

HERNE & BROOMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Herne & Broomfield Parish Council held at Herne Mill, Wootton Room, on Thursday 9 March 2017 at 7.30pm, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

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

Not Present: Cllr Harvey.

- 43/17 To discuss and make a decision on the co-option of Liz White as a new parish councillor.** The clerk had distributed the report on the interview with Liz. Members voted unanimously to co-opt Liz White onto the council.
- 44/17 To receive apologies for absence and accept reasons.** Cllr Harvey who is away. City Cllr Sonnex who is unwell.
- 45/17 To receive declarations of interest on items on Agenda and requests for dispensations. None**
- 46/17 The minutes of the meeting held on 9th February 2017 and the Extraordinary meeting on 16th February 2017** were agreed as a correct record.
- 47/17 To report on matters arising from the minutes, not on the agenda, for information only.** The clerk reported that the other contractor asked to quote on the work at Broomfield Community Park had declined to do so, therefore only one quote has been received for £4,035.

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 10, 2nd No 45

- 48/17 Chairman's Announcements.** Cllr Blatherwick welcomed Liz White onto the parish council. She also introduced Revd Carol Smith the new vicar of St Martin's.
- 49/17 Police Matters/Crime report.** None as PCSO Rachel Harvey has been away.
- 50/17 Warden's Report**
- "Dementia Friends" Champion training. I have received training by the Alzheimer's society and happy to give an information session to groups/families within the parish. I would particular like to run an event within the hall and invite Parish Councillors to attend. It would be great to have a "Dementia Friendly" parish council!*
- Operation Nautilus- This is a multi-agency operation where we engage with youths on the coast and directly target those causing anti-social behaviour.*
- Criminal damage- I have been supporting two senior citizens in Herne who have been targeted by a group of youths causing damage to their car. We are in the process of organising a Community Resolution session to enable them to face the perpetrators and tell them how their behaviour has affected their quality of life during a time when both of the residents are not in good health.*
- Fly tipping – I have been working closely with Cllr Robert Jones in providing information to assist with the clear up at Owls Hatch Road.*
- Door step callers – we continue to suffer with doorstep callers in the area and I have completed several reassurance visits and provided literature and advice.*
- Age UK- I have met with the new health and wellbeing officer at Age UK and have arrange to do joint working and sharing information.*
- Senior Girl guides –Gave a personal safety talk to the group and did activities around "Reducing the risk" when out socialising.*

KCC – Partnership working

KCC Trading Standards – Have completed several scam victim visits. Giving reassurance, advice and support. Reporting back to the Scam Hub
KCC Child Protection-Received training and information on reporting procedures.
KCC Adult S/Services – I have completed several welfare visits on their behalf when the public /agencies have raised concerns.
KCC Early Intervention team – I will now be assisting their team if support with young people is required.

Planned activities

March 16th – I will be attending Santander Bank, alongside Strode Park and Age UK. This is to highlight scams and support residents with concerns (9- 12pm)
March 22nd- Start of my supervision of an individual from Community Payback. He will be working alongside me, for the day, mainly tasked with improving the mill and its gardens.

- 51/17 To receive reports from County Cllr Marsh & City Councillors.** City Cllr Robert Jones reported that all the fly tipping has been cleared at Share & Coulter, he thanked Michelle for all her hard work in getting this issue resolved. There had been a large number of complaints from members of the public as well as Chestfield Parish Council. It has been a long haul trying to get the situation resolved and it has cost a lot of money. The CCC will try to recoup the cost from the landowners. There are now cameras in place and it is hoped that the issue of some of the vehicles showing up tipping can now be seized and crushed under the new legislation recently introduced. People who pay to have rubbish removed from their homes need to ensure they check that the person removing it has a waste carrier's license. CCC are hoping to have a vehicle manned by enforcement officers who can remove fly tips from land not owned by KCC or CCC.
The Share & Coulter pub is a Grade 2 listed building and it is now a shell.
Robert is also pleased that he is kept informed on any planning applications that the parish council consider contentious as he can talk it through with the planning officer and the fact that the parish councillors have the local knowledge where some of the planning officers do not. CCC will make a decision soon as to whether there should be a merger between local councils, he supports the consultation.
County Cllr Marsh spoke about the works that needed carrying out on the Mill and that he was waiting to hear back from Megan as to whether Liz Dyson had been in touch, the clerk said she had spoken with Megan that morning and she had not heard anything. Alan will chase it up.
A resident of Canterbury Road had contacted him regarding the accidents near Firwood Court and the road he thought the speed limit should be lower, Alan said it is drivers, not the road.

- 52/17 Planning & Highways Issues.** No planning meeting since 2nd Feb. There was a Joint Transport Board meeting to discuss the proposed yellow lines but the minutes aren't available yet. It is understood that the objections made by the parish council were upheld. The application for Bullockstone Road had been resubmitted and Cllr White will ensure local residents are aware. Cllr Blatherwick stated we needed to get the best road we could but there would not be a road without the development.

- 53/17 Finance**
To ratify payments made since last meeting. Ian Sargent £40, 100 Club Rita McVey, £12 Alan Crout £5
To approve payments presented at this meeting; schedule and bank reconciliation supplied. The payments were approved.
To report on income received. Advert £72, Fun day £60 Bank interest £12.80, Refunds £445.89, Hall hire £1,173.75, Hall fundraising donation £50. Total £1,802.44

- 54/17 Clerk's Report/Correspondence.** There has been some discussions with regard to the new hall with Betteridge & Milsom to iron out the issues that were outstanding. There was a meeting with Terry from KALC to go through the loan application, he came over and went through everything, which he then took away, we were asked to supply some more minutes showing members had been regularly informed on

progress of the project. A meeting was arranged to speak with Liz White and Cllrs Davis and Blatherwick. Cllrs Blatherwick and Davis also went to look at the kitchen units being donated for the new Community Centre.

The clerk reported that she had been working on the response to the Local Plan Main Modifications in order to meet the deadline for comments.

A meeting between Cllrs Blatherwick, Davis and the clerk with a local resident proved to be very useful. She has been a registrar and was interested in the holding of weddings at the new Community Centre, she had some very good ideas.

55/17 Environmental Issues including Tree & Pond Warden's Report. Cllr Davis reported that she had attended the pond AGM, a new secretary and treasurer had been elected and dates arranged for task days.

56/17 Reports from council representatives on outside bodies and other organisations. Cllrs Moore and Taylor attended the Street Monitors meeting, where Lyn Moore stated she would help villages with litter picks, and CCC now have genealogy search available. Cllr Blatherwick had spoken with John Bennett who was arranging events for St Martins, they wish to open the church up to the wider community.

57/17 Receive minutes of Community Centre Committee held on 23rd February and deal with any queries. Members have received a copy of the minutes.

58/17 Update on Loan Application and appointing a contractor. The clerk reported that the application met all the criteria and then the person dealing with it at DCLG said that he could not authorise that amount and would we be prepared to take half and then claim the other half at a later stage. The clerk took advice from KALC and the internal auditor. It was decided to wait until the person that needed to authorise the loan was back in the office and get the total amount of the loan authorised. This should happen on Monday. Once confirmed Betteridge and Milsom will be given the go ahead to appoint the contract.

59/17 To approve Community Centre Management Plan. All members have received a copy. Members congratulated Cllr Davis on the document she had produced and it was then formally approved.

60/17 To discuss any works required to CC prior to start, and approve such works. The clerk reported that the gas supply needed to be removed and the old gas heaters disconnected and taken away. There would be works to the existing hall to move the entrance and reduce the size of the kitchen. The gas supplier was on site this morning and a quote for removing the gas from the site will hopefully arrive soon. It may be necessary to dig up an area in St Martin's View where the gas enters the site in order to cap it off. It was agreed there would be a ceremony for the turning of the first sod.

61/17 Members Reports. None

62/17 The next meeting of the parish council will be the Parish Council meeting on 13th April 2017 at 7-30pm at Wootton Room Herne Mill.