

HERNE & BROOMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting of Herne & Broomfield Parish Council held at Herne Mill, Wootton Room, on Thursday 12th May 2016 at 7.30pm, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Cllr Davis, Cllr Harvey, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Moore, Cllr Mitchell, Cllr Sargent, Cllr O'Donnell, Cllr Wells, Cllr Saunders Cllr Davison.

Not present: Cllr Blatherwick, Cllr Nicholson, Cllr Rafferty.

In Cllr Blatherwick's absence Cllr Davis chaired the meeting.

087/16 Election of Chairman. Cllr Blatherwick was elected as chairman.

089/16 Election of Vice Chairman. Cllr Davis was elected as Vice Chairman

090/16 To appoint Committees

Finance & Resources Committee Cllr Andy Harvey, Cllr Ann Blatherwick, Cllr Jennifer Taylor, Cllr Geoff Mitchell, Cllr Lee Wells.

Environment & Leisure Committee Cllr Carol Davis, Cllr Ian Sargent, Cllr Jennifer Taylor, Cllr John Nicholson, Cllr Kevin Saunders, Cllr Ann Blatherwick, Cllr Martin Rafferty, Cllr Julia Davison and Paul Parker.

Planning & Highways Committee. Cllr Ann Blatherwick, Cllr Geoff Mitchell, Cllr Peter Moore, Cllr Ian Sargent, Cllr Jennifer Taylor, Cllr Andy Harvey, Cllr Sarah O'Donnell

Community Centre Committee. Cllr Carol Davis, Cllr Martin Rafferty, Cllr Ann Blatherwick, Cllr Sarah O'Donnell, Ann Berry, Mabel Wright, Linda White.

Policy Committee. Cllr Davis, Cllr Blatherwick, Cllr Harvey, Cllr Wells.

091/16 To appoint representatives to

KALC Canterbury Area Committee Cllrs Harvey & Wells

Friends of Broomfield & Herne Ponds Cllrs Davis & O'Donnell

Street Monitors Cllrs Taylor & Moore

Allotment Society Cllr Harvey & Moore

Herne Bay in Bloom. Cllr Davison

To Appoint

Tree Warden & Pond Wardens. Cllr Davis & Pam Hobbs

Newsletter Editor Cllr Davis

Press Officer. Cllr Davis

Web site manager Cllr Davis

Face Book. Cllr Davis

Twitter. Cllrs Davis & Wells.

092/16 To receive apologies for absence and accept reasons. Cllr Nicholson who is working, and Cllr Blatherwick who is at a parents evening, Cllr Rafferty who has some family issues.

Reasons approved

093/16 To receive declarations of interest on items on Agenda. None

094/16 The minutes of the meeting held on 14th April 2016, were agreed as correct.

695/16 To report on matters arising from the minutes, not on the agenda, for information only. The Highways Steward has reported that the cost of a replacement tree at the top of Millview Road would be about £500 as they have to factor in watering etc after planting. Cllr Rafferty has the office chair that was donated, in storage. The Forest School have started work in the wildlife area. Some tree work has been carried out as some branches were thought to be dangerous.

ADJOURNMENT FOR MEMBERS OF PUBLIC TO SPEAK

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

A resident asked about a Welcome Pack for new residents, the clerk explained that it was difficult to find out when people had moved in and at the moment the clerk doesn't have the time. There was also a query about a list of local organisations and Cllr Davis said it would be on the web site when she had finished updating it.

The draw for this month's 100 club took place at this point.

Winners were No 11 & No 8

096/16 Chairman's Announcements. Congratulations to Herne Junior School on achieving an

Outstanding Ofsted report. Cllr Wells was also congratulated on completing both the Brighton and London Marathons and wished good luck for the one in Berlin. Lee runs to raise funds for MIND.

Cllr Davis told members that May 2016 was the parish council's 20th Anniversary. The original Herne Parish Council was in operation from 1894 to 1934. At that time it covered most of Herne Bay. The current council was formed after a campaign by local residents.

097/16 Police Matters. Sue Radcliffe reported that the APM was good and Michelle did an excellent presentation. She had dealt with Neighbourhood disputes, she spoke about the new Police Crime Commissioner who wants to see 300 PCSO's, if achievable. There is continuing Anti-Social Behaviour in Herne Bay but it is not all local youngsters.

098/16 Wardens Report. Michelle reported that she had enjoyed the Annual Parish meeting and that she was pleased to have an opportunity to highlight the issue of scams. A lot of litter has again been removed from the Strode Farm underpass. She had done a Lifeline referral and dealt with neighbour disputes. There was a suspected break in along Mill Lane but it turned out to be storm damage. She had escorted 320 infants' school pupils to Curtis Wood Park. She is working with the Public Safety unit in Herne Bay dealing with the anti-social behaviour. She has been to training sessions for an Emergency Plan with Cllr Harvey and she also had training in recognising extremism, i.e. Muslim & Right Wing. She was asked about graffiti in Mill Lane underpass, she was doing her best to get it cleaned but there was little funding as it is classed as low priority.

099/16 To receive reports from County Cllr Marsh & City Councillors.

County Cllr Marsh said how pleased he was that the bridge at Blacksole had been opened, after so long. He had been in a meeting with KCC, Swale BC and CCC to discuss mental health, there are 1,300 people that need support, some needing 3 people 3 times a day, to keep them in their own homes. Education had also been discussed and if a new secondary school is built at Herne Bay Golf Course it is likely to only take the children from that area. More children are commuting to schools outside the areas they live. The school issue will be dealt with one development at a time. He told members that the draft Local Plan may not be adopted until March 2017. In the meantime developers were submitting applications. He had had a meeting with Simon Cook CCC, and he was trying to resolve the fly tipping issues to enable fly tips to be cleared no matter whose land it is on. It may also be possible to extend opening hours and change the rules for taking waste to the tip. He left plans for H B Golf Course which had highways details, for Cllr Blatherwick. He had granted £250 to Avenue Nursery for the Forest School and had agreed £500 for Herne Junior School for the Queen's birthday celebrations. He reported that 3 HGV's had been reported for using roads unsuitable for HGV's and their details were now on record.

City Cllr Sonnex reported that there had been an increase in fly tipping, the fly tipping found in Busheyfields Road had resulted in a name and address being found, which should allow a prosecution, Sue Radcliffe also said that the same had happened in Owls Hatch Road and it was hoped a prosecution would follow. Sharron was still trying to get a bus shelter opposite the cemetery. A van had caught fire in Margate Road. Finally she was also pleased that the footbridge at Blacksole was now open.

City Cllr Jones sent a written report. *'Flytipping seems to be increasing I can't remember how many I have called in. Martin Rafferty passed on information about some he had seen which was called in.. If any members see any please let me know as then I can call it in. The city council has just started a public space protection order consultation which ends June 17th, so please if you have any areas of concern please respond to the consultation. The easy way of doing this go to the CCC web site type consultation in the search box and it will take you to page then follow the on screen instructions.* (Cllr Sargent arrived at this point)

100/16 Planning & Highways Issues. To receive minutes of planning meeting held on 22nd April 2016. The clerk had sent the draft minutes to all members and she reported that the application for a new mast at St Martin's Church had been withdrawn. She also informed members that there were new documents on the Local Plan website, as well as correspondence between the Inspector and CCC. Members were encouraged to look at the information.

102/16 Finance

To receive minutes of Finance & Resources Committee meeting held on 10th May 2016 discuss and approve any recommendations.

Internal Auditors report. All members had received a copy and everything was in order.

To agree and sign the Annual Governance Statement, Annual Statement of Accounts, and Statement of Internal Control. Members agreed with the Finance Committee recommendation to approve the Annual Governance Statement which the clerk had explained. They then approved the Annual Statement of Accounts after asking a couple of questions. They then approved the Statement of Internal Control.

To resolve the Co-Operative bank continue as our bankers. This was agreed

To ratify payments made since last meeting. None.

To approve payments presented at this meeting; schedule and bank reconciliation supplied. Members approved the payments and the clerk went through the bank reconciliation and earmarked reserves.

To report on income received. Concurrent funding £4,109.26, Precept £138,399.48, Vat refund £57.58, Grants including £1,132 from ACRE towards Community Centre Build fund, Precept grant £6,550.52, fun day £160, Flower tub sponsorship £150, bank interest £105.47, hall hire £550.20, 100 club £168, Race Night £309 Total £151,691.51.

103/16 Pond Tree Wardens Report. Rosemary Selling CCC has reported that they have again applied for a Green Flag award for Curtis Wood Park. This year the judges are going to turn up unannounced and look on their own. She has provide a couple of A4 sheets with information about what goes on in there, which the clerk has put in the noticeboard near the footpath.

104/16 Clerk's Report/Correspondence.

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on 22nd April, the Chairman gave her annual report and the clerk a brief financial report. After this Michelle Weston gave a presentation on 'Stop the Scammers'.

Following this there were two awards this year for Outstanding Contribution to the Community, to Issie Ford & Chloe Nye for the time given to helping young people in the parish.

Police and Wardens reports were followed by reports from 14 local organisations, some written some in person. The meeting was not very well attended by residents which was a shame as both the presentation and the reports were very interesting. Thanks to all the councillors who attended.

Race Night £754 was raised, which is excellent, £137 on the raffle the remainder tickets and race contributions. The food arrived on time and very hot and the event was enjoyed by all, with many asking for the date of the next one. The clerk has asked Brian to give her some dates for later in the year. 91 people booked and paid and 5 didn't attend on the night. Thanks to all those who helped on the night. £151 will be donated to Kent Air Ambulance. Local Plan. The clerk reported that CCC had produced some more information and reports, these will be looked at in the next couple of weeks and a response sent.

Cllr Blatherwick and the clerk had attended the opening of the footbridge at Blacksole.

The clerk reminded members that she was on annual leave from 16th May returning on 31st May. Cllr Taylor will check the post and answerphone during the clerk's absence.

105/16 Reports from council representatives on outside bodies (KALC, Street monitors, etc). Cllr Harvey reported that no one had been available to attend the last KALC meeting, the next one will be the AGM on 12th July.

106/16 Members Reports. Cllr Mitchell reported that he had been asked about the works in the wildlife area by the guide leader. Cllr Harvey reported that he will continue working with Michelle on the Emergency Plan, he also reminded members that there was a Community Café every Friday morning from 10-12 tea/coffee and cake for £1. He also asked about a BMX club who had put a sign up stating they trained on Thursday evenings. The clerk said she did not know anything about it, but she reported that the fencing work would be carried out in the next couple of weeks. Cllr Davison reported that she will purchase plants soon for the tubs and flower bed etc. she would like to set up a group Plants in Places to take over and look after these areas. She will put together a letter and send it out.

107/16 The next meeting of the parish council will be on 9th June 2016 at 7-30pm at Wootton Room Herne Mill.

Meeting Closed at 8.40pm