

HERNE & BROOMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Herne & Broomfield Parish Council held at Herne Mill, Wootton Room, on Thursday 10th August 2017 at 7.30pm, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

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

Not present: Cllr Wells, Cllr Davison and Cllr White

- 151/17 **To agree the co-option of Louise Knight.** Members approved the co-option and Louise was welcomed onto the parish council.
- 152/17 **To receive apologies for absence and accept reasons.** Cllrs Wells & White are on holiday. Reason accepted. City Cllrs Sonnex & Jones.
- 153/17 **To receive declarations of interest on items on Agenda and requests for dispensations.** None
- 154/17 **The minutes of the meeting held on 13th July 2017** were agreed as a correct record.
- 155/17 **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.

Draw for 100 Club

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- 156/17 **Chairman's Announcements.** Cllr Blatherwick thanked all those who helped with the fun day especially Michelle and Dan.
- 157/17 **Police Matters/Crime report.** To discuss contacting Roger Gale regarding lack of policing. As it is the summer recess it was agreed to wait until after the summer holidays.
- 158/17 **Warden's Report:** *Please find below some of the activities completed this month.*

***Community Café** – Continues to be well attended. We have recently been joined by the walking group who have about 30 members. **Alcohol Awareness** – I have delivered workshops, with my colleagues, to pupils at Barton Court on their Enrichment week. **Social Services** - welfare calls. To access any concerns or extra support needed. **Doorstep callers** – Residents appear to be much more cautious regards to this. Unicef collectors found that out when residents refused to engage on the doorstep and on several occasions, called the police!! **Strode Park** – Joint fundraising event for Strode and Parkinson's charities. Acted as their First Aider. **Local welfare call RE Dementia** – Received a concerned call and attended the address (after climbing through the window!) Occupant was confused and anxious. Contacted Next Of Kin with my concerns. Help now being sought. **Dementia Clinic** – Monthly attendance to meet residents and offer support if concerns around community safety issues. (AGE UK) **Herne Fun day** – Dealt with traffic management. **Scam Awareness talk** – Spoke at Christchurch Hall to 80 residents about feeling safe. **Op Heron** – Worked with colleague on Fri evening to engage with youths on Hernebay seafront. **Fly tips** – A number of issues in the area that were resolved by liaising with Councillor Jones. Michelle had also attended the Breathe Easy meeting to talk to them about her role. Michelle will be on annual leave until 25th August.*

- 159/17 **To receive reports from County Cllr Marsh & City Councillors.**

No report from City Councillors, none in attendance. County Cllr Marsh gave pantomime dates out 12 Dec 1.30pm, 19 Dec 10am & 1.30pm, 16 Dec 2.30pm, 17 Dec 2.30pm at Sarah Thorne Theatre, this year it will be Sleeping Beauty. He told members that he thought the fun day was terrific. The County Council was dealing with 44 applications for financial assistance to get children to school. Next year the County Council will have a £60M shortfall. Cllr Taylor raised the issue of young

people aged 16-18 who are required to stay in full time education but had to pay full fare on the buses and the season ticket for the year is £400. County Cllr Marsh told members that he would be having a meeting and that the Stagecoach monopoly would be discussed and it is possible that bus franchises will change.

- 160/17 Planning & Highways Issues.** Minutes of meeting held on 20th July have been distributed. Members were most unhappy about the comment of a City Councillor at the meeting, stating that he usually ignored parish councils but on this occasion he agreed with them! Cllr Mitchell suggested a formal complaint and Cllr Blatherwick agreed that the leader of the council should be made aware. Next meeting is on 17th August. It is hoped that the leak in School Lane has finally been repaired. There is a lot of water running out of gardens in the Mill Lane/School Lane area following the heavy rainfall.

161/17 Finance

To ratify payments made since last meeting. MLM £1,248 for Community Centre. To approve payments presented at this meeting; schedule and bank reconciliation supplied. All payments were approved.

To report on income received. Grants £1,500, nNewsletter advertising £136.67, events £3,290.30, interest £9.11, maps £29.20, allotment rent £750, hall hire £840, 100 club £36, Total £6,591.91.

Report regarding the external auditor. The clerk reported that the external auditor had come back with some queries on variances, which she did not understand, so she had called in the internal auditor to help sort it out. It appears the issue lies with the closing Creditors and he has produced a spread sheet to go to the external auditor, which hopefully will be all that is needed. So the accounts have not yet been signed off.

- 162/17 Clerk's Report/Correspondence.** Not a lot to report as the Fun Day has been the focus and there is a separate report on that.

The appeal hearing for Strode Farm has now closed, it is hoped the Inspectors report will go to the Secretary of State at the end of September. We should hear the final result around the end of October. Letter from resident, regarding the Local Plan approval, the resident wants the parish council to fight to get the decision overturned! Cllr Blatherwick said that the parish council had spent the last 4 years fighting to stop the development of Strode Farm, there was nothing more that could be done. The clerk was also dealing with a query regarding the access gate from someone interested in purchasing a property in Chapel Row.

- 163/17 Environmental Issues including Tree & Pond Warden's Report.** Cllr Davis reported that a tree in Ash Close had had most of the bark removed and she hoped it would survive.

- 164/17 Reports from council representatives on outside bodies and other organisations.** None

165/17 Report on Fun Day.

The weather was ideal, although rain threatened on occasions and it was a bit windy at times.

There was a good turn out to help set up, and the volunteers did really well setting up the gazebos etc.

The straw bales were delivered, chairs and tables were collected and placed before the stall holders arrived.

By midday we were about ready to go, around 90 classic cars lined up and during the course of the afternoon 102 dogs entered the dog show, there were many more than that wandering around and despite the large number of dogs, there was very little evidence of dog poo at the end of the day.

The event was opened by the Sea Cadets marching to the main ring, Cllr Blatherwick chair of the parish council opened the event and she thanked all those who had been involved with organising the event, as well as all the volunteers who helped throughout the day She thanked everyone for attending and said she hoped everyone had a good time and asked them to go off and spend their money and have fun. The Herne Bay Sea Cadets then played for about 15 minutes before marching out of the ring. Everyone agreed that they were really good and most professional.

The Faversham Mission Band played over by the ball court during the afternoon and were well received.

There were lots of stalls many run by volunteers on behalf of the parish council plus fun rides, go karts and mini bikes, pony rides, Kangoo jumps, football coaching, face painting and Pip the Clown. This year we also had a fire engine which stayed most of the afternoon.

In the main ring there was a Circle Dance demonstration where the audience were asked to participate, a Thai Chi display and a display by Da Vinci Dance troupe. Due to unforeseen circumstances the karate demonstration did not take place.

There was great fun with the children's races with a good many competitors taking part, the adults seemed much more reluctant however.

The car park was busy all afternoon and at one point, was full, for a short time, Rotary did a great job.

St John's Ambulance, thankfully, were not called on and had an enjoyable afternoon. Caterers were very busy as was the ice cream van and all the helpers that were there at the end, were given an ice cream before the van left, some were also given donuts! Doug Hobbs was out litter picking during the afternoon and it was pleasing to see very little litter at the end of the event. There was a litter bin that got buried, due to HB Carnival Association putting a stall right in front of it which meant it wasn't usable, this resulted in a couple of complaints about lack of bins.

The event was very well attended and as usual local residents were there in large numbers during the afternoon giving their support.

The taking down went smoothly and we were very grateful to the two H B Pier Trust volunteers who helped all day, Dan our highways steward and Michelle our warden who spent all day on the gate, ensuring the safety of all those who were coming and going.

We are very grateful to all the volunteers and councillors who helped during the day, some of which were there from first thing in the morning right through to the clearing up, including ex parish council chairman Tony Day.

Andy Harvey and our Pier Trust volunteers put all the equipment away in the container at the end of the day. Cllr Blatherwick and her husband, along with the clerk were the last to leave, having seen all the stallholders etc off site, at about 7-45pm.

There is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes leading up to the event. The collection of prizes for races and stalls, tombola's and raffles, and a big thank you must go to Cllr Davis who organised and sorted all of this in advance.

Without all the volunteers this event could not happen, so a big thank you to all those involved. It is impossible to name everyone that helped individually, but we are most grateful to all.

It is hoped that approx £3,500 will be raised by this year's event.

It was a long but rewarding day. There was an informal debrief meeting with some of the people who were there all day, issues raised will be discussed at the next Environment & Leisure meeting. Cllr Davis thanked the clerk for all her hard work on the Fun Day.

166/17 To approve donation to Allotment Society for prize giving. A resident had commented that she thought the amount given to the Allotment Society should be halved but Cllr Harvey told members that the allotment holders had worked really hard. £150 meant that three prizes could be given to each of the three categories, this will be in the form of garden centre vouchers. There is a real community at the allotments, many have 3 generations involved. The standard of work is incredible, there is now a waiting list. Members approved £150.

167/17 To report on repairs to MUGA the fencing has now been replaced where necessary and a new back board fitted behind the goal. **The replacement signs on Fitness equipment**, the signs are on order but have not arrived yet. Cllr Harvey volunteered to fit them when they arrive.

168/17 Update on Community Centre build. The piling has been completed and they have now moved on to the fencing and foundations. There is another site meeting on 22nd August. The clerk reported that she had received an email from a resident in School Lane complaining about the lack of spaces in the car park and the extortionate charges,

and the slow progress re Community Centre. As stated earlier there had also been a query from someone looking to buy a property in Chapel Row, regarding the pedestrian gate there and the tree work that had been carried out. Both have received a response.

168/17 Members Reports. Cllr Sargent had received a complaint about lorries using the road between the cottages and the green in Lower Herne Road. Cllr Taylor had spoken with the lady involved in the Pickleboard Club and she has been invited to come and explain about it at the next E & L meeting. Cllr Harvey reported a good crop of blackberries this year, there is a model of a heron sculpture on show on the pier, it is hoped to put a much bigger one on the end of the arm by the clock tower. A reminder of the air show in Herne Bay.

Cllr O'Donnell asked about advertising in the noticeboards, Cllr Davis offered to put details on line, as noticeboards were kept for local meetings etc.

169/17 The next meeting of the parish council will be on 14th September 2017 at 7-30pm at Wootton Room Herne Mill.

Meeting closed 8.50pm