

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 to be held at Herne Mill, Wootton Room, on Thursday 12 January 2017 at 7.30pm, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Present: Cllr Blatherwick, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Mitchell, Cllr Sargent, Cllr Rafferty, Cllr Moore, Cllr Saunders, Cllr Davison and Cllr Harvey.

Not present: Cllr Davis, Cllr Wells and Cllr O'Donnell

- 01/17 To receive apologies for absence and accept reasons.** Cllr Davis will not be here due to the snow. Cllr Wells is working and Cllr O'Donnell is away. Approved. Cllr Davison will try and get here Cllr City Cllr Robert Jones.
- 02/17 To receive declarations of interest on items on Agenda and requests for dispensations.** None
- 03/17 The minutes of the meeting held on 8th December 2016 were agreed as a correct record.**
- 04/17 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

No's 47& 32

- 05/17 Chairman's Announcements.** Cllr Blatherwick spoke about John Nicholson's resignation and said she understood his reasons and that she had thanked him for all he has done in the past and hoped he would still be involved with events etc.
- 06/17 Police Matters/Crime report.** None
- 07/17 Warden's Report**

Since the last Parish Council meeting I have been on duty for 20 days.

Here are some of the activities I have been involved in since then.

- *Helped at Children's Christmas party organised by the Parish Council.*
- *Assisted with Santa's float which was over two days, covering Herne and Broomfield.*

This is one of my favourite duties and allows me to meet many residents of all ages. A fantastic atmosphere!

- *Completed a mediation referral Attended several welfare calls following referrals from Social Care team.*
- *Multi-agency meeting. Looking at partnership working to assist school parking issues.*
- *Resolved a parking/ obstruction issue in Margate Rd.*
- *Completed Children's service referral*
- *2x Police Intelligence reports*
- *3x Welfare visits to victims of scam mail.*
- *Attended parking dispute in School Lane*

I am now working much closer with Cllr Robert Jones in dealing with litter, flytipping etc He has provided me with graffiti wipes and we have worked together to remove litter from the slip road. I have recently contacted him with regards to 24 tyres dumped in Ford Rd (private land) and he is looking into a solution to the problem .I would like to also thank him for pursuing the removal of an abandoned vehicle in The Downings.

Community Payback team.

Myself and Megan (FOHM) have had a meeting with the manager and have now signed up to Supervising an individual to work in the Mill. I have also agreed to work alongside their team within the village to deal with ongoing projects that have been identified by the Parish Council.(our first job will be to clear the flower bed opposite the church) We are now both waiting for a placement that fits the criteria that we have specified.

08/17 To receive reports from County Cllr Marsh & City Councillors.

City Cllr Sonnex wished everyone a Happy New Year and said she was now back full time. She had chased up the installation of the bus shelter opposite the cemetery and hoped it would be in place soon.

City Cllr Robert Jones sent a written report.

Cllr Jones hoped that all had had a good Christmas and sent Best Wishes for the New Year.

I attended with Ann and Monica (who had been at the Guildhall all day at the Strode Farm enquiry) the planning meeting on Wednesday evening we spoke on Chapel Row and Mill Lane applications Both of which were granted which is most upsetting as the challenges were more than valid, we will need to monitor Chapel Row as I will imagine there will be further issues, just to add to that I have spoken to a resident in Chapel Row and she has my contact details should there be further concerns.

As Ann will let you know the application for the new relief road in Bullockstone Road was deferred.

Michelle and I did a litter pick on Wednesday, we did a stretch of verge on Thanet Way from Mill Lane towards Enterprise House we plan to go out again soon, it has really highlighted the issues of areas which are just ignored for whatever the reason, I am attending a meeting next week about these issues.

Please go and take part in the Kings Hall consultation we need as many ideas as possible to see what direction the hall can go in.

County Cllr Marsh spoke about the planning appeal. He asked the clerk to get Megan Taylor to contact him about Mill repairs. He had attended a pre JTB meeting and CCC want to test a car fee day in the city centre. KCC, CCC and Police will all increase their council tax this year. Central government has given £2.5M towards road repairs, the repairs to the Thanet Way will cost £3M. He said 65 gritters would be on the road overnight and he had a meeting with Tim Reed the following day.

09/17 Planning & Highways Issues. To receive minutes of the Planning meeting held on 5th January 2017. Minutes had been distributed to members and there were no questions regarding these.

10/17 Finance

To ratify payments made since last meeting. Information Commissioners office £35, CPRE £36, Paul Parker £75.

To approve payments presented at this meeting; schedule and bank reconciliation supplied. All payments were approved, the clerk apologised that she had not had time to update the earmarked funds figure.

To report on income received. Poo Bags £10.70, Grants £6,132, £180 Newsletter advertising, £673.17 Float, £28.06 Bank interest, £2 map, £871.87 Hall hire, £3.60 Fundraising, Total £7,901.40

11/17 Clerk's Report/Correspondence. The clerk wished a Happy New Year to all members. The clerk thanked members for her Christmas presents.

There will be a report on Christmas Party and Float later during the meeting.

The clerk thanked Cllr Davis who has done an enormous amount of work to get a Viridor application submitted and one to CCC for a Capital Grant which will be discussed at HBAMP on Tuesday.

As members will be aware John Nicholson has resigned due to work and family commitments CCC has been notified and notices will go up in the noticeboards and on the web site. Hopefully an election will not be called and a volunteer will come forward to be co-opted. The clerk thanked him for all his hard work in the past.

The appeal hearing for Strode Farm application for non-determination has started. More later on that.

The clerk reported that she had completed the response for the Inspector within the deadline despite CCC planning portal being down all over the Christmas period and therefore it was not possible to access the documents.

Correspondence

John Bennett who is working to raise money for the restoration of St Martin's Church is looking for someone to help on a small committee to come up with ideas for both fund raising and use of the church by people other than church goers. Cllr Blatherwick

- explained that for grant applications they needed to show that the church was used by the wider community and not just churchgoers, they were looking for someone to come up with ideas as to how the church could be used.
- 12/17 Environmental Issues including Tree & Pond Warden's Report.** None
- 13/17 Reports from council representatives on outside bodies and other organisations.** None
- 14/17 Report on Children's Party and Float.** The children's party went really well with 70 children in attendance. Due to Pip double booking there was a new children's entertainer but he went down very well and kept the children's attention for an hour. The clerk thanked all those who had helped out at the party and on the float and of course Father Christmas. The float was well received in both Herne and Broomfield and the weather was kind. Thanks to all those involved. There is an E&L meeting next week and there will be a de-brief on the party and float.
- 15/17 Update on tender responses.** As notified the prices came in at between £1,513,885.31 and £1,732,889. Seven quotes were received and they are now with Betteridge & Milsom for checking. The clerk explained that she would expect to call a meeting just to discuss tenders and for the council to make a decision on appointing a contractor and then the parish council can apply for the loan.
- 16/17 Update on Appeal hearing, Strode Farm.**
 The first day of the hearing was interesting, the Inspector started by commenting on the documents that still had not been submitted and those that had been submitted late the previous day.
 She deliberated as to whether to continue or not. She decided to run through the procedure for the hearing. She told Cllr Blatherwick that she could ask questions of witnesses and that she would give a closing statement at the end of the hearing. The Inspector suggested a longer lunch hour to give the various parties a chance to agree their Statements of Common Ground.
 Following lunch the hearing resumed and the Inspector was told that the Statements had gone for printing. The barristers then gave their opening statements. The Housing Enabling Officer was then questioned about housing needs etc and the figures supplied.
 Cllr Blatherwick asked for clarification as to the need for homes for the older population, and was told that there had not been any surveys specific to Herne regarding the elderly population but he would be willing to meet with the parish council to discuss this at a later date.
 Copies of the Statements of Common Ground were distributed to all parties except the parish council, Cllr Blatherwick asked when we would be able to see a copy of the Statements and the Inspector was annoyed that we had not been given a copy, she pointed out that the parish council must get a copy of documents as they were a statutory authority and an important part of the appeal hearing. In fact the Inspector was very supportive of the parish council and included Cllr Blatherwick several times during the hearing. The session closed just after 5pm.
 The 2nd day was taken up with figures and discussions on cost, viability etc, both parties experts were questioned at length, unfortunately CCC's expert didn't come off too well.
 The third day today was again mainly viability and costs and profits etc.

CCC Planning meeting at Guildhall 6.30 10th January

Cllr Blatherwick spoke against 3 applications, Chapel Row and 55 Mill Lane were both granted despite opposition, it was admittedly difficult to find good grounds for refusal. It would be interesting to see how they would be able to agree a Construction Management Plan.

The last application was the Bullockstone Road scheme, by this time it was 9pm. 3 residents spoke against this application and then Cllr Blatherwick spoke, she explained that she was a chartered civil engineer and then gave her concerns on the application before the committee. Members were concerned that there was information missing and they also wanted to question the Highways officer but there was not one at the meeting. Head of planning told members that the application had

to be submitted, in order to land take and that members could rely on highways putting in place a scheme that would cover safety etc, members were not satisfied with this explanation. They wanted to know if there was to be street lighting on the road, whether there would be a cycle way, access for the properties on Bullockstone Road and they were not happy with the stopping up of Lower Herne Road as it was considered necessary for farm access. They wanted to know which scheme would be used and to be sure that it would be fit for purpose.

As a result members put a motion to defer the application until a highways officer could attend to answer the questions they had got. The motion was carried. It is likely the application will go back to committee next month and members will question the highways officer.

The Inspector has said she will not close the appeal hearing until she knows the outcome of the planning application, it may well be that Hollamby Estates will need to produce more information and it might have to go back out to public consultation. Cllr Davison arrived at this point.

- 17/17 To discuss the possible purchase of additional land in Broomfield for parking, and possibly extending allotments. If information is available.** None available
- 18/17 Members Reports.** Cllr Moore had been asked to congratulate Cllr Blatherwick on her objections to Bullockstone Road on Tuesday evening and the Chapel Row application.
- 19/17 The next meeting of the parish council will be the Parish Council meeting on 9th February 2017 at 7-30pm at Wootton Room Herne Mill.**

Meeting closed 8.50