

HERNE & BROOMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Office, Herne Mill, Mill Lane, Herne, Herne Bay, Kent CT6 7DR

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Herne & Broomfield Parish Council held at Herne Mill, Wootton Room, on Thursday 11th August 2016 at 7.30pm, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Present: Cllr Blatherwick, Cllr Davis, Cllr Rafferty, Cllr Sargent, Cllr Harvey, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Saunders, Cllr Wells, Cllr Moore and Cllr Davison.

Not present: Cllr O'Donnell, Cllr Nicholson and Cllr Mitchell.

- 149/16 To receive apologies for absence and accept reasons.** Cllr O'Donnell who is on a course, Cllr Mitchell who is away, and Cllr Nicholson who is working. Reasons were accepted. City Cllrs Jones and Sonnex also sent apologies, Cllr Jones sent a written report.
- 150/16 To receive declarations of interest on items on Agenda and requests for dispensations.** None.
- 151/16 The minutes of the meeting held on 14th July 2016,** were agreed as a correct record.
- 152/16 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

1st No 6 and 2nd No 11

- 153/16 Chairman's Announcements.** Cllr Blatherwick thanked the clerk for inviting councillors to, her husband Mark's funeral, she said it was a lovely service and gave a real insight into Marks life; although a sad occasion, the service was a happy one.
- 154/16 Police Matters/Crime report.** None, the clerk reported that the PCSO had been off sick following a fall when she had hurt her back and she was now on desk duties.
- 155/16 KCC Warden's Report.**
Below is a list of some of the activities carried out in the last month
- Attended the Community Festival at St Martin's Church. Offered information about scams and "message in a bottle".
 - Dog fouling issues (Green opposite Hawe Farm Way shops) - Put up posters and talked to dog walkers.
 - Delivered an Alcohol Awareness workshop at Barton Court as part of their enrichment week.
 - 2 x Trading Standards Intel reporting RE Driveway cold callers in Mill View Rd and signage around the village.
 - 2 x Adult S/Services referrals- 1x Broomfield and 1x Beltinge
 - Fun day attendance – Traffic Management
 - Joint visit with Trading Standards Officer- Scam mail victim.
 - Raised an enquiry to KCC, following concerns regarding overgrown brambles on the footpath in Margate Road.
 - Dealt with concerned call from Bogshole Lane resident re the road works. Spoke with KCC who attended and viewed the work which was still to be completed.
 - Complaint RE HMO (House of Multiple Occupancy) – Referral made.
 - Call from resident in Herne who had money taken from him. Gave advice and he successfully received all he was owed, that day!
 - T/Standards door stickers distributed to Ravensbourne Ave.
 - Welfare visit to elderly resident due to boundary issues around her property - gave advice - Hunters Forstal Road.
 - Issues with bins – Referred for action to C.C.C Enforcement team.
 - Sourced wheelchair, from the Red Cross, for resident to use while away on holiday.
 - While on holiday Michelle's phone will be on divert to Charlotte.

- 156/16 To receive reports from County Cllr Marsh & City Councillors.** City Cllr Jones sent a written report.
 ‘Many thanks to the parish council for putting on the agenda to discuss a possible contribution to clean the graffiti off the Mill Lane underpass, the cost is £650.00. I am hopefully getting funds from HBAMP and CCC, if we were all able to put in a third of the amount I am sure we can achieve this, I will however ask what the cost would be then to paint anti graffiti paint on the brickwork which would help with any future graffiti attacks.
- KCC, as you know, own the underpass, but don't have any policy to remove graffiti, and have relied on district council to clean any of where possible, this has not been able to happen as CCC has only funds to remove graffiti on the property they own so hence funding this, in this way.
- Fly tipping still a big problem all over the district, I have called in five more in the past two weeks alone, anyone who has seen any fly tipping please call it in, I am happy to be contacted to do this.
- I have been through the planning application for Bullockstone Road with regards to the upgrading of the road, I would like the parish councils planning committee's view on this please.’
- County Cllr Marsh**
 Alan reported that a pavement parking ban would need to be done on a street for street basis and CCC did not have the staff to enforce it. He also spoke about the issues that the development in Margate Road had caused, particularly the road closure which had affected the Post Office business badly, they had been advised to contact the utilities and the developer to agree compensation. He had also advised speaking to a solicitor. The double yellow lines requested by the parish council in Albion Lane will be installed. Funding for Social Care is an issue and Alan asked to be kept informed about any incidents that arise in the parish. He had spoken to Paul Carter regarding the state of the roads. The weeds on the verges of the minor roads needed clearing they were not such a hazard on dual carriageways. Alan is willing to try and get some work started on the Mill if he gets a prioritised list of the works. Strode Park are having an official opening of the new hydro therapy pool. Cllr Davis asked if the pavement in Canterbury Road could be cleared from Braggs Lane to the village..
- 157/16 Planning & Highways Issues.** The clerk reported there would be a planning meeting on 18th August and the response to the amended application for Strode Farm has been submitted.
- 158/16 Finance**
 To ratify payments made since last meeting. Paul Parker £200, Fun Day PA.
 To approve payments presented at this meeting; schedule and bank reconciliation supplied. All payments were approved.
 To report on income received. VAT refund £4,888.72, Grant for nursery £250, Newsletter advertising £391.67, Fun Day £335, Garden Safari £54, Bank Interest £27.47, Community Centre £1014.58, 100 club £60, Donation Quinn Estates £25,000. Total £32,021.44.
 Report on quarterly audit and Annual Audit. Copies of the quarterly audit report have been circulated. As stated in the quarterly report the District audit has signed off the accounts with the one comment.
- 159/16 Clerk's Report/Correspondence.** The report on the Fun Day is an agenda item. The clerk thanked members for their support, during what has been a very difficult time. She also thanked Cllr O'Donnell for taking the notes at the July meeting.
- 160/16 Environmental Issues including Tree & Pond Warden's Report.** Cllr Davis reported that the slow worms would need somewhere to be relocated to and she had made enquiries about taking them to Curtis Wood, the environmentalist Claire Brown then contacted CCC they quoted, 'we could offer you a part of Curtis Wood Park for use as a receptor site for a one off payment of £4,000. This is a reduction in our usual fee amount. We would require for H&B PC to commit to contracting an ecologist such as yourselves for a 5-year period to manage the agreed section of land for reptile interest at their own cost.' Needless to say the offer was declined and Claire is doing a survey at the Community Park which hopefully will prove to be a suitable receptor site, this is now time crucial. The Nursery had their official opening of the Forest School, at the Fun Day and Cllr Davis provided them with seeds to spread from her wildlife meadow.
- 161/16 Reports from council representatives on outside bodies and other organisations.** Cllr Harvey reminded members that the Air Show was on 14th August and that the Barn Dance

had been very successful and a donation of £335 had been made for the new Community Centre.

- 162/16 Report on Family Fun day.** It was a great day, all the helpers turned up to help set up and this all went very smoothly, people knew what they were doing and just went off and did it, which made life easy and I would like to say a big thank you to all those who were there to both set up and take down, as the take down also went quite smoothly.
The attendance at the event was probably the biggest we have seen, so many local families it was lovely to see. The only complaint was about the water being too hot in the gents toilets, Feed-back was that people had enjoyed it and it had been a lovely event. Michelle, Charlotte and Sue did a wonderful job on the gate and had all the vehicles under control and in the correct places.
Rotary did a really good job with the car parking and were able to keep rotating vehicles as one left another arrived, right up until 3pm.
Birchington Silver Band were well received and their position by the ball court seemed to work well. It was a shame that the Sea Cadets didn't make it into the main ring as we had hoped they would march into and around and then out of the ring but they ended up just marching through the stalls area. They were however, very good.
The Classic Cars were out in force, probably the most we have had attend, over 90 on the day and they all seemed to have a really good day. There was a suggestion that we could ask people to vote for their favourite car on the day or perhaps have a prize for the one that had travelled the furthest. There was also a suggestion that they should be charged to attend. This will no doubt be discussed at the de-brief during the next Environment & Leisure meeting.
Paul Parker did a wonderful job on the PA, as always, and also with the races, I think this was the first year that we have had a large number of children enter the races, and they had a whale of a time as did the spectators, so well done to all who were involved with the races.
Not having quite so many things going on in the main ring, meant that Paul could go over to the dog ring and keep people informed as to what classes were going on and keep them entertained over there, we have not done this in previous years and it seemed to go down well. The dog show had over 100 entries which was the most I think we have ever had, there were dogs everywhere.
The displays in the main ring attracted the attention of the spectators and went down well. The stalls have done well and all the helpers turned up and did the afternoon session without complaint.
The food suppliers did a lot of business, especially the scouts who ran out about 2pm.
Pip the Clown had a good crowd for her shows and the Face Painters were busy all afternoon. Goody Ales did well and asked to come again next year. Sarah and Michelle did really well collecting in prizes and also Cllr Blatherwick talking to Herne Juniors which resulted in a lot of lovely prizes being donated. Cllr Blatherwick also sent a letter of thanks and reminded the pupils to come along to the fun day, this letter went out at the end of term. There were also quite a lot of prizes donated by residents.
- 163/16 To discuss thank you BBQ for gardeners.** Date of 27th August, had been suggested by Cllr Harvey but over half the people are away, so unable to attend, the clerk suggested a change of date. It was agreed this would be cancelled and another date would be discussed at the next Environment & Leisure meeting and perhaps this would be a thank you for all volunteers, this was agreed.
- 164/16 Report on event at St Martin's Church on 16th July.** Cllr Davis reported that many organisations had attended the Community Festival. The parish council sold Millennium maps at £1 each, there were leaflets given out for the 100 club, and Cllr Blatherwick explained what was happening with the Local Plan and the Strode Farm application. Cllr Blatherwick opened the event as City Cllr Jones was indisposed. Cllrs Blatherwick, Davis, Davidson, Wells and Taylor helped at the event. It was not however very well attended or advertised, hopefully in future the parish council can help advertise the event.
- 165/16 To discuss the request by City Cllr Jones for a contribution towards the cleaning of the graffiti in the underpass.** City Cllr Jones had reported that the total cost would be £650. Members were concerned that if cleaned, how long would it be before the graffiti was back even if it was coated, it would have graffiti back again and would still need cleaning off. Cllr Davison suggested that it might be good to try and find out how other areas deal with this problem. This was agreed, it was also thought very important that the lighting is on at all times.
- 166/16 Update on Local Plan hearing.** Cllr Blatherwick reported on the 3 days that she attended when the hearing resumed. There were some issues that involved Herne and new sites that have been put forward by Canterbury City Council. Chestfield Parish Council had objected to Grasmere Meadow being developed, due to the flooding issues. The Colliery site has still not been included even though CCC has now agreed it is a brownfield site. There were

concerns that CCC proposals for the larger sites are at odds with the Open Spaces Strategy. There are still questions as to whether the 5 year housing supply can be achieved. It also appears that KCC have relented over the Position Statement as they are now saying 500 properties can be built at Strode Farm before the road works need to be carried out. Cllr Blatherwick now considers that it is a damage limitation exercise. The hearing starts again in September.

167/16 Request for donation towards prizes for Allotments. A donation of £150 was agreed, Cllrs Davis, Wells and Harvey will attend the Prize giving and BBQ on 4th September.

168/16 To discuss thank you event for volunteers. To be discussed at the next Environment & Leisure meeting.

169/16 Members Reports. None

170/16 The next meeting of the parish council will be the Parish Council meeting on 8th September 2016 at 7-30pm at Wootton Room Herne Mill.

Meeting ended 9.10pm