

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 December 2016 at 7.30pm, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

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

Not Present: Cllrs Mitchell and Davison.

- 209/16 To receive apologies for absence and accept reasons.** Cllr Mitchell in hospital, Cllr Davison at daughter's school. Reasons accepted. City Cllr Robert Jones has injured his eye. City Cllr Sonnex is currently off sick.
- 210/16 To receive declarations of interest on items on Agenda and requests for dispensations.** None
- 211/16 The minutes of the meeting held on 10th November 2016,** were agreed as a correct record.
- 212/16 To report on matters arising from the minutes, not on the agenda, for information only.** The clerk has spoken to CCC regarding the additional work needed on the BMX track and this has been approved as a use for S106 funds. East Kent BMX club has held an AGM and they have a new committee, the chairman is still Kai Rivers. A meeting will be arranged, in the new year, with the two clubs. Members should all have received a copy of the parish council response for the Inspectors Hearing on the Local Plan

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

28 1st and 20 2nd

- 213/16 Chairman's Announcements.** Cllr Mitchell had a heart attack a couple of weeks ago and has had a triple by-pass and is in St Thomas' hospital. He is currently doing well. Cllr Blatherwick wished all members a Happy Christmas and New Year and she then presented the clerk with a card and gift and thanked her for all her hard work during the year.
- 214/16 Police Matters/Crime report.** None
- 215/16 Warden's Report.** None
- 216/16 To receive reports from County Cllr Marsh & City Councillors.** County Cllr Alan Marsh told members he had spoken with the Prime Minister to try and get more funding for social care, that £5M or 5% increase was needed. There is to be more money for the roads. Sturry PC are now fully back under the KALC umbrella. In the summer Alan visited Hersden Neighbourhood Centre and proposed giving them the funding to start a Majorettes Troupe. They found a trainer and although the funding was to cover 24 people they now have 54 majorettes and 6 drummer boys and the youngest is 2years 8 months! He suggest that they could be asked to attend the Fun Day in July. He told members that the KCC Highways Proof of Evidence had gone to the Inspector. There were no common grounds and KCC have stated that Hollamby Estates has to pay their full share (£5.2M) in full by 2023, Hollamby are arguing this point. HB Golf Course has paid their share towards the cost in full. There are also issues around Sturry Relief Road with regard to the major developers who are supposed to being paying the bulk of the cost. This road is supposed to be completed by 2021. If it is not completed by then the £5.4M LEP funding will be forfeited. He wished everyone a Happy Christmas and New Year before he left.

217/16 Planning & Highways Issues. To receive minutes of the Planning & Highways meeting held on 1st December 2016. There weren't any questions on the minutes. Cllr Davis reported some of the potholes had been filled in Braggs Lane. There is also a diversion sign which obscures vision at the end of Braggs Lane. The clerk was asked to report the water leak in School Lane again. Cllr Wells asked about the issues of crossing the road by Blacksole Bridge, Cllr Blatherwick explained that it was unlikely that there would be a crossing there, for a variety of reasons.

218/16 Finance

To ratify payments made since last meeting. £58.50 Alice Upton.

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

To report on income received. Newsletter advertising £120, Bank Interest £14.12, Map Sales £20, Hall Hire £1,348.08, Hall fund raising £3,108.12 Total £4,610.32

Update on Precept, due to the fact that the government has cut the grant normally given to Parish Council's, by half, the actual precept increase, will be just over 5%.

219/16 Clerk's Report/Correspondence. The Inquiry on non-determination of the planning application for Strode Farm has been moved back to 10th January, one of the barristers had been ill. The Inspector is Diane Lewis.

CCC has sent out a notification regarding precept information, asking that only clerks request information and not councillors, they are also planning on holding a training session for clerks probably in September, before the precept letters are sent out.

The clerk contacted KALC to find out what, if anything they were doing regarding CCC's decision not to send out hard copies of planning applications.

The response was disappointing and as follows 'Many thanks for the e-mail. I raised your query with the Chairman of our Canterbury Area Committee.

The matter was raised at the last Canterbury Area Committee meeting and no-one present voiced any concerns with the proposals.

However, the Chairman of the Canterbury Area Committee is meeting with a Canterbury City Council Officer next week to discuss the revised Parish Charter for Canterbury and he will raise it with him both before they meet and when they meet.'

Following this response the clerk contacted Cllr Harvey to ask if this was correct, his response as follows: 'he sent the minute (KALC Canterbury Area minutes 18th October 2016) of that issue raised at the meeting. The implementation of the distribution of paperless planning applications was discussed. Councillors expressed concern at the imminent implementation of the change as councils are not ready and trained. Large plans on A4 screen makes viewing of detail difficult and the planning portal is difficult to navigate. Action to request the implementation be deferred for a year.'

Cllr Harvey said he actually recalled the response being rather stronger than the minutes suggested, and Ray commented that he would report back that parish councils were unanimously in opposition to the proposals, even though he admitted that not many were represented at the meeting!

The clerk went back to Terry Martin with Cllr Harvey's response and the reply was as follows 'Many thanks for flagging this up. I will discuss with Ray. As per my e-mail below, he will be raising it with Canterbury City Council next week.'

The clerk felt that this was very poor, KALC were there to fight the parish councils corner and did not appear to be doing that for those in the Canterbury District.

The clerk met the new highways steward Daniel Cannon-Skeet, who is extremely enthusiastic and keen to keep the area looking good.

The clerk has been discussing the 100 club with Linda White and she suggests that from January the prize money is increased £15 for 1st and £7.50 for 2nd.

The clerk wished all members a very Happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

- 220/16 Environmental Issues including Tree & Pond Warden's Report.** None. The footpath by the school was raised as it is covered in leaves and needs clearing.
- 221/16 Reports from council representatives on outside bodies and other organisations.** Cllrs Moore and Taylor had attended a Street Monitors meeting, the trees in the Memorial Park are all to be replaced by more mature trees and will have sturdy guards around them. There are also changes planned for the equipment inspections. The clerk will distribute the minutes when they arrive.
Cllrs Harvey and Wells attended the KALC AGM. There was a talk by the new Police Crime Commissioner Matthew Scott and also a talk by the Communities Chairman. The minutes of the AGM will be distributed when available. Cllr Harvey attended an allotment meeting, he is concerned that the committee members are falling, allotment holders do not want to be on the committee. The clerk was asked to put this on the agenda for the next meeting.
- 222/16 To discuss the volunteer warden scheme.** The scheme is going to be expanded to other areas. If a parish council wishes to employ a warden for their area the cost for 2 years will be £1,660. The volunteer would do approx. 5 hours a week. They will need to have an enhanced CRB check, and will be given data protection and governance training. They will not have any powers but will be expected to work with other agencies. They will be managed by KCC Community Safety, but there will be a focus on the needs of the community where they are based and will work alongside their parish council. They will not be employed but are volunteers, and will not replace the Community Wardens but will work alongside them. A volunteer can be shared with another parish. As this had not been included in the budget for 2017-18 the parish would not take part.
- 223/16 Update on Community Centre and fundraising events held. Race Night, Bingo Night and Strode Park.** The tenders will be opened on Monday 19th December. The Race Night raised a total of £542.20 a donation to KAA of £110, with £432 going into Community Centre Funds. Bingo night raised £187.58, including the raffle. The event at Strode Park card making, only raised £5 but there are materials left over for another time. Hook a Bag took £43.20.
- 224/16 To discuss the possible purchase of additional land in Broomfield for parking, and possibly extending allotments.** Cllr Harvey asked the clerk to make a tentative inquiry as to whether the land owners would be willing to sell the land or part of the land adjacent to the allotment site. The clerk reported that she has asked and the family will discuss it and come back to her. Cllr Harvey gave the background as to why he had asked for this to be looked at. The clerk suggested that if the parish council was borrowing for the new hall perhaps it would be possible to borrow a bit extra to cover the cost of purchase.
- 225/16 To discuss the final arrangements for the Children's Party and Float.** Things are in place for the party, the clerk told members she will shop for the food tomorrow morning, the presents are all wrapped, a new children's entertainer has been booked, Geoff Lucas, who trades as House of Tricks, so let's hope he is Ok. Paul Parker and Bunny will do the Disco to kick things off. Sandwich makers have been recruited and we have a reasonable number of volunteers to help set up etc. Father Christmas will arrive at 5pm, so will need to be on the float ready to go at 4.45pm. Many thanks to Cllrs Sargent, Mitchell and Harvey for doing the work on the float, it is now stable and ready to go.
- 226/16 Members Reports.** Cllr Saunders told members that the Band of Faversham Mission was prepared to play at the fun day for a reduced cost of £150. He will provisionally book them. Cllr Moore asked about the float and the numbers of people allowed on at any one time. Cllr Blatherwick told members this was needed to ensure the safety of those on the float. It will be stopping at Canterbury Fields in order that Father

Christmas can distribute presents to a children's party group. The School Lane stop will be discussed for Christmas 2017, at the next E &L meeting.

Cllr O'Donnell told members that there were not many people coming in to buy on a Friday at the coffee morning, the stalls were good though.

Cllr Davis reported that the guides had help plant 30 trees in the Wildlife Area.

Trevor Davis and Luke Parker also helped dig the holes.

Cllr Taylor told members that the walk in blood clinic at the Queen Vic hospital was changing to an appointment system in the New Year.

Cllr Wells asked about speed watch.

Cllr Blatherwick told members that the church had a calendar for sale.

227/16 The next meeting of the parish council will be the Parish Council meeting on 12th January 2017 at 7-30pm at Wootton Room Herne Mill.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm