

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

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

Not Present: Cllrs Harvey, Mitchell, O'Donnell and Cllr Nicholson.

- 171/16 To receive apologies for absence and accept reasons.** Cllr Harvey away, Cllr Nicholson, and Cllr Sargent working. City Cllr Sonnex. Michelle Weston.
- 172/16 To receive declarations of interest on items on Agenda and requests for dispensations.** None
- 173/16 The minutes of the meeting held on 11th August 2016** were agreed as a correct record.
- 174/16 To report on matters arising from the minutes, not on the agenda, for information only.** None. Cllr Davison arrived at this point

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

No 38 1st 13 2nd

- 175/16 Chairman's Announcements.** Start of Local Plan hearing next week, therefore the office will only be open on Monday.
- 176/16 Police Matters/Crime report.** PCSO On holiday
- 177/16 Warden's Report.** Michelle was unable to attend tonight.
- 178/16 To receive reports from County Cllr Marsh & City Councillors.** County Cllr Marsh reported on the opening of the new Hydrotherapy at Strode Park, which has been funded totally by fund raising and sponsorship. He asked the clerk to submit the application for funding for the 2017 fun day on October 5th. He also requested details of the costs for the new community centre and he would try to obtain some funding for the project.
City Cllr Robert Jones reported that City Cllr Sonnex had dealt with two abandoned vehicles and a couple of fly tips. Cllr Jones reported that the rubbish at the Share & Coulter is being removed. Enforcement have been asked to ensure the removal of the touring caravans from outside Prospect Farm. There has been a 50% increase in fly tipping in Herne Bay. There are issues with the way the Household Waste Recycling Centre is run and some of the rather ridiculous rules for taking things in, which just exacerbates the situation. County Cllr Marsh reported that the Canterbury District will trial a scheme whereby vouchers will be distributed to councils to enable fly tips to be cleared and taken to the centres, no matter what it is the centres will be instructed to take it in. The vouchers will be laminated and numbered and parish Councils will be issued with 10 vouchers to start with. Robert spoke about dealing with graffiti and how he was pushing to get it cleared, there was a pot of money that could be used to do areas that are not already covered. He said he appreciated being kept in the loop with regard to planning applications, which the parish had objected to and the reasons for the objections. He thanked Michelle for all her help with the social welfare of an elderly resident in the parish, she succeeded where Robert had failed!
- 179/16 Planning & Highways Issues.** To receive minutes of the Planning & Highways meeting held on 18th August 2016. There were no issues regarding the minutes.

180/16 Finance

To ratify payments made since last meeting. None

To approve payments presented at this meeting; schedule and bank reconciliation supplied. Additional payment not on sheet Insurance renewal £1,841.05. These were approved.

To report on income received. Donations poo bags £20, Fun day donations £10.70, Newsletter advertising £660, Fun Day £2,569.60, Bank Interest £22.74, Map Sales £12, Hall Hire £806.25, donation Community Centre Fund £335. Total £4,436.29

Update on takings for fun day, additional costs this year were van hire and brass band.

To receive minutes of the Finance meeting held on 25th August 2016. These were received, no comments on the minutes.

To approve the change of signatories on the Unity Trust Account to replace Tony Day. The signatories approved were Cllrs Blatherwick, Davis, Harvey and Wells.

181/16 Clerk's Report/Correspondence. August has been a fairly quiet month as being school holidays, people have been away. So there is not really anything to report that will not come up on the agenda. A letter had been received regarding a Parish Footpath warden from Dr Ruth Adams on behalf of Canterbury Ramblers. She was asking for contact details of the warden to enable them to work together. A volunteer, Keith Harding, had been proposed and his details will be passed on.

182/16 Environmental Issues including Tree & Pond Warden's Report. Cllr Davis reported that a Pond Task Day had been held with about 16 volunteers helping. The volunteers had been disappointed to hear people complaining about the state of the pond, when they worked hard to keep it looking nice. They would prefer these people to come along and help rather than just moan! She attended the allotment presentation along with Cllr Harvey there were 5 awards given out and it is all looking rather good, many of the plot holders have worked really hard, unfortunately there are a few that are in need of some TLC and these people are being contacted. The toilet shed is up so hopefully a working toilet will be in place in the next few weeks. Cllr Davis had a meeting with representatives from Avenue Nursery to discuss work that was still required and to identify plants and trees on site..

Cllr Davis and the clerk had a site visit at Broomfield Community Park, which is looking a bit sad at the moment. Some additional work is required and they will meet with Ian Sargent to discuss this. The clerk reported that there was \$106 money available for work at the Community Park and that it was hoped that track repairs would be carried out, she has contacted the track builder and he will come and look at what is required. There will be some funding for the amenity open space.

Cllr Davison reported that she hoped to clear the flower bed with Cllrs Rafferty and Moore on Sunday. The clerk will see if the Community Payback team will be available to help with this, as it will be heavier work. The tubs will need some plants added for the winter. The issue of watering the tubs and flower bed will need to be addressed in the Spring.

183/16 Reports from council representatives on outside bodies and other organisations. Cllr Moore reported on the Street monitors meeting. CCC has stated food waste recycling is very poor. Serco now have the bags for the bin and they are cheaper than those available in the shops. The cleaning up after events such as the Air show will be carried out by an outside contractor. Members thought Serco had done a good job this year. Serco are moving to Wincheap.

184/16 Receive minutes of the Environment & Leisure meeting held on 6th September and discuss the issues raised. Future events such as Thank you for Volunteers and Quiz and Race Nights etc. Family Fun day 2017. Cllr Taylor went through the minutes, there was some discussion as to the date for the fun day, Cllr Blatherwick told members that the scouts would be disappointed as they raised £1,000 this year. Members were asked to vote on whether the date should remain the same or be moved to the week earlier, it was agreed to keep the date of 30th July. Cllr Taylor ran through the events scheduled, Race Night on 12th November, there was discussion as to whether a quiz or bingo night would be held on 26th Nov and City Cllr Robert Jones agreed to run a bingo night with his wife Tracey. There was also the Strode Park Christmas Fair on the 26th Nov and there would be 2 stalls one run by the warden for

the children to do crafts and a Hook a Cuddly stall. The children's Christmas Party will be on 10th December. The thank you event for volunteers will be held on 6th Nov and will incorporate a BBQ and Mulled wine.

185/16 To discuss a small charge/donation for distributing the poo bags from the office. The Finance Committee suggested that a small donation of say 10p per pack could be requested. The clerk reported that some people will give £1 for 2 packs others do not give anything and what should she do if someone wants bags and says they don't have any money. It was agreed to encourage people to donate but not actually set a charge for bags.

186/16 Update on the New Community Centre. A further meeting has been held and it is hoped that the tender documents will be ready later this month. As much as possible has been done to get everything that is required into the tender documents so that all costs will be covered. The tenders should be back by early November hopefully inspected and ready for the parish council to discuss at the December meeting.

187/16 Members Reports. Cllr Rafferty said hall users were parking in St Martin's View. Cllr Moore reported that the matting under some of the play equipment in Cherry Orchard needed replacing.

Cllr Davison reported that she would be clearing the flower bed with Cllrs Rafferty and Moore on Sunday.

188/16 The next meeting of the parish council will be the Parish Council meeting on 13th October 2016 at 7-30pm at Wootton Room Herne Mill.

Meeting closed 9.20pm