

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 14th April 2016 at 7.30pm, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Present: Cllr Blatherwick, Cllr Sargent, Cllr Nicholson, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Wells, Cllr Mitchell, Cllr Davison, Cllr Moore, Cllr Rafferty, Cllr Saunders, Cllr O'Donnell and Cllr Harvey.

Not present: Cllr Davis.

068/16 To receive apologies for absence and accept reasons. Cllr Davis has her brother visiting.

069/16 To receive declarations of interest on items on Agenda and requests for dispensations.

070/16 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 10th March 2016.

071/16 To report on matters arising from the minutes, not on the agenda, for information only. Cllr Davis asked about alterations to the road at the junction of Busheyfields and Canterbury Roads, there was an alteration to the road markings and that is all that is planned at the moment. Cllr Blatherwick attended both Strode Park and St Martins Church, where Nigel Wakefield presented cheques to both organisations. The fencing on the boundary of the Community Park has been repaired. The logs etc have been removed from the Wildlife Area. The path at the Community Park has had some work carried out to it.

ADJOURNMENT FOR MEMBERS OF PUBLIC TO SPEAK

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

Representatives from Avenue Road Nursery came to speak about the Forest School

Draw for 100 Club, No's 13 & 38

072/16 Chairman's Announcements. Cllr Blatherwick reported that Urban & Civic had made cheque donations for £10,000 to both Strode Park Foundation and Friends of St Martins, they had also given the parish council £1,000, for village shop signage and £2,000 towards the fun days. Cllr Blatherwick reminded everyone that the Annual Parish Meeting was on 22nd April at Community Centre 7 for 7.30pm.

073/16 Police Matters/Crime report. Joint report with Warden (see below)

074/16 Warden's Report.

Warden and PCSO Report – March/April `16

Speed watch/Speed gun work – Planned this month for Broomfield Road

Underpass checks and joint litter picks

Following incident at Broomfield P/Office- Door to door enquiries were carried out

“Op Nautilus” – Youth ASB issues. Completed joint patrol and youth engagement on Herne Bay seafront

Outside Herne Infants School -Parents given advice and literature on responsible parking

Several neighbour disputes attended – Advise/support given

Resident concern that business is being run from a private address in the village + vehicle obstruction issues- Jointly worked in checking information and area attendance.

Vulnerable resident reassurance visit – Ongoing support and advice being given.

Liaising with a Street field resident, following a disturbance.

Abandoned vehicle (Forge fields) – Request to move.

Following complaint reporting “Out of Control” dog in Herne – Visited owner to advice of documented complaint and offered advice and guidance.

Two “Good news” stories

1. Visit to elderly gentleman in Broomfield following concern for welfare .- Not eating , isolated, confused and struggling to keep himself clean – Referred to Age UK . Now attends 7 days a week . They bath him , cut his hair , do his washing, feed him and look after any financial concerns he has .

He looks and feels like a different man!!! We both are very proud to have been part of his transformation ☺

2.Following a leaflet drop RE Gardening , an elderly Herne resident was viciously attacked after refusing to let them carry out work on his garden . We completed “house to house” enquiries, securing copies of the leaflet and witness evidence. The investigation is ongoing but currently a connected vehicle has been found and 1 suspect has been arrested.

Sue would like you all to know that currently resources are being directed in Herne Bay, particularly during school holiday times and she will need to be deployed there when required.

I have attended Road Traffic Crash training, although I hope to never have to use it, with the Canterbury Road running through the village, I feel better equipped, should I ever be first on the scene.

075/16 To receive reports from County Cllr Marsh & City Councillors. Written report from City Cllr Sonnex.

'Bus shelter outside The Plough. After a number of conversations with various departments I was advised the old seat could not be put back and a new one would be fabricated. This would have taken some time so a decision was made and it has been replaced with a new plank of wood. This is actually nicer to sit on but I have requested it is treated with some kind of wood preserve-obviously taking into account, it would have to be taped off until dry.

We are going up market. According to the local paper, Hoopers Lane off Margate Rd is the most exclusive road in Herne Bay to live in!

Whilst it falls just outside the ward a resident has been in contact regarding the new Blacksole footbridge. There are staggered railings at each end to prevent cyclists using the bridge at speed. The resident has a motorised scooter and doesn't think there is sufficient space between the two railings to manoeuvre a scooter. I have raised this issue with Richard Moore in Transportation and he is going to contact the contractor. Whilst this is out of the remit of Canterbury City Council all efforts to make this bridge available for everyone must be taken.

Sadly. The Plough pub itself is now closed again and is up for let.

Finally, several months ago I had a request to see if we could provide a bus shelter opposite the cemetery. I was advised that there was insufficient money left in the budget but it could be considered this time round. I have had a conversation with Michael Brown at CCC. We understand it meets the criteria and it is being considered for this round of works'.

City Cllr Jones reported there had been another accident at the junction of Busheyfields Road and Canterbury Road. Blacksole footbridge will officially open on 26th March. He has spoken to residents in Chapel Row who confirmed they did not want the yellow lines proposed, he also said he did not agree with any more yellow lines in Albion Lane, Cllr Blatherwick stated that they were necessary on the bend between 29 & 35. Cllr Jones reported that an officer from CCC had been out to look at the work that had been carried out at Hoathwood House regarding the removal of the tree stumps, unfortunately these were not deemed to be part of the TPO. The removal of these trees has increased the flooding in the area. Any issues with household refuse bins should be directed to Cllr Jones and he will do what he can to help. He recently helped a local resident whose food bin had gone on collection day. He has been working closely with Michelle and Sue. William street Car Park has had a new number plate recognition system installed and this will be in operation from Monday. He also commented on the article in the local press that had stated the King's Hall was to become a Casino, he said that was one of many suggestions put forward for increasing revenue.

County Cllr Marsh reported that Barton Court would not be having a school on the Strobe Farm development. He had also helped a local resident with a bin issue. Details were now available on KCC's review of funded bus services. Central government had allocated £50M for potholes KCC will get £1.3M. Any potholes can be reported to the clerk who will pass them on to him. County Cllr Marsh will not be able to attend the Annual Parish Meeting as he will be attending Strobe Park's 70th year celebration event. Spires Academy will have 2 additional classes and Hoath School facilities for an additional 30 pupils.

076/16 Planning & Highways Issues. To receive minutes of the meeting held on 17th March and discuss any issues arising from them. Next Planning meeting is 21st April. The clerk had circulated the minutes of the last meeting to all members. There was some discussion on the change of conditions for Herne Bay Golf Course. Cllr Harvey mentioned that the Plough was closed and up for let and also the Huntsman and Horn, he suggested that perhaps the Huntsman could be listed with CCC as a Community asset.

077/16 Finance

To ratify payments made since last meeting. HMRC £180, 100 club £12 & £5, Kent Pension fund £908.49.

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

To report on income received. Donations £3,094.95, newsletter advertising £300, Funday £900, bank interest £129.90, Community Centre £1,118.13, 100 club £192, Nosh & Knowledge £710 Total £6,444.98

The clerk reported that Unity Bank were going to have a monthly fee starting in April for all current accounts, the cost will be £6pm. As it was necessary to have a cheque account if we have a savings account there was not a lot of choice. Members agreed that the fee would have to be paid.

- 078/16 Clerk's Report/Correspondence.** It is end of financial year so busy on that, the auditor will do the end of year check at the beginning of May. A lot of work has been going on regarding the Community centre with quite a few meetings being held and numerous emails etc going back and forth. Thanks to Cllr Davis and all those who delivered the latest edition of the Community News. The clerk said there appeared to be some confusion with regard to parish council meetings. There is the Annual Parish Meeting which is called by the chairman of the parish council but this is not technically a parish council meeting, but for residents, then in May the parish council has its Annual Parish Council Meeting, both these meetings have to meet the statutory requirements. A gentleman has offered a nearly new office chair for the new office, if anyone could store it? Cllr Rafferty has offered to store it. Also a suggestion that we could hold an It's a Knockout event to raise funds for new Community Centre. The Highways steward has asked if the parish council would pay for a replacement tree at the top of Millview Road, as the one that was there was broken in the wind. Highways will pay to have it planted. It was agreed that up to £100 would be allocated for this from the Community & Amenity Fund.
- The clerk reported that she would be out of the office on 19 & 20th April. The Highways steward had asked if the parish council would contribute to the replacing of the tree damage in the strong winds, at the top of Millview Road. It was agreed that up to £100 would be allocated from the Community & Amenity fund.
- 079/16 Environmental Issues including Tree & Pond Warden's Report.** Cllr O'Donnell reported that a pond day had been held at Curtis Wood Park and a fallen tree had been removed.
- 080/16 Reports from council representatives on outside bodies and other organisations.** Cllr Andy Harvey reported that he had attended the allotment AGM, all is going well and some work is planned for the car park and installing the toilet. They will be opening for the Garden Safari and are planning on holding some fund raising events. There are a couple of plots that are still available.
- 081/16 To receive minutes of Community Centre meeting held on 31st March and discuss any issues arising.** Minutes had been distributed to all members. There weren't any questions. Cllr O'Donnell had met with Headteacher at Herne Juniors and he had been very supportive of the idea to ask children to bring a gift in for the tombola. Cllr Blatherwick will talk to them in assembly and explain what the fundraising is for and how it will benefit them.
- 082/16 To receive nominations for Outstanding Contribution to the Community award, and decide on the recipient.** Nominations received so far, Alan King for his Charity work also Issie Ford & Chloe Nye are both teenagers who do a lot of the support work at the Guides/Rainbows. It was agreed that Issie and Chloe would be given the award, this could be presented to the representative attending the APM from the Guides. They will each receive a £10 voucher for the cinema in Herne Bay.
- 083/16 Update on Community Centre progress and approve further payments in order to produce Bill of Quantities for the tender documents.** There have been meetings to look at costs and try and reduce these wherever possible. Payments for March were on the payment schedule. The clerk confirmed that she had secured the supply of kitchen and appliances FOC. Further payments were approved as per the payment schedule supplied. Cllr Blatherwick reported on the meeting held on 8th April where the proposed costs were reduced by £250,000, a value engineering session. The cuts were mainly to do with storage of power and reducing items not required immediately such as the soft landscaping. A Drainage survey has been carried out and the current system only serves the Community Centre. The clerk reported that Viridor had once again reduced the funding from £250,000 to £100,000 which is another blow. Cllr Blatherwick reported that lighting throughout the building would be LED in order to reduce costs. Currently the power wall was not available, but could be fitted retrospectively. The hot water tank could be heated by the solar panels.
- 084/16 Update on the meeting with Avenue Road Nursery re the use of Wildlife Area as a Forest School.** Avenue Road Nursery proprietor and staff attended a meeting with the clerk

and Cllr Davis they are very keen to get going on the project. They agreed £150pa, they will keep the areas cut back and maintain the wildlife area. The trees will remain the responsibility of the parish council. They would use it most weekdays and for approx. 48 weeks of the year. They will install a fire pit, to be approved by the parish council, as they need to feed the children and will have some sort of portaloo. They have had a meeting with the Scout and Brownie leaders and they will hopefully work alongside them. These groups will only use the area in the evenings so won't clash and the occasional Saturday morning. The Nursery will produce a leaflet to be delivered to the properties which back on to the area to inform them of what is happening.

085/16 Members Reports. Cllr Harvey reported that a resident had left a dog tied up outside Broomfield Post Office, it had been taken away to the kennels where it was later claimed. Cllr Moore asked if Cllrs Allowances were advertised. The clerk responded that they were on the web site and also went into the newsletter. Cllr Wells asked if CCC could be told that the street cleaner always seemed to attend before the bins were emptied. He also asked members to sponsor him in the two marathons he was about to do to support MIND.

086/16 The next meeting of the parish council will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting on 12th May 2016 at 7-30pm at Wootton Room Herne Mill.

Meeting closed 9.40pm