they are resident in the parish. The chairman welcomed 3 new residents who had come along to hear what happens at parish council meetings.

Draw for 100 Club. No 28 was drawn 1st and No 6 2nd.

- 181/15 Chairman's Announcements.** Cllr Blatherwick reminded members that the Thank You afternoon tea event was on 11 October.
- 182/15 Police Matters/Crime report.** None
- 183/15 Warden's Report.** *Due to unforeseen circumstances, Sturry Warden will not be starting in October, so I will need to carry on supporting the parish until they are in post. I will keep you updated on its progress.*
- *Following reports of a suspicious vehicle in Curtis wood area. Intelligence report submitted to the police. Supported on Race Night.*
 - *Coordinated a MacMillan Coffee Morning – Raised £110.00*
 - *Weekly inspections completed of ball court – Electronic reports submitted to clerk*
 - *Several referrals made to AGE UK - This is to help combat isolation for some of our older residents.*
 - *Attended Online Child safety awareness training*
 - *Dealt with rogue trader in Mill View Rd- Liaised with Trading Standards (joint visit)*
 - *Traffic duties for Harry Wells service*
- NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY WEEK w/c 23rd Nov**
- *Article written for school e- newsletter RE Parents safer parking.*
 - *Banner and leaflets sourced from KCC to do whole week visible presence at beginning and end of school day*
 - *Attended multi agency campaign launched by C.C.C CSU “Think, Park, Smart.*

*This was attended by our Headmistress from our Infants School – Liz Thomas-Friend
We are keen to source for the school 4x safety signs to further enhance our message to all parents. I am hopeful that the Parish Council will be willing to fund these and see this as a worthy expense of some of the Community Funds budget (Prices and descriptions have been sent to the parish clerk to view)*

- 184/15 To receive reports from County Cllr Marsh & City Councillors.** City Cllr Robert Jones

attended the HBAMP meeting on Tuesday and spoke re the Concurrent funding options. Robert, having read through the options rang to ask what we thought and after discussing it, it was decided that it might be better at the moment to keep the status quo. There were suggestions that payment could be per head of population but this would have a major effect on the small parishes and another was to do it over a 4 year period, but that would be difficult because you don't know how much you are going to spend on repairs in the next 12 months let alone the next 4 years. The clerk suggested that if CCC is going to benefit from business rates they could increase the concurrent funding budget to a realistic level.

County Cllr Marsh told members that Herne & Broomfield has the best warden in Kent and they were very lucky. He spoke about the issues with parking near schools and he told members there was an initiative with banners leaflets and the A boards and that he will help where possible. Herne Bay tip is closed due to an HT cable fault, it may be closed for a couple of weeks. He will check and see what is happening with the lights in the underpass. The Harry Wells memorial event was very good and Alan congratulated those involved, he has promoted the caterers on trip advisor. The tickets for the Panto are going well and there are now 5 days when tickets are available, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Sat & Sun at 2.30pm. The biggest housing developer in Canterbury has stated they will not contribute towards the Sturry crossing. There are proposals to increase the size of Herne Juniors and Hoath schools. This is likely to exacerbate the parking issues. County Cllr Marsh had attended the Conservative Conference in Manchester. He told members he was trying to improve safety on A291 by possibly having chevrons on the bend near Bullockstone Road, Cllr Blatherwick said the white lines were in need of refreshing in that area.

185/15 Planning & Highways Issues. To receive minutes of planning meeting held on 24th September 2015. Circulated to all members. Cllr Blatherwick and the clerk met with developers Taylor Wimpy, they are hoping to develop the land at Hillborough. Chris Irwin from Taylor Wimpey attended along with Jim Tarzey from Pegasus Planning.

It was made clear to them that any development similar to Talmead would not be acceptable, the layout of the social housing, the provision of play equipment etc needed to be right, from the start. Cllr Blatherwick voiced her concerns regarding the highways side of things as it was not practical to push additional traffic through on the Hoath road and she had concern as to whether the weaving length was sufficient at the junction with Heart in Hand road. She was assured this would be looked at and that they did own the land that may be required for alterations to be made. There were discussions regarding the new school and it is still far from clear who will provide this. They are hoping to submit a planning application before too long. There will be a road closure from 24th October in Herne Street from Park Place to Albion Lane.

186/15 Finance

To ratify payments made since last meeting. None.

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

To report on income received. Donation for water bill from HB Allotment Society £14.50 Donation to Fighting Fund £150, Newsletter advertising £576.67, fun day £90, bank interest £68.33, hall hire £1,483.75, grant for new Community Centre £50,000, fund raising race night £182. Total £52,565.25.

To approve a request from Friends of the Ponds for a donation to cover the cost of their insurance which is £282.30. It was agreed to cover the full cost and the money will be taken from the Community & Amenity fund.

18715 Clerk's Report/Correspondence. Lots going on with Race Night report later and VC event again report later. The clerk reported that she has renegotiated the electricity supply for another year for MUGA and Mill Lights.

The annual inspection of the parish council's equipment has been carried out and the report circulated. With regards to the deterioration of the start gate the clerk has contacted the BMX club and they have inspected it and will arrange for the repairs to be carried out as a matter of urgency.

No applications have been received for the Parish Caretakers job, it was suggested it could be advertised again in the next Parish News.

Will Lee has contacted the clerk re changing the football coaching sessions. He has asked if the parish council would consider changing the session to an over 30's football and fitness session, which would be later 7-8pm or 8-9pm. He will need to change times regardless due to work commitments. He thinks there could be other provision which might have more of an impact and target some adult health issues. Especially over the winter as the kids numbers

tend to drop off slightly.

A FOI request has been made to CCC regarding what consultation, if any, was done by them regarding including Herne & Broomfield within the urban boundary, also what if any correspondence there was between them and the parish council. It is believed that this action was taken when the 1998 Local Plan was being produced, shortly after the parish council was formed. When the clerk looked through the early minutes there was only one reference that the parish council had contacted CCC regarding the lack of separate identity for Herne & Broomfield, this was 5th September 1996. Also in the 1998 Local Plan according to parish council minutes, it was stated that no major development would take place in Herne Bay until a Herne By-pass was built. (13/98). One other interesting thing, the gavel that is still used by the parish council is made from American hardwood which came from HMS Victory and donated by Cllr Goodwin in November 1996.

Pam Hobbs rang this morning to say that Doug is in hospital, she also, is not too well and therefore will not attend the Tea Afternoon on Sunday.

The Poppy Wreath has been ordered and received ready for Remembrance Sunday in November.

The hall painting has been completed on the outside and the new sign has been put up, the clerk thanked all the volunteers involved.

The clerk reported that she would be on holiday from Monday 19th Oct, the office would re-open on 2nd November. Cllr Taylor will check post and answerphone.

188/15 Environmental Issues including Tree & Pond Warden's Report. Cllr Davis reported a pond task day in Broomfield on 25th October and Cllr Davison reported that HB in Bloom had carried out planting in H B Town Centre and the Kings Hall.

189/15 Reports from council representatives on outside bodies and other organisations. None

190/15 Report on presentation of petition. On Thursday 1st October Cllr Blatherwick presented a petition to CCC at the full council meeting. The purpose of the petition was to raise resident's concerns regarding the fact that officers at CCC don't consider that Herne or Broomfield are villages and are just part of urban Herne Bay.

A petition was started and there were in the region of 500 signatures with letters from residents and signatures on an online petition.

Cllr Blatherwick explained to CCC members the reason for the petition and requested that the situation be looked at by the relevant committee. The Mayor accepted the petition and said the matter would be looked at by the Policy and Resources Committee and the parish council would have an opportunity to speak at that time. The clerk thanked to all those who worked hard to get signatures. Alan Dilnot had been asked if someone from History Group would speak on the history of the villages and it is hoped a local resident will speak about the sense of community in the village. As each speaker only gets 3 mins it is important to have several speakers on different subjects.

191/15 To discuss the Quality Council registration. The clerk reported that she had made enquiries as to the cost of applying and apart from £50 to NALC the cost for KALC has yet to be decided and the clerk reported that she had told KALC that the parish council was unlikely to go ahead until they knew the cost involved. The option of the Foundation Award and the Quality Award were discussed. It was decided to put in place what was needed for the Foundation Level but nothing would be done until the parish council knew the cost of re-registering. A request was made for this to be raised at the next KALC meeting if it was not resolved before then.

192/15 Report on Harry Wells VC event and the Race Night. The Harry Wells event went very well, the service was carried out by Bishop Trevor and the Community Centre had been set up well and looked the part and the lunch and staff were both good. Congratulations to all involved. H B in Bloom and Julia Davison planted the flower bed opposite the church, with plants donated by Vincent Nurseries, many thanks to them. Cllr Blatherwick read out a letter from Alan Dilnot, chairman of the Local History Group thanking those who had helped with the VC event, particularly the parish clerk and Cllrs Tracey Jones and Ian Sargent

The Race night was very successful, unfortunately some people were disappointed beforehand as the event was fully booked. A couple of people didn't attend on the night but 80 people thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The profit on the night was £483, the raffle raised £128 and £16 was raised on the sale of drinks. 25% of the profit will go to Kent Air Ambulance which is £121. Members approved a cheque for this amount. Therefore £506 was raised for the Community Centre Build fund. Thanks must go to Brian Samuels and his team for running the event and also to Michelle Weston for all her help on the night. The next Race

Night is booked in for 30th April 2016.

- 193/15 To discuss the flower bed opposite St Martins Church.** Cllr Davison explained that up to now this had been a joint venture with H B in Bloom but their numbers were shrinking and the parish council needed to decide how to take it forward. It was agreed that a group needed to be formed to look after the flower bed and this could be discussed at the next E & L meeting, a budget would also be suggested. Perhaps allotment members would be willing to help with planting and weeding.
- 194/15 To discuss providing A boards outside the school.** Michelle Weston had spoken regarding the purchase of a boards to go outside the school. Cllr Jones told members she thought they worked very well and they did have them at her school, however, the school had purchased them themselves. It was agreed to ask Michelle to see if the school would fund, the parish council would match fund if required and if absolutely necessary could fund in full. Cllr Jones told members that the schools needed to police the parking issues and go out and confront the parents who are causing the problems.
- 195/15 Members Reports.** Cllr Moore is putting together a list of streetlights that are not working and passing them on to the clerk. Cllr Davis asked if anything could be done about the untidy garden off 91 Mill Lane. Cllr Nicholson apologised for not being able to attend the last meeting and not sending apologies.
- 196/15 The next meeting of the parish council will be on 12 November 2015 at 7-30pm at Wootton Room Herne Mill.**

Meeting closed 9pm