

HERNE & BROOMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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

Minutes of the meeting of Herne & Broomfield Parish Council held at Herne Mill, Wootton Room, on Thursday 10th November 2016 at 7.30pm, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

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

Not present: Cllr Rafferty, and Cllr Wells.

- 190/16 To receive apologies for absence and accept reasons.** Cllr Wells who is working Cllr Rafferty who has had to go to Faversham. Reasons were accepted. City Cllrs Jones and Sonnex
- 191/16 To receive declarations of interest on items on Agenda and requests for dispensations.** None
- 192/16 The minutes of the meeting held on 13th October 2016,** were agreed as a correct record.
- 193/16 To report on matters arising from the minutes, not on the agenda, for information only.** Michelle will update members on the No Cold Calling Zone.

ADJOURNMENT FOR MEMBERS OF PUBLIC TO SPEAK

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

A resident thanked the parish council for a wonderful afternoon on Sunday 6th November and thanked all those involved with organising etc.

Draw for 100 Club

1st No. 32 and 2nd No. 9

- 194/16 Chairman's Announcements.** The chairman told members that City Cllr Sonnex had had a stroke, she was making a good recovery and the council wished her well. The chairman reminded members of the Remembrance Service on Sunday, the service starts at 9.45 am with the Act of Remembrance at the Memorial at 10.50am. There are still tickets available for the Race Night on Saturday, St Martin's Christmas Fair is on 19th November, Strode Park Christmas Fair is on 26th November and we are holding a Bingo Night on 26th November, please come along and have a good time.
- 195/16 Police Matters/Crime report.** None. Sue Radcliffe is on a rest day. The clerk reported that Sue will be leaving at the end of the month and she said she was sure everyone will wish her all the best, in whatever she chooses to do in the future. PCSO Rachael Harvey will be covering our area, she was previously to PCSO supervisor and does know the area. Both the clerk and warden have worked with her previously.
- 196/16 Warden's Report.**
Since the last Parish Council meeting, I have had a week off, but here are some of the main issues/actions I have carried out in the village, in the three weeks I have been on duty.
- Assisted Infants school in walking the 300 pupils to Curtis Wood to look at changes through the seasons.
 - Social Service referral visits to local people to look at how they are coping with living independently. - referring to agencies for support, if required.
 - Evening, multi-agency, youth engagement Ops – Herne Bay x 2
 - Assisted Highways with road closures- Greenhill Roundabout. (To repair 5 potholes)
 - 12 Visits to scam victims - Advice and support given.
 - Ownership checks on two green spaces in Peartree Rd - Overgrown and unsightly
 - Presentation, on staying safe, to 20 individuals with learning difficulties in the "Independent living" project.
 - Joint welfare visit with Trading Standards Officer
 - VP with PCSO Radcliffe
 - Met with new residents in Lower Herne Rd - Supplied literature on local activities, contacts etc.

- Disabled access on footpath to rear of car park in School Lane- Have requested for C.C.C to repair it to allow smooth access to hall.

Remembrance Service - I will be assisting with the road closure, organised by Alan Marsh, on Sunday 13th November.

Michelle explained to members that she had spoken to Trading Standards and they no longer supported the No Code Calling Zone. Michelle thought the best way forward was to put out as many stickers as possible for people to put up, and talking to residents and asking them to support vulnerable neighbours.

197/16 To receive reports from County Cllr Marsh & City Councillors. County Cllr Marsh reported that £5M has been allocated to carry out repairs on A299, he told members that users were ignoring the 50mph speed limit and KCC were looking at ways of enforcing it. Everything is ready for Sunday's Remembrance service and hopefully the weather will be dry. There is food laid on in the Smugglers Inn following the service. The pantomime is almost fully booked there are a few seats available on 17, 18 and 23 December. Alan is trying to access some funding towards the new community centre but as members are aware as it is not a charity funding is difficult. The Joint Transport Board have agreed new signage for Streetfield to try and stop people driving the wrong way in the one way system. Alan asked if there were any events planned which needed funding. He advised Michelle that she could apply for some funding for the coffee mornings, she would need to work with the clerk when applying. Funding had been sourced for Strode Park for their Adult Social Care. Cllr Blatherwick thanked County Cllr Marsh for facilitating a meeting between the parish council and KCC Highways to discuss the issues around the Strode Farm development.

198/16 Planning & Highways Issues. To receive minutes of the Planning meeting held on 6th October 2016. Members had received copies of the minutes and there were no questions. Cllr Blatherwick spoke in details about the meeting with Highways and what was discussed and also on the forthcoming Appeal hearing, in December. Members will receive a copy of the report on the meeting and the clerk will send out the responses to the various documents that are being submitted to the Inspector. The yellow lines requested for Albion Lane are now there.

199/16 Finance

To ratify payments made since last meeting. None

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

To report on income received. £303.33 advertising, £146 fun day, £200 grant party, £139.95 Interest, £758.17 hall hire, £96, 100 club, £4,780.80 refund, £450 Hall grant, Donation towards the Wildlife area £150, VAT refund £6,158.59, Total £13,182.84

200/16 Clerk's Report/Correspondence. The clerk thanked Cllr Taylor for covering the office while she was on leave, she also thanked Cllr Davis for dealing with the ecologist and contractors for clearing the top soil on site at the community centre. Thanks were also given to Cllr Harvey for getting access to the water at the BMX track and also for collection of the sign and putting it up in the village.

The Thank You event, went very well with about 70 people attending, everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Thanks especially to Robert & Tracey Jones who cooked burgers and hotdogs, Michelle, Linda, Sarah and Julia who kept the tea flowing, Sue Davis who helped with the clearing up and Leon who played guitar during the event. Thanks also to Alan King who helped put up and take down tables. The cheques for the charities, Strode Park £1,550 and Motor Neurone Disease Association £890, were presented to them by Cllr Blatherwick. Just enough food and everyone seemed happy with having burgers and hotdogs, and the cooking was just about finished when the rain started. The clerk thanked all those who helped on the day.

The work on the BMX track has been completed and the track is much better, there will be some more work required and Phil Charnley has sent a report on what will

need to be done next year. The clerk has asked CCC if the cost can be covered by the S106 money that the parish can claim.

There are issues with the EK BMX club, they have been told by the clerk that they cannot coach at the track, because they do not have insurance at the moment, as they are not currently affiliated to British Cycling and membership is low, and contrary to their constitution they have not had an AGM in two years. They have been asked to hold an AGM as soon as possible and the clerk has been informed that this will be early December.

Connor O'Reilly who runs Tyred Bikes and does coaching sessions at Broomfield and at Hersden, said he would like to use the track for training sessions.

There is conflict between the two groups and this needs to be resolved. Once the AGM has been held and a meeting between the two groups and the parish council will be set up to see if the two parties can come to an amicable agreement. If not it may be that the parish council will have to make a choice as to which one will have an agreement with the parish council to use the track for training sessions etc. Members agreed that Connor could run training sessions in the mean time but there should not be any charges for these until a club had been set up and an agreement made with the parish council.

The clerk thanked Cllr Davis for getting the newsletters done again and to Cllr Harvey who collected them from the printers, Cllr Davis sorted them out, and the clerk was able to drop them off for delivery as soon as she got back from holiday.

The clerk reported that she was still trying to get CCC to reconsider on the decision to stop sending out planning applications from January, she has been on the web site to look at the measuring tool and has found it complicated to use. Cllr Moore said the system does not work on all computers, Cllr Mitchell told members that it was only any good if you could print the plans off, and print them on large sheets of paper. Cllr Blatherwick wondered how residents were supposed to be able to do this, she considers the decision to be discriminatory.

The clerk has responded to CCC's Parish Charter Consultation.

The Annual play equipment inspections have been carried out, and there is some work that needs carrying out. The start gate at BMX track and the signage, at Broomfield Community Park. There is some fencing damage on the MUGA and some of the outdoor fitness equipment needs some work, also someone has bolted what appears to be the bases of a cone on the pull down exerciser, Michelle is trying to remove.

The clerk thanked Cllr O'Donnell for selling Bric a Brac at the Friday coffee mornings, funds raised are for the new Community Centre.

The clerk is finalising the response to the appeal hearing for Strode Farm, Cllr Blatherwick is checking it through, as it needs to be sent on 11th November.

201/16 Environmental Issues including Tree & Pond Warden's Report. Cllr Davis reported that the Guide Leader had contacted her as the trees that they intended to plant in the Forest School, will be arriving soon. Cllr Davis has contacted the Nursery to see if the two parties can get together to plant them.

202/16 Reports from council representatives on outside bodies and other organisations. Cllr Harvey attended the KALC meeting and raised the issue of CCC's decision to stop sending out planning applications to parish councils, all the other parishes attending agreed that they were opposed to this decision as well. KCC were willing to allow parishes to look after the soft landscaping and would give a sum of money towards the cost of this. Cllr Davison reported that it was likely the Community Payback team would be able to carry out some work on the section between the slip road and Thanet Way at the junction with Canterbury Road. She is working with Michelle on this.

- 203/16 To receive minutes of the Finance and Resources meeting and discuss any issues that have been raised, and appoint internal auditor.** Everyone has received a copy of the draft minutes. Cllr Harvey told members his credentials and he is well qualified to carry out the work, It was agreed to appoint Lionel Robbins,. It was also agreed to increase the cost of the newsletter advertising from £60 to £65 plus VAT for and 1/8 page advert for a year (4 issues). It was agreed to make the amount in the earmarked fund for the underpass, up to £200 and offer to City Cllr Jones for anti-graffiti coating.
- 204/16 To discuss the draft budget for 2017-18 and approve the precept request.** The clerk talked members through the figures and it was agreed to approve the precept for 2017-18. The precept will be £149,329 for 2017-18, this is an increase of approx. 2%, the clerk explained that the increase covered an increase for staff costs as the parish council would need to employ an additional member of staff in order that the clerk can start her retirement process.
- 205/16 To discuss Children's Party and Santa Float.** There was a problem with Pip the Clown, she had not written down the date of this year's party and was doubled booked, the clerk has managed to find a replacement. The presents are being purchased and wrapped, it hoped that councillors will help on the day. The disco is organised. The clerk stated that as far as she was aware the float was not ready. Cllr Blatherwick asked for a member to take charge of this to ensure that the float was ready in time for the party. Cllr Harvey will do this, a date was set to carry out the bulk of the work on Sunday 20th Nov at 10.30am Cllrs Harvey, Sargent and Mitchell will help, the clerk will ask Cllr Wells if he could also attend and Paul Parker. Rotary have asked to borrow the float again this year on 11th December.
- 206/16 Update on Community Centre.** The Ecologist has completed the relocation of the slow worms etc and once completed, she then informed us that the top soil had to be removed and stored on boards, on site. Cllr Davis very kindly dealt with getting additional boards for the soil etc to be stored on. The area needs to be kept weed free now. There are still issues with the government website to advertise the tender, it won't allow us to upload, Betteridge & Milsom's Peter Thorpe is trying on almost a daily basis, there is not contact phone number and they take ages to respond to emails.
- 207/16 Members Reports.** Cllr Nicholson thanked members for their understanding that he had not been able to attend many meetings. Cllr Moore reported a pothole in Broomfield Road and Cllr Davison a street light that is out near the school.
- 208/16 The next meeting of the parish council will be the Parish Council meeting on 8th December 2016 at 7-30pm at Wootton Room Herne Mill.**

Meeting closed 9.25pm