

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 15th June 2017 at 7.30pm, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

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

Not present: Cllr Harvey.

- 107/17 To receive apologies for absence and accept reasons.** Cllr Harvey who is away, reason accepted. City Cllr Jones.
- 108/17 To receive declarations of interest on items on Agenda and requests for dispensations.** None
- 109/17 The minutes of the meeting held on 11^h May 2017** were agreed as a correct record.
- 110/17 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.

A request for Michelle to visit 15 Hunters Forstal Road re rubbish in front garden. A report on the number of people who visited one of the gardens 317 and a suggestion that the safari could finish earlier.

Draw for 100 Club
1st no. 41 2nd no. 44

- 111/17 Chairman's Announcements.** Cllr Blatherwick thanked everyone for their efforts with the Garden Safari, she did manage to get around most of the gardens. She also thanked all those involved with the planting of the flower bed, tubs and trough. These were looking so much better.
- 112/17 Police Matters/Crime report.** The clerk reported that PCSO Rachel Harvey would be leaving in July as she is relocating to the west country where she has family. Cllr Sargent arrived at this point.
- 113/17 Warden's Report.**

Warden report – June 2017

Here are some of the actions I have completed since the last Parish meeting –

- *Sought advice from land registry after concerns in Herne on the ownership of a strip of grassed land.*
- *Gave an awareness talk on dementia to the Senior Girl Guides – Created 20 new “ Dementia Friends ”*
- *Dealt with Scam mail sent to a Herne resident – Submitted an intelligence report to Trading standards.*
- *Gave advice to parents and carers outside the schools at “pick up “time RE parking, obstruction etc.*
- *2x Dog complaints e.g. – Noise and Behaviour*
- *Supported volunteers with planting the community flowerbeds around the village.*
- *Working with Early Help team who support families and assisted with truancy.*
- *Attended the Dementia Clinic Age UK*
- *Assisting elderly lady RE mobility issues around her home due to hoarding (ongoing)*
- *Dealt with neighbour dispute RE Actively mediating*
- *Welfare checks following referrals from Adult Social Care team .*

114/17 To receive reports from County Cllr Marsh & City Councillors.

County Cllr Marsh reported that the Garden Safari was brilliant. He reminded members that until the Queens speech, following the General Election no appointments would be made and currently there was not a Secretary of State which meant no Local Plans were being dealt with for the time being. He also reminded members that CCC were holding a Governance Review Consultation.

City Cllr Sonnex reported that she had received a couple of complaints regarding parking in Millview Road. Roger Gale has been re-elected but Julian Brazier had not. There had been an issue with bin collections in Woodrow Chase. She had received a call regarding a drain cover, City Cllr Jones went out to look and reported it to the emergency line but it has not yet been repaired. Michelle will chase up.

City Cllr Robert Jones has sent apologies and a short report. *'We have had a move round on committees I am now on Planning along with Community committee and several others as well.'*

On your agenda I see you are discussing Community Governance Review. I am part of the Review committee so after you have discussed the item and with regards to queries or questions please let me know and I can hopefully answer them and deal with any queries'.

115/17 Planning & Highways Issues. Accept the minutes of Planning meeting held on 6th June 2017 and answer any questions. All members received a copy but there were no questions. There was a question regarding the leak in School Lane the clerk reported that the road was being dug up in several places as they cannot find the source of the leak. Cllr Davis also asked about the timing of cutting of the grass triangles. The clerk reported that KCC were going to install a dropped kerb on either side of Canterbury Road near Curtis Wood Park Road following a request from a resident.

116/17 Finance

To ratify payments made since last meeting. BEC £18,240

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

To report on income received. Concurrent funding £4,660.19, Newsletter advertising £540, Fun Day £100, Interest £10.43, refund £142.86, sales £8, hall hire £818.75, 100 club £168, hall fund raising £25,695.5 Total £32,107.73.

117/17 Clerk's Report/Correspondence.

The last couple of weeks have been catch up weeks following the clerks' annual leave. The clerk thanked Cllr Taylor for checking post and answerphone while she was away.

Thanks to Cllr Davis for getting the Summer edition of the newsletter to the printers, which meant it was ready for delivery on the clerk's return. Thanks to all those who delivered and to Cllr Harvey for collecting from the printers.

The clerk thanked Cllr Davis for getting the forms for the fun day to CCC, Cllr Rafferty had been asked to do this, but the clerk got an email from CCC while on holiday saying the forms hadn't been received.

As you will be aware Cllr Rafferty has resigned due to work and family pressures and notices have been displayed advertising that there is a resignation. If on 22nd June an election hasn't been called the parish council is free to advertise the vacancy and then co-opt.

An email from the electrician regarding changing the heads on the lights in Cherry Orchard to LED's. The cost of this is £3,046. It was decided to wait and see if the price comes down and Cllr Davis thought it might be possible to apply for a grant.

There have been conversations with residents in Chapel Row and St Martin's View with regard to works being carried out on the new building.

118/17 Environmental Issues including Tree & Pond Warden's Report. None

119/17 Reports from council representatives on outside bodies and other organisations.

Cllrs Taylor and Moore attended the Street monitors meeting, they had a guided tour of the new site at Wincheap.

- 120/17 Update on Community Centre build.** Cllrs Blatherwick, Davis and the clerk attended a meeting with the contractors etc on Friday 9th June. They covered the work that would be required by UK Power Networks and the reduction in height of the hedge at the edge of the car park to facilitate scaffolding. The clerk has written to the residents to let them know what is happening, unfortunately the work started before the letters went out!
- 121/17 Update on the loan of £1,425,000 from the Public Works Loan Board.** The applications have been submitted, we have asked for the funds to be paid in three lots, every three months, the Direct Debit form has now been submitted and the funds should be approved soon. There is a charge for setting up the loan which will be taken from the first payment.
- 122/17 Update on work at Community Park and the rabbit issue.** The clerk contacted Sargent Barton at Herne Bay Police station and also spoke with PCSO Rachel Harvey. Sargent Barton emailed to say that as long as the person shooting on the land has written permission and they do so responsibly and safely, pellets should not go outside the boundary fence. Air rifles/pistols do not usually require a licence unless they are above certain power limits, the owner should know if this applies, and if so should have the appropriate licence. Rachel spoke with the firearms officer and he can recommend someone to deal with the rabbits, they would of course charge for the service. Cllr Davis will ask a couple of people who do this regularly if they would go with Connor to carry out a rabbit cull. Cllr Sargent has carried out work on site this week, mowing and strimming. The track should now been in good condition.
- 123/17 Update on the works in Forest School.** The tree works have been completed and Cllr Davis and the clerk met with Avenue Nursery to discuss issues that they have, mainly the ongoing vandalism in the Forest School they have had equipment stolen and damaged. It was agreed that perhaps some barbed wire along the top of the fencing would discourage people climbing over and the clerk will get a quote for this work. Additional planting of prickly shrubs and securing fencing at ground level will also help. There was discussion on log piles and the clearance of ivy. It was lovely to see the little ones running around and having the freedom to play in this area as well as learning about the wildlife. It was decided that there should be a quote for barbed wire also look at the possibility of putting anti climb paint at the top of the fence.
- 124/17 Report on Garden Safari.** The Garden Safari on 11th June was a huge success £1,478 was taken in entries 370 people plus children, of which there seemed to be more this year. The raffle raised £170, donations and refreshments raised by the gardeners came to £767.12, giving a total of £2,415.12. The advertising cost is £150 therefore the profit is £2,265.12. A huge thank you to all those who worked so hard and opened their gardens, and to the councillors who helped on the day, it is greatly appreciated. Thanks also to Tim Blatherwick for helping to put out the small signs on Saturday. Cllr Davis did a good job with the advertising, the Safari was in the Local paper, on the web site, on Open Garden sites on line, on local radio, wherever she could put it. It was a really good, if long day and enjoyed by everyone. A really good effort by all those concerned.
- 125/17 Discuss Community Governance Review.** Emails from Terry at KALC, who said it was good for parishes to get involved early on, it was unlikely CCC would make any changes unless they were instigated by the parishes. Cllrs Blatherwick and O'Donnell will attend at CCC on 26th June.
- 126/17 Update on the planting the flower troughs.** The troughs and flower beds have all been planted now many thanks to those involved, Michelle Weston, Cllrs Davison & Davis as well as local residents who got involved. Also thanks to Cllr Sargent for taking away all the arisings from the flower bed. Many thanks to all involved it was good work to get them done in time for the Garden Safari, they all look really good.
- 127/17 To discuss quote for building a cupboard in Community Centre.** Terry Parr who helped with the painting of the hall has supplied a quote to put a cupboard up in the hall for storing the cleaning materials etc. The quote is £274. Members approved this expenditure
- 128/17 Members Reports.** Cllr Sargent asked if the dustcart could avoid School Lane at school times. Cllr Davis reported that she would have a stall at the Herne School

Summer Fair. Cllrs White and Davidson offered to help. Cllr White asked about doing a litter pick in Bullockstone Road she was advised to contact Michelle who could advise.

129/17 The next meeting of the parish council will be held on 13th July 2017 at 7-30pm at Wootton Room Herne Mill.

Meeting closed 9.10pm