

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 10th September 2015 at 7.30pm, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

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

Not present: Cllr Rafferty and Cllr Nicholson.

- 159/15 To receive apologies for absence and accept reasons,** Cllr Rafferty who has a migraine. This was accepted.
- 160/15 To receive declarations of interest on items on Agenda and requests for dispensations.** None
- 161/15 The minutes of the meeting held on 13th August 2015** were agreed as a correct record.
- 162/15 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.

Draw for 100 Club Numbers drawn 1st No. 6, 2nd No. 19

- 163/15 Chairman's Announcements.** Cllr Blatherwick offered condolences to Cllr Davison on the death of her mother in law. The Chairman reported that she had attended the Allotments BBQ and prize giving and the standard was very high making the judging difficult. One box of produce had 31 varieties in it. They also sent a box to Herne Bay Hospital fete. She was very pleased that the Sheriff was able to attend and also some of the parish councillors.
- 164/15 Police Matters/Crime report.** Sue Radcliffe apologised that she had not been able to attend the last few meetings. She has been doing quite a bit since her last report but did not wish to go into details re the work done outside of Herne & Broomfield. Having said that she has been and still is doing, quite a bit of work on the new Meadow View estate (otherwise known as Talmead).

This year she had the great pleasure of being at the Fun Day last month.

There was a report of some fly tipping in the car park of Harvest Court. This has now gone. There are some cars there that are SORN and she has been in touch with the committee for Harvest Court but they have not got back to her. There is a vehicle in the other car park that has a notice of removal on it and she thinks this car park is linked to Rye Walk.

Staying in this area, she was given a report that there was someone dealing drugs. There has been no evidence to support this but she has spoken to the person mentioned and since then have had no more reports of suspicious persons/cars.

Still in this part of the village there was a Good Samaritan who had found a stray dog and had helped her locate the owners.

Strode Park have called in to report that persons are walking in their grounds and leaving their litter behind. This is hard to police as they have no closed fencing etc. She does patrol in the grounds when possible and has not seen anyone being a nuisance of late.

When she is in a police vehicle she has taken to visiting the allotments and hoping that this visible presence will deter any persons from causing any issues.

As part of policing projects she is involved in the operations that are put together in an attempt to reduce Anti-Social Behaviour on the coast. This is run with other partner

agents. This covers Herne Bay and Whitstable.

On a sad note she was made aware that a resident had found a dead dog up by the BMX track and allotments. This was not reported on the day and she has not been able to follow this cruel act up as there is now nothing there to use as evidence. She asked that if possible can councillors please put the word out to residents that reporting incidents at the time is of the utmost importance.

Lastly, she is not going to be at the next meeting as she will be on holiday in Australia.

165/15 Warden's Report After six months of supporting Sturry, a new warden is now being trained and should hopefully be on area from the end of October. Here is a list of some of the activities I have been involved with that affect the residents within our Parish.

- "Op Nautilus" – multi agency, local youth engagement operation - Fri and Sat nights.
- Life line fitted to elderly resident in Streetfield (Pendant/Call centre scheme)

Attended installation and sourced local neighbours to be key holders.

- Working with Social Care Unit to aid resident in accessing all resources for support.
- Referral from Social Services. (concern for welfare)- report submitted
- Youth engagement event at Memorial Park in partnership with C.C.C Community Development team.- attendance 1200
- Community café still proving to be a perfect "surgery" for myself and PCSO Radcliffe. 2 hrs every week availability for all residents to come!
- Myself and PCSO Radcliffe to work jointly to identify and local anti social behaviour issues by youth engagement night time working.
- Underpass lighting Unfortunately despite several logged calls, this still remains not working.

After being tasked by District Councillor Robert Jones, she investigated further and was told there is a fault on the junction box owned by EDF energy and this had now been passed to them for repair. (Anticipated to be about two weeks?) Passed to EDF on 4th September.

- Damage to football changing rooms and toilets in Cherry Orchard

A number of residents have raised concerns to District Cllr Jones regarding damage to the above and lack of policing resources to monitor these areas. He has asked me to look at this.

- Following this damage, no reports have been received/logged to the reporting line number 101

It must be reiterated to all residents to report all incidents to 101 so an audit trail is kept of any ongoing problems.

We are lucky to have a CCTV camera in the vicinity and following any reports, the images can be checked for offenders/evidence.

Your call is vital to know when this is happening and narrow down times/dates of incidents so appropriate action can be taken.

(She asked if this information can be put in our local newsletter.)

166/15 To receive reports from County Cllr Marsh & City Councillors. County Cllr Marsh asked to be kept up to date with what was happening with regard to the Community Centre. He told members that he had put signs up for the hospital fete at the Queen Victoria hospital. He reported that KCC were £39M short due to operation stack and the various immigration issues. KCC's budget will be finalised in February 2016. Alan mentioned the fatal accident on Shalloak Road and reported that the police did not find fault with the road and the one 2 years ago Alan had arranged for posts to be installed on

the downhill section and for the signage to be repainted. A meeting with street lighting has been scheduled. He was pleased to have been asked to attend the Harry Wells VC stone laying ceremony.

City Cllr Sharron Sonnex reported that she had been involved with several planning applications. She had asked for the overgrown vegetation to be cut back on Margate Road near the Huntsman & Horn, part of it had been cut but there was another section that was very overgrown. She had had a meeting with a Beltinge resident who was concerned that an ambulance would not gain access to the BMX track, in an emergency, because the vehicular gates were locked. The reasons that the gates were locked were explained and a solution would be looked at. She told members that the Air Show was fantastic but the buses were full when they got to Herne. Planning enforcement were dealing with the fence issue on the corner of the Meadows and Broomfield Road.

City Cllr Robert Jones thanked the parish council for a fantastic Fun Day. He went on to report that some fly tipping had been investigated and that someone has subsequently been fined. The issue of late bin collections, he felt, was down to poor machinery and organisation. He has suggested that CCC put details on the website when there are issues with the collections, they could then let residents know when the bins will be collected. The Local Plan Inspector is still waiting for CCC to provide the information requested, to him. There will also be a 6 week consultation period with regard to this. The clerk requested that if the consultation is to be over the Christmas period, it should be extended to 8 weeks as most people were very busy at this time of year and a lot of organisations shut down for two weeks.

Cllr Jones has asked for the evidence showing when Herne & Broomfield were included within the urban boundary. The proposed developments Herne Bay Golf Club, Strode Farm and Hillborough were discussed and Cllr Blatherwick told the meeting that it was imperative that the infrastructure was in place if these developments go ahead, especially the highways infrastructure. She also stated that members need to realise that they do not have to accept an officers' recommendation. It appears that CCC Planning have not consulted KCC Highways regarding the application for the Golf Course although Highways have had discussions with the developer.

167/15 Planning & Highways Issues. To receive minutes of planning meeting held on 3rd September 2015. The planning application for HB Golf Course is going to committee on 15th September and the recommendation is to grant with conditions.

168/15 Finance

To ratify payments made since last meeting. Payment to Allotments for their prize giving. Allotment Society £150 and Herne Bay in Bloom £60.

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

To report on income received. Garden Safari donation £60, Donation fighting fund £100, newsletter advert £221.67, Fun day £2,390.76, Bank Interest £2.11, Maps £10, Hall hire £430, Race night £28, 100 club £36 Total £3,278.54

169/15 Clerk's Report/Correspondence. The clerk reported that there had not been any new information regarding the Local Plan. Peter Gray has been in contact to say he thinks he needs to confirm that he may not be able to come back to work, perhaps the Parish Council needs to look at advertising the position. The clerk reported that some damage to the ball court panels had needed urgent repair prior to the safety inspection and this has now been completed at a cost of £735. Please keep the signatures coming on the petition we can continue until the inspector gives a new date for the hearing, it is important to get as many as possible. Request from residents going to the school re the paths that are overgrown with nettles etc. to have them cleared. Reminder that it is the Race Night on 26th Sept there are places still available. There will be a thank you afternoon tea for all the volunteers on 11th October so if as many as possible could attend and bring a plate that would be most helpful. The float and caravan have been moved thanks to Cllrs Sargent and Harvey for carrying out the alterations to the float to enable it to be stored under cover. And thanks to Cllr Harvey for storing the caravan. Norton antivirus on the computer has now been replaced by AVG which is cheaper. The Allotment Society have been asked if they would be able to provide a box of produce as a raffle prize for the Race Night. All plots have now gone and a small waiting list has been started.

170/15 Environmental Issues including Tree & Pond Warden's Report. Cllr Davis reported that a task day had been held at Broomfield Pond and 14 volunteers had attended. She had also been called out to a property in Streetfield regarding hundreds of bees, which were upsetting

the neighbours. Cllr Davis identified them as mostly male Ivy Bees that were hunting for females to mate with. She had a word with the neighbours to explain that the bees would soon disappear.

171/15 Reports from council representatives on outside bodies and other organisations. Cllrs Taylor and Moore attended the Street Monitors meeting. Litter fines issued had increased to 158 this year. KCC had been asked to respond regarding A frames and tables on pavements. Garden furniture is being made out of some of the trees that are being cut down. Serco will replace the bin inserts if they get lost or damaged.

Cllr Harvey reported on the Allotment meeting. Ann Baker has stood down as secretary. A Nosh & Knowledge has been arranged on 10th October to raise funds. The KALC minutes have been distributed.

Cllr Davison attended the Herne Bay in Bloom Award ceremony, both Herne Infants and Juniors did well. Help is needed for the work on the garden outside the Butchers Arms. It would be good to get this done before the laying of the VC stone.

Cllr Jones reported that the History group had worked hard with regard to the service and refreshments afterwards for the laying of the stone. Members thanked the History Group for all they had done.

172/15 Report on Environment & Leisure meeting held on 27th August 2015. Draft minutes of the meeting had been circulated to all members. The main thing discussed was the fun day and the date for next year was set for 14th August 2016. The proposal by Strode Park to have a joint event to celebrate the 70 years of Strode Park and 20 years of the parish council. This had been agreed in principle, draft date 19 June 2016. Future events such as a bingo night were also discussed. The clerk reported the Income from Fun Day £4,315.80, Expenditure £1,270.49, profit £3,045.31 an increase on the previous year.

173/15 To discuss the Quality Council registration. The clerk had circulated details of the Quality Scheme. This item was deferred to the October meeting.

174/15 To discuss a donation to Harry Wells VC event. The clerk reminded members that they need to respond, if they have received an invitation. The History Group has an over spend of £28.91. On top of this the stone will need to be seated, prior to the event, (it arrived this morning). The clerk has contacted the company that did the paving around the memorial and asked them if they can seat it during the week before the event, and if they will do it as part of the invoice paid. If not the parish council need to agree the cost of this. It was agreed to cover the shortfall and if necessary up to £50 for the seating of the stone.

175/15 Members Reports. Cllr Taylor reported that the hedge had been cut in Mill Lane. Cllr Davis reported that the vegetation along Canterbury Road, (Home Farm) needed cutting back. Cllr Harvey reported that a tower scaffold was required to finish the painting of the Community Centre. The clerk asked if members would like her to order the sign for the Community Centre now that the painting was almost finished. This was agreed. Cllr Blatherwick asked the clerk to contact CCC regarding the yellow lines that were shown on their plan in Albion Lane that were not actually there.

176/15 The next meeting of the parish council will be on 8th October 2015 at 7-30pm at Wootton Room Herne Mill.

Meeting closed 9.50pm