

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 9 February 2017 at 7.30pm, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Present: Cllr Davis, Cllr Harvey, Cllr Sargent, Cllr Saunders, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Mitchell, Cllr Wells, Cllr Davison and Cllr Moore.

Not Present: Cllrs Blatherwick, Rafferty and O'Donnell.

In Cllr Blatherwick's absence Cllr Davis chaired the meeting.

- 20/17 To receive apologies for absence and accept reasons.** Cllr Blatherwick school meeting, Cllr O'Donnell husband's birthday, Cllr Rafferty whose wife is not well. City Cllrs Sonnex and Jones. It is Cllr Jones turn but he has been told not to drive at night until he gets new glasses.
- 21/17 To receive declarations of interest on items on Agenda and requests for dispensations.** None.
- 22/17 The minutes of the meeting held on 12th January 2017,** were agreed as a correct record.
- 23/17 To report on matters arising from the minutes, not on the agenda, for information only.** The Viridor application was rejected but we have been awarded £15,035.50 from CCC Capital grant scheme. Thanks to Cllr Davis for speaking at HBAMP. An election has not been called and so far there have not been any applications to fill the vacancy, closing date is 16th February.

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

1st no 9 2nd no 6

- 24/17 Chairman's Announcements.** None
- 25/17 Police Matters/Crime report.** Not on duty today.
- 26/17 Warden's Report.** Michelle has been at Dementia training day today.
- 27/17 To receive reports from County Cllr Marsh & City Councillors.**

City Cllr Jones report

With regards to the yellow line requests, I, like the parish council, have sent in the same agrees and disagrees, which is good, let's hope they all are put through etc.

I have also been working on a few planning applications and it's great to get the parish councils thoughts on any which need looking at, this is working quite well I think.

Possible Council Merger is still ongoing with lots of discussion as you would imagine. I will update you with information as and when I get it.

Fly-tipping, graffiti, if you see any please let me know directly as I am litter liaison person for Herne Bay Area, along with enforcement, I can now get things moving quickly Well that's the plan!

County Cllr Marsh reported that he had been in a budget meeting at KCC all day, the Band D increase would be about £1 a week, an additional £15M has been set aside for Social Care, KCC have increased spending on Social Care by over £100M.

He had had a meeting with Richard Jenkins to discuss some of the proposals in the Parking Regulation Review, there were about 17 that he did not think appropriate. This would be discussed at Joint Transport Board meeting on 28th February, these decisions could be over ruled by CCC.

He spoke about the proposed merger of the councils, stating that Ashford had withdrawn, as they realised the council tax would go up by about 10%. The other councils involved were Thanet, Dover & Shepway. Dover are looking at the implications to their residents as their council tax is likely to go up by 19%.

County Cllr Marsh thanked the clerk for her excellent report on the Appeal Hearing for Strode Farm, the hearing continues at the end of April.

CCC had put forward a plan to close off Westgate Towers to all traffic this is not acceptable to KCC.

- 28/17 Planning & Highways Issues.** To receive minutes of the Planning meeting held on 2nd Feb 2017. There were no questions asked regarding these minutes. Cllr Davis asked if the BMX clubs could ask their members to make sure they wear hi-vis when returning home at night.

29/17 Finance

To ratify payments made since last meeting. 100 club Matt Judge £12 and County Cllr Marsh £5

To approve payments presented at this meeting; schedule and bank reconciliation supplied. The clerk advised there was another payment, which had come in after she had printed the sheet for SE Water for £85.14. She would add to payments list. All payments were approved.

To report on income received. VAT refund £1,517.10, newsletter advertising £240, events £21, Allotment water bill £15.15, Hall £649.38. Total £2,442.63.

To receive minutes of the Finance & Resources committee held on 26th January and answer any queries relating to this meeting.

There weren't any questions on these minutes.

- 30/17 Clerk's Report/Correspondence.** The remaining work on the BMX track has been scheduled in for April, the cost for this will be £4,094, which will be covered by S106, the clerk will ask if the new signs could come from this pot as well. The clerk reported that she had been in contact with both BMX clubs and a meeting will be arranged to see if they can work together with regard to looking after the track.

The clerk has asked Kim Melton if he can get access to the container, the padlock has seized and it is not possible to cut it off.

The clerk thanked Cllr Davis for all the work she has had to do on the web site as it has all changed.

The clerk reported that she had met with Cllr Sargent at Broomfield Community Park to discuss the quote for the work for the coming year. There were some things that needed to be added, which has been done. The specification has gone to a contractor that Chestfield and Westbere use, AJL Garden services, they have all the necessary licenses for spraying etc. Cllr Sargent will also supply a quote.

The clerk attended a Pensions Forum meeting on 24th January, this was to try and ensure the year end forms were correct when submitted to try and cut the amount of time spent sending forms back to be corrected.

The clerk received a call regarding someone flying a bird of prey at Community Park, this man was very aggressive, when her dog started barking at the bird. This has been reported to our PCSO and details of the registration number provided for the vehicle, were also passed on.

The Garden Safari meeting was not well attended, just Cllr Davis, Cllr O'Donnell and myself. We desperately need some more people to come forward to open their gardens.

- 31/17 Environmental Issues including Tree & Pond Warden's Report.** Cllr Davis reported that she had been to the Forest School and had a meeting with them and the cub leader. They have labelled trees and shrubs so the children learn what the different plants are. The fence that was in a poor state was discussed the owner wants the Forest School to repair. The clerk explained that Michelle had taken a look and advised that the owner would not do anything with it but it was a hazard for the children, the clerk had asked Cllr Sargent to repair it to make it safe, this had been done at a cost of £40. Cllr Davis told members that the trees planted were doing well, and that some of the ivy has been pruned, they had also discussed the management of the meadow area. Both parties had been advised that they needed to talk to each other and discuss any issues that arise. There will be a tree survey carried out by Dave Parr, this is a requirement for insurance. He will be giving a quote for this. Cllr Davis told members that there weren't any pond related issues. No task days have been scheduled, as far as she was aware.

- 32/17 Reports from council representatives on outside bodies and other organisations.**
Cllr Harvey had attended a KALC meeting, the minutes of which have been distributed. The meeting was held at Littlebourne Village hall, which is lovely. There was a talk on health by Matthew Curshaw from East Kent Hospital Trust. Several councils are not happy about the change by CCC to not send out paper copies of planning applications, it is not known what KALC have done about this.
There was an allotment meeting but Cllr Harvey had been unable to attend, the committee are doing work to the car park which will take 2 days, they have asked if they could use Community Park car park during the works. This was agreed, provided they lock the gate.
Cllr Taylor had attended a NHS Better Health Care meeting in Canterbury, it was clear that there needed to be changes made, they needed to reorganise in order to manage the finances better and there needed to be better communication between the hospitals and social care. They spoke about people being within an hours drive by car to the hospital but there was no mention of public transport. They did state there were no plans at the moment to close K & C.
- 33/17 Receive minutes of E & L minutes of 19th January and answer any questions arising from these.** There weren't any questions arising from the minutes.
- 34/17 Update on tender responses.** A meeting was held with two contractors who submitted the lowest bids, 7 were received, and there were a few queries that needed to be dealt with and questions answered. There will be a closed meeting on 16th February to discuss the tenders in more detail and appoint a contractor. Members will also need to decide how much will be borrowed from PWLB.
- 35/17 Update on Appeal hearing, Strode Farm, report on meeting has been sent to all members.** The report was fairly comprehensive members did not have any questions regarding the hearing.
- 36/17 To discuss the possible purchase of additional land in Broomfield for parking, and possibly extending allotments.** The farmer concerned is still deliberating on whether they would be willing to sell or not.
- 37/17 Members Reports.** Cllr Mitchell had received a letter from a Video shop, which has closed, demanding payment for videos not returned. There were no contact details on the letter only a sort code and account no. The letter will be passed to Michelle to deal with, as this is obviously a scam.
There is an issue with vehicles using the car park at Kent Enterprise House as a short cut to get to the roundabout.
Cllr Moore reported that there was graffiti on the footbridge at Blacksole.
- 38/17 To confirm the next meeting of the parish council will be the Parish Council meeting on 9th March 2017 at 7-30pm at Wootton Room Herne Mill.**

Meeting Closed 8.10pm