

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 9th June 2016 at 7.30pm, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Present: Cllr Blatherwick, Cllr Davis, Cllr Davison, Cllr Sargent, Cllr Moore, Cllr Mitchell, Cllr Saunders, Cllr Wells and Cllr Moore.

- 108/16 To receive apologies for absence and accept reasons.** Cllr Harvey away, Cllr O'Donnell birthday, Cllr Nicholson is in London. These reasons were accepted.
- 109/16 To receive declarations of interest on items on Agenda and requests for dispensations.** None
- 110/16 The minutes of the meeting held on 12th May 2016,** were agreed as an accurate record.
- 111/16 To report on matters arising from the minutes, not on the agenda, for information only.** The District Audit has received all the paperwork for the 2015-16 accounts. Cllr Davison has planted the tubs up in and around the parish.

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 the bins that are always left in front of the parish council sign, at the old Upper Red Lion.

Draw for 100 Club

Winner No 4 and 2nd No 6

- 112/16 Chairman's Announcements.** Cllr Blatherwick reminded members of the event on Sunday at Strode Park and also the Garden Safari on 19th June.
- 113/16 Police Matters/Crime report.** None
- 114/16 Warden's Report.** Written report by Michelle Weston
'My apologies that I am unable to attend tonight.
Here are some of the activities that I have been involved in since the last meeting.
- "Op Nautilus". Coastal ASB, multi-agency evening operations, to tackle youth issues. I have attended several Friday nights here in Herne bay. Working with both police and youth services.
 - Call raising concerns about a rough sleeper near the Kings Hall. I attended the site and requested C.C.C enforcement team to issue a notice.
 - Neighbour disputes x2 included issue with noise and parking.
 - S/Service referral x2 – "Concern for Welfare"
 - Youth referral to KCC Early support team.
 - Issue with "assisted "bin collection (resident unable to manage bins herself) – Thank you to Cllr Jones for your support in rectifying this.
 - Call from Occupational Therapy team, to assist with advice and literature on "cold callers" following concerns raised by elderly resident.- "No doorstep callers" window stickers have been issued plus advice on what to do booklets.
 - Resident raised concerns over sight lines, junction with The Meadows /Broomfield Road. Myself, Monica, Cllr Jones and Cllr Sonnex are working together to address this.
 - Call RE Bonfires from concerned elderly resident. (Advice given) and have completed home visit/welfare check.
 - Reported untaxed vehicle

The Infants school will be holding an event tomorrow (Fri 10th) to celebrate the Queen's birthday .Parish Councillors and Streetfield residents have been invited.

- 115/16 To receive reports from County Cllr Marsh & City Councillors.** County Cllr Marsh thanked the clerk for keeping him informed regarding the meetings for the Local Plan. He had attended a meeting with another developer who wants to build a further 400-600 houses, which are not in the LP. It is unlikely the Local Plan will be adopted before Spring 2017. Simon Langton Girls School is not proceeding with their plans to become an Academy.

KCC are working to improve the amount of school places and secondary education. It appears some schools are discouraging parents from putting their children in for the Kent Test. Alan is now chair of the committee that deals with bus subsidies, bus passes etc. He told members that Stagecoach buses have got so big that they now have difficulty passing on normal roads. Any issues with regard to the bus services should be sent directly to him. Alan is also the chair of JTB for the coming year.

On a lighter note Alan told members that he had secured tickets for the Pantomime again this year. It is Jack & The Beanstalk and the dates are Sat 17, Sun 18, Thurs 22, Fri 23 all at 2.30pm and Tues 20 at 10am and 1.30pm. If anyone wishes to book they need to contact Alan direct.

City Cllr Robert Jones reported that he had dealt with an assisted bin collection, which had been missed again this week and he has asked for an investigation as to why this has happened. There had been a hit and run incident reported in Margate Road. The issue of the fence on the corner of The Meadows and Broomfield Road has been raised again by residents concerned about the site lines when exiting the junction. Michelle has left a card and hopes to speak with the occupier. Robert was disappointed that CCC had been unable to purchase the homes on the Barracks site, which will now be home to 200 Londoners. Mortimer Street in Herne Bay will have a barrier to stop vehicles driving up it during the day, this is a 6 month trial. He also told members that fly tipping is a major problem everywhere. He wished the Parish Council good luck with the Garden Safari and also told members how good it was to be able to work with Michelle and how efficient she was, County Cllr Marsh agreed saying she was the best warden and Herne & Broomfield were lucky to have her.

116/16 Planning & Highways Issues. To receive minutes of the meeting held on 7th June and discuss any issues arising from them. No queries regarding the planning minutes. Cllr Blatherwick said she would speak about the pre hearing for the Strode Farm appeal, later, it is an agenda item. Evidence will need to be submitted. Cllr Davis reported that a resident in Streetfield had complained about the inconsiderate parking and the driving the wrong way around the one way system. The clerk will feedback to Michelle.

117/16 Finance

To ratify payments made since last meeting. None

To approve payments presented at this meeting; schedule and bank reconciliation supplied. The clerk supplied a list of payments for approval and these were all approved. She also went through the bank reconciliation and reserves.

To report on income received to date. Concurrent funding £4,109.26, Precept £138,399.48, VAT refund £57.58, ACRK grant £1,132, Precept grant £6,550.52, Advertising £889.17, Fun Day £245, Flower tubs £150, Bank Interest £109.96, Allotment rent £750, Hall £1,541.85, 100 club £180, Race Night £832. Total £154,946.82

118/16 Clerk's Report/Correspondence. The clerk thanked Cllr Taylor for coming into the office to deal with the post and answerphone messages while she was away.

The clerk and Cllr Blatherwick attended the pre inquiry meeting held at the Guildhall and reports of that meeting have been circulated.

The clerk has attended the public consultation held at Guildhall regarding the Public Spaces Protection Order, CCC are looking at dealing with a variety of problems, including dog fouling, graffiti, busking, cycling in inappropriate places etc., with a PSPO. These things are already controlled in law so it is difficult to see how making these things subject to a PSPO will change anything. There was no mention of litter included in the list. This consultation is available on line and it would be good if all councillors could respond, as residents.

There is now a large illegal encampment, in the car park at Share & Coulter, which is no longer in the ownership of Shepherd Neame, it was sold at auction in September 2015. The clerk has reported this to planning enforcement, Michelle has passed it on to the other authorities and it is understood that a multi-agency meeting will be held to see if any action can be taken. There was a digger being used on site but it is not clear what it was being used for, so this is obviously a concern. The clerk has contacted the auctioneer, who has passed the information to the vendor, but their information is not available. Nothing has been heard from the vendor.

There was a hit and run in Margate Road yesterday, it is understood the air ambulance was called and a 20 year old male was taken to a London hospital with leg injuries.

Paul Holland is organising the Barn Dance in July, with the proceeds being split between Parkinson's and the new Community Centre, he has asked if it would be possible for the hall hire fee to be reduced? Members agreed to a 50% reduction.

At the last planning meeting there was a request from a resident to look into the problem of the fence causing visibility issues at the junction of The Meadows and Broomfield Road. The clerk was requested to take the matter up with the ward councillors. Michelle had also been contacted by several residents regarding this issue, and was trying to find a way, working with Highways and the ward councillors, to resolve the matter.

Funding Central which was a free, is now going to charge for the service, the cost to parish council would be £100 per year. This is an on line site that sends out information of grant funders. We have not really accessed any grants to date using this service, so it may not be worth £100 per annum. It was agreed not to renew.

KCC web site hosted by EiS is no longer going to be funded by KCC, the cost will now be passed to the parishes that use it. The cost of this will be £240 which includes the email service for forwarding emails. Charges are due to start in October. The new website service will provide a richer, more modern experience to engage with your parishioners, whilst still being fully supported by a dedicated team at EiS. They plan to migrate all current council sites to the new system by the end of July. Free migration training workshops will be available to provide us with the knowledge to manage the new website. Cllr Blatherwick and her daughter would like to attend the workshops, if anyone else would like to attend please let the clerk know. It was agreed to stay with EiS initially and look around at what options are available.

Strode Park are holding their Anniversary event on Sunday 12th June, and some members have agreed to help out on the day, the clerk asked them to let her know if they were unable to attend for any reason. Cllrs Davis, O'Donnell, Mitchell, Moore, Rafferty, Taylor, Wells and Paul Parker had agreed to help. Some help will be needed on 19th June for setting up and taking down the gazebo for the Garden Safari, here at the Mill. Cllr Mitchell will help. Also help with selling programmes and raffle tickets, please let the clerk know if you can be available at some point during the day. Cllr Saunders told the clerk he could be available all day.

Friends of St Martin's are holding their weekend event on 16/17 July, the parish council will have a stand on the Saturday to talk to residents and also with information regarding the new Community Centre. A rota will need to be set up to enable councillors to attend to talk to residents. It is anticipated that residents will want an update on the new Community Centre, amongst other things.

Cllr Blatherwick is going into Herne Junior School to talk to the children about the new Community Centre and to ask them to bring a raffle or tombola prize in to be used at fundraising events for the new building.

The date for resuming the Local Plan hearing has been announced, it will start again on 19th July for 3 days and there will then be a break until September. All responses to the recently published documents must be in by 1st July, Cllr Blatherwick and the clerk will work on this over the next couple of weeks. There appear to still be issues with regard to the highways aspect of the application as well as the lack of detail for business use and Community facilities.

The grant application for Viridor will need to be submitted by 14th July, it has been decided to apply for funding towards the landscaping part of the project. The decision date for the grant application is not until October, and it is hoped that the project will be under way by then; therefore the application will be for the landscaping element of the project.

Cllr Blatherwick will report on the Appeal hearing which is an agenda item. The parish council have to submit a Statement in order to speak at the hearing in December.

Cllr Blatherwick and the clerk will attend a meeting at CCC tomorrow, instigated by Sturry pc, to discuss the impact that the large developments proposed will have on the highway network etc.! Probably too little too late.

A skip has been ordered for the Community Centre, the rubbish that is on site needs to be removed, and if anyone can spare some time to help put the rubbish into the skip it would be greatly appreciated.

The clerk thanked Cllr Davis and all the volunteers for delivering the latest newsletter.

Correspondence.

Complaint about congestion at the bottom of Albion Lane.

Email from a visitor to Herne Bay praising what had been done on HB Pier, this was passed on to Cllr Harvey.

- 119/16 Environmental Issues including Tree & Pond Warden's Report.** Cllr Davis reported that there would be a Pond Task Day on 26th June in Broomfield.
- 120/16 Reports from council representatives on outside bodies and other organisations.** Cllrs Taylor and Moore had attended the Street monitors meeting at CCC. The minutes of the meeting have been circulated. It was interesting that CCC had installed a Mosquito device in order to kerb the vandalism in the toilets in the Memorial Park, this seemed to be working. Cllr Davison reported that she had attended a Herne Bay in Bloom meeting and the amount of planting had been reduced this year. They were planting up the roundabout in Sea Street (the boat), the area near the Kings Hall and an area on the sea front. Some of the tubs would have wild flowers.
Cllr Davison has planted the tubs in the village and thanked Jill Skinner who helped with this. She hoped to get the flower bed planted soon. The Picnic in the Park would be on Saturday 11th June starting at 11am.
- 121/16 Report on Inspectors Public Inquiry pre hearing for Strode Farm.** The clerk had circulated both her report and the notes received from the Inspector. Both KCC & CCC had objected to the application, on affordable housing levels, highways issues, schools and community facilities. It was suggested they should be asked to contribute towards the new Community Centre as they had not got this provision in their latest application. The parish council will highlight the issues of the loss of green space building on an area outside the urban boundary and prematurity. Hollamby Estates were coming forward with various alterations and things that have since been agreed, it is the Inspectors decision as to how much she will allow, this appeal is for the original, undetermined application and not the latest application.
- 122/16 Update on Garden Safari and Fun Day.** The clerk reported that everything is more or less in place for the Garden Safari, programmes are available and all the gardens have what they need. The forms etc have gone to CCC for the Fun Day but there is work to do chasing up stall holders and suppliers for Risk Assessments Insurance details etc.
- 123/16 Update on Community Centre progress and approve further payments in order to produce Bill of Quantities for the tender documents.** A meeting was held last week to discuss some of the more minor details for the Bill Of Quantities, a lot of work is being done by a lot of people. The Ecology and Archaeology now needs to be carried out for the planning conditions to be discharged. The rubbish in the outside area needs clearing for the Ecology and Archaeology work to be carried out. It is hoped that a Crowd Funding web site can be set up and other grants will be applied for where possible.
- 124/16 Update on the use of Wildlife Area as a Forest School.** As you are aware there was criminal damage to equipment in the wildlife area, this was caught on CCTV and the perpetrators have been identified, the police are now, hopefully, dealing with this. The Nursery have done a lot of work to get it ready for the children and it is a shame that two people have managed to spoil things, hopefully there will be a prosecution. The fencing was in need of repair again and this was done while the clerk was on holiday. Cllr Davis told members that she was concerned following the reptile survey that the increased use will adversely affect the wildlife. She suggested that a wildlife study should be done soon and again in a year. Cllr Wells asked if the Scouts could also have an agreement to use the area.
- 125/16 Members Reports.** Cllr Sargent reported what a good job Kim Melton had done repairing the fence around the BMX track, it is very difficult ground to work on, with concrete and hardcore just under the surface, the high tensile wire is excellent it should not sag and is difficult to cut. Cllr Taylor reported that she had been out delivering newsletters and had met 6 people, 5 of which were very supportive and 1 who did not want a Community News! Cllr Davison reported that some residents in Herne Street had a lunch last week. It would be good to promote it next year in order for residents to meet others in the area. Cllr Wells reported problems with seagulls, they now have young and are very protective. He thanked members for the mention of his marathon running in the Community News. Cllr Blatherwick reported that she and Cllr Harvey had visited the BMX track as there had been some disagreements within the committee, it had been pointed out to the group that were using the track for training on a Thursday evening, that they did not have an agreement with the parish council to use it and charge and they would need to be covered by insurance. It is hoped that members will resolve their differences.
- 126/16 The next meeting of the parish council will be the meeting on 14th July 2016 at 7-30pm at Wootton Room Herne Mill.**

Meeting closed 9.30pm