

HERNE & BROOMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting of Herne & Broomfield Parish Council to be held at Herne Mill, Wootton Room, on Thursday 11th May 2017 at 7.30pm, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Present: Cllr Blatherwick, Cllr Davis, Cllr Taylor, Cllr White, Cllr Saunders, Cllr Sargent, Cllr Moore, Cllr Wells, Cllr Davison and Cllr O'Donnell.

Not present: Cllr Mitchell, Cllr Harvey and Cllr Rafferty.

86/17 Election of Chairman. Cllr Blatherwick was elected as chairman.

87/17 Election of Vice Chairman. Cllr Davis was elected as Vice Chairman.

88/17 To appoint Committees

Finance & Resources Committee

Environment & Leisure Committee

Planning & Highways Committee

Community Centre Committee

Policy Committee

It was agreed a Policy Committee was not required. The committees were approved as per the distributed sheet, as attached to the minutes.

89/17 To appoint representatives to

KALC Canterbury Area Committee

Friends of Broomfield & Herne Ponds

Street Monitors

Allotment Society

Herne Bay in Bloom

To Appoint

Tree warden & Pond Wardens

Newsletter Editor

Press Officer

Web site manager

Representatives were appointed as per the sheet distributed previously and attached to the minutes.

90/17 To receive apologies for absence and accept reasons. Cllr Harvey who is in London and Cllr Mitchell, wife's birthday. City Cllr Sonnex.

91/17 To receive declarations of interest on items on Agenda. None

92/17 The minutes of the meeting held on 13th April 2017, were agreed as a correct record.

93/17 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.

The draw for this month's 100 club will take place at this point.

No 4 1st and no 3 2nd

94/17 Chairman's Announcements. Cllr Blatherwick congratulated County Cllr Marsh on his re-election. She also thanked all those that had attended the Annual Parish meeting.

95/17 Police Matters. None PCSO is not on duty.

96/17 Wardens Report

Firstly, may I say a HUGE thank you for nominating me for the "Outstanding Community Award"

I was absolutely delighted and am still on a high!! Thank you to all.

(I have already spent the vouchers!!)

I continue to cover my colleague while he is on secondment and have been tasked with quite a lot of actions in Hernebay. My main focus will always be Herne and Broomfield, so here are some of the activities I have been doing since your last meeting.

- Joined forces with Anne Lehane and we “scrubbed” the bus stop in Hunters Forstall. Though we both agreed that it is in desperate need of replacing, at least it is now clean and bright!*
- I thoroughly enjoyed working alongside her and I’m sure we will join forces again in the future!*
- Following complaints about large items left outside two properties (One in Herne and one in Broomfield). I have contacted the landlords of both properties and they have agreed to enforce its removal.*
- Reassurance visit in Norton Avenue, following doorstep callers.*
- Social Service referrals to check on individuals’ welfare.*
- Joint visits with PCSO Harvey to various addresses.*
- Gave advice and reassurance following an attempted theft of a push bike.*
- Joint visit with District Councillor, Robert Jones. RE Issues with vehicles /parking in Street field. I will be attending every day for a week, to see if any further actions can be taken.*

Dementia Awareness week . Mon May 15th – Sun 21st May

Next week, I will be visiting local shops to try and encourage them to make their staff dementia aware (becoming “dementia friends”) and improve the overall shopping experience for people living with dementia.

97/17 To receive reports from County Cllr Marsh & City Councillors.

City Cllr Sonnex sent a written report.

‘Apologies for tonight. My son arrived from Australia on Saturday and as he is only here for a very brief period before returning it is important we do spend this time together. It is likely to be at least another six months before he is in a position to visit again.

I am also officially on annual leave, though am still keeping up with emails and phone calls.

Firstly, I would like to give heartfelt congratulations to Alan for his re-election success. Bang goes his holiday in the Caribbean!

Last month the footpath by the parking meter was flagged up to me. The block paving had been severely lifted by tree roots causing a trip hazard particularly at night as that part is not clearly lit. I reported it to CCC and it was replaced with new well within the council deadline for getting the works done.

I was advised by a resident that the bins weren't emptied in Woodrow Chase until Saturday morning. This should have been recorded on the website but was not done so. I flagged this up to Richard Tolson.

Two residents living in the vicinity of Strode Park Rd / Mill View raised issues regarding parking in the area. Last Thursday I witnessed that myself but haven't personally seen any problems since. This has been raised with the JTB in the past but was not deemed necessary to implement single yellow lines. I advised the residents if they would like to have this re-visited to write or email to both Richard Jenkins and also to contact the parish council.

I hope to attend next months parish council, depending on what day it is as I assume the mill will be in use again on the 8th for the general election.

City Cllr Jones stated that if bins are not emptied it should be on the CCC website there is also the facility to log bins that have not been collected on the web site, if all else fails please contact Cllr Jones. He congratulated Alan on his re-election. He reported that two parish councils had contacted him in support of Alan's idea to try and reduce fly tipping by issuing tickets for use in the local tips. CCC will do everything they can to work with KCC on the fly tipping issue. They intend a zero tolerance towards fly tippers installing cameras etc. There will be 11 more enforcement officers and one that will have a van and remove small fly tips that are reported. Taking court action does not benefit the council as any fines go to the government. They will use on the spot fines as much as possible. If action is to be taken then evidence has to be really concrete. Action will be taken against repeat fly tippers. Robert has been to visit residents in Streetfield with Michelle to discuss the parking issues and Robert will visit the Headteacher about the poor parking and verbal abuse. Cllr White told members that the school had sent out letters to parents with regard to the parking.

County Cllr Marsh said how pleased he was to have been re-elected and he hoped that CCC and KCC could work together, especially on the flytipping issue. The cost to CCC for clearing fly tips was unsustainable. Alan had met with Paul Carter who wants to address the issues of allowing vans to access the tips, for a small charge, probably £5. KCC & CCC will try to seize vehicles which will then be sold and the funds raised will go to CCC to offset the cost of removing the fly tips. There are also plans to use drones to spot flytippers.

There are plans to get the bus companies to take responsibility of the bus shelters. There were ongoing talks with Stagecoach regarding the children's bus passes, to try and allow them to be used at any time with an additional charge of a £1 outside school times. There are issues with people driving the wrong way around Streetfield, ignoring the one way system, even though the lining has been refreshed. Following the election there are now 81 members at KCC 66 Conservative, 6 Lib Dems, 5 Labour 1 independent and 1 green. KCC are hoping to make committees more powerful. The turnout was low and there are repercussions for not voting. Alan has agreed funding for the Fun day and Barn Dance.

98/17 Planning & Highways Issues. To receive minutes of planning meeting held on 20th April and 9th May 2017. All members had received copies of the minutes and there were no questions. Cllr Davis reported that the pot holes in Braggs Lane had been filled in.

99/17 Finance

To agree and sign the Annual Statement of Accounts. These were approved.

To resolve the Co-Operative bank and Unity Trust bank continue as our bankers. This was agreed.

To ratify payments made since last meeting. Payment of £500 for judicial review which was approved at last meeting.

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

To report on income received. Precept £146053.75, VAT refund £1246.68, donation flower bed £250, grants £18310.75, fun day £15, Interest £114.79, refunds £60, sales £10, CC £986.68 donation for hall £20, 100 club £120, fundraising £112. Total £167,299.65

100/17 Pond Tree Wardens Report Cllr Davis reported that following the fire there was now some regrowth appearing, but we needed rain.

101/17 Clerk's Report/Correspondence.

A busy month with the enabling works starting at the Community Centre and then the Appeal Hearing for Strode Farm, which produced an awful lot of paperwork to be

gone through and commented on, even before the hearing started. There was a meeting for the Garden Safari people, which was well attended, thanks to Cllr Davis for producing the programmes with map, yet again.

Three long days at the appeal hearing meant some juggling with the normal office work, and then we had the organising of the Race Night.

This was well supported and once again thanks to Michelle for all her help. Race Night raised £559.50 plus Raffle £132 a total of £691.50 to be split between KAA and the Community Centre. A good night enjoyed by all.

The Annual Parish meeting was excellent, a very good atmosphere and genuine interest in what the groups had to report, it was also well attended.

The next event is the Garden Safari and leaflets and signs have been distributed to those who are opening their gardens. The clerk will carry out risk assessments before the event and drop off bunting and entry programmes and Cllr Harvey will put up the signs. The day before the signage arrows will need to be put out and collected back in when the Safari is over.

We will then be in fun day mode, unfortunately, due to work pressure the clerk explained that she was playing catch to try and get on top of what needed doing.

The end of year audit had been completed and the paperwork now signed off to be submitted to the external auditors. Notices will go into the boards advertising that date that the accounts can be examined (by appointment).

The clerk helped with liaising with Megan Taylor regarding the new doors for the Wootton Room, which are a great improvement.

The loan application is ready to go.

I have been informed that Holy Cross PCC will review the allotment rent in 2019.

There will be a newsletter ready at the beginning of June.

A meeting was held with the contractors, Betteridge & Milsom and Andy Locke yesterday the contract was signed and it is possible they may start doing some work on 22nd May which would mean the car park for the hall being closed.

The water leak in School Lane is still under investigation.

The clerk reported that she will be on annual leave from 13-30 May. Cllr Taylor will check post and answerphone.

102/17 Reports from council representatives on outside bodies (KALC, Street monitors, etc). None

103/17 To discuss the BMX track. The work on the track and start gate has been completed. Conor has asked if he could shoot rabbits on site, also they would like to dig out under the start gate to store some of track surface and also they would like to place another container on site. The clerk will look into the culling of some of the rabbits, Cllr Sargent agreed it was a big problem and they were causing damage. There could not be any digging into the surface under the start gate to store track topping they need to cover it with a tarpaulin. Members would think about the positioning of another container.

104/17 To discuss flower bed and troughs. Michelle, Phylis, and Mike have cleared and put compost in the bed and planters. Cllrs Davis and Davison went to Vincents to look at plants and put together a list of suitable plants. Cllr Davison will put a plan together in order to work out how many plants will be needed. It is hoped the bed and troughs will be completed before the Garden Safari. They have a budget of £500.

105/17 Members Reports. Cllr Moore reported that there were some footpaths that needed clearing and he asked about a footpath map, Cllr Davis said it was available on the KCC Rights of Way web site and also Ordinance Survey maps showed the footpaths. Cllr Moore offered to do some clearing. Cllr Davison reported several accidents on Herne Street, stating it was the volume of traffic. Cllr Wells asked about traffic calming in Millview Road, the clerk thought it highly unlikely as there are no funds for this and it isn't a priority area. Cllr Blatherwick told members that where there are street lights no 30mph signs were allowed.

106/17 The next meeting of the parish council will be on 15th June 2017 at 7-30pm at Wootton Room Herne Mill, instead of the 8th June, due to the elections.

Positions on committees 2017
Chairman & Vice Chairman ex Officio
Finance & Resources
Cllr Andy Harvey Chair

Cllr Ann Blatherwick
Cllr Jennifer Taylor
Cllr Geoff Mitchell
Cllr Lee Wells Vice Chair

Environment & Leisure Plus 1 resident

Cllr Carol Davis Vice Chair
Cllr Ian Sargent
Cllr Jennifer Taylor Chair
Cllr Kevin Saunders
Cllr Ann Blatherwick
Cllr Martin Rafferty
Cllr Julia Davison
Cllr Liz White
Paul Parker

Planning Committee

Cllr Ann Blatherwick Chair
Cllr Geoff Mitchell Vice Chair
Cllr Peter Moore
Cllr Ian Sargent
Cllr Jennifer Taylor
Cllr Andy Harvey
Cllr Sarah O'Donnell

Community Centre Committee Plus 3 residents

Cllr Carol Davis Chair
Cllr Martin Rafferty
Cllr Ann Blatherwick
Cllr Sarah O'Donnell
Ann Berry
Mabel Wright
Linda White

Representatives on outside organisations etc.

KALC Canterbury Area Committee: Cllrs Andy Harvey & Wells
Friends of Broomfield & Herne Ponds: Cllrs Davis & Cllr O'Donnell
Street Monitors: Cllrs Taylor and Moore
Tree warden & Pond Wardens: Cllr Davis
Newsletter Editor: Cllr Davis
Press Officer: Cllr Davis
Web site manager: Cllr Davis
Face Book: Cllr Davis
Twitter: Cllr Davis and Cllr Wells
Allotments: Cllr Moore & Cllr Harvey

