

HERNE & BROOMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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

Minutes of the meeting of Herne & Broomfield Parish Council held at Herne Mill, Wootton Room, on Thursday 11th January 2018 at 7.30pm, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

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

- 001/18 To receive apologies for absence and accept reasons.** County Councillor Marsh who is unwell. City Cllr Jones bi-election in Thanet.
- 002/18 To receive declarations of interest on items on Agenda and requests for dispensations.** None
- 003/18 The minutes of the meeting held on 14th December 2017** were agreed as a correct record.
- 004/18 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 12 & 42

- 005/18 Chairman's Announcements.** The chairman wished all a Happy New Year and reminded them of the site visit to the new building on 20th January.
- 006/18 Police Matters/Crime report.** None. Cllr Blatherwick reported that there had been thefts from vehicles, mainly power tools stolen.
- 007/18 Warden's Report.** Two wardens have spent some time in the parish and generally it has been fairly quiet.
- 008/18 To receive reports from County Cllr Marsh & City Councillors.**
County Cllr Marsh congratulated the parish council on holding a meeting and their response to the parking regulation review and said that all the comments submitted had been actioned. He was however concerned that HBAMP would be dealing with parking in Herne & Broomfield as part of Herne Bay.

Cllr Sonnex reported that the ward councillors had been dealing with an issue in Rye Walk regarding trees, this is on private property, so difficult to deal with. She supports the application for High Rews. There is a mattress left on the slip road on A299. She did the Santa run before Christmas and about 800 people took part. She raised £102 for Pilgrims Hospice. The Parking Review - she supports Millview and Ridley Close

She has looked at a car that was reported abandoned in Albion Lane, which turned out to be owned and was claimed. She is also going to investigate the car parking permit charges for School Lane Car Park.

City Cllr Robert Jones

My apologies for the meeting as I am overseeing 2 by elections in Thanet.

Firstly to wish you all a Happy New Year.

As you will be aware there have been issues with the bin collections over the Christmas period which we are still catching up with, the main reason for this was access to the tips were restricted, despite ccc having negotiated with the disposal authority and Thanet Waste, as to the times the tips would stay open to, this, in some cases did not happen. This meant the refuse lorries had to return fully loaded. This was compounded greatly after a few days, which was not Serco's fault. The issue is being looked into, as you can imagine my in box has been full to say the least!

Parking review, many thanks for your views on this.

Cllr Andy Harvey contacted myself and Cllr Sonnex with the idea of having a complete pavement parking ban in Herne and Broomfield. I am, in principal not against this and have suggested to Cllr Harvey that the parish council conduct a

consultation, to see if the residents support this, rather than it just be a council initiative.

009/18 Planning & Highways Issues. Minutes of the meeting held on 19th December 2017 and 9th January 2018. These had been circulated and the clerk reported that the application in Woodrow Chase that the parish council objected to, was going to committee and Cllr Mitchell would go and speak.

010/18 Finance

To ratify payments made since last meeting. Westmead November invoice £960.
To approve payments presented at this meeting; schedule and bank reconciliation supplied. All payments were approved.

To report on income received. Float donations £558.99, Bank Interest £346.29, Map sales £12, hall hire £174.39, 100 club £60, grant for Hoist £2,481.52. Total £3,633.19

011/18 Clerk's Report/Correspondence.

The clerk wished all members a Happy New Year and thanked them for her vouchers. The removal of roof tiles on The Plough building was reported to CCC and building control did attend and speak with the owner.

The container at the BMX track has now had the earth removed from around it, by Conor.

Work is progressing well at the Community Centre and the tender document is ready for advertising. This needs to be done as soon as possible in order for a contract to be in place before the new building opens.

The clerk told members that on 20th January there would be a site visit for members to have a tour of the new building and as the site manager was coming in specially, she hoped as many as possible would attend.

The advert for a parish clerk will be posted in the next few weeks, it will be advertised with KALC and SLCC also in the local paper, initially for a trained clerk, if this is not successful then this will be re-advertised looking for someone suitable to take on the post of assistant clerk while training for the clerks' post.

The details of DATA protection requirements were circulated to all members and the clerk reported that she is booked onto a KALC training morning on 24th January to hopefully learn more about what is required.

It has been decided to postpone the next Race Night until 12th May and we can hold it in the new building all being well.

The clerk has contacted the people who opened their gardens in the last two year to ask if they will open again this year.

Cllrs Davis, & Blatherwick and the clerk will visit K2 kitchens and Westgate Security tomorrow morning.

Former councillor John Baylis is now in a nursing home nearer his daughters in Ludlow following his stay in hospital.

012/18 Environmental Issues including Tree & Pond Warden's Report. None.

013/18 Reports from council representatives on outside bodies and other organisations. None

014/18 Report on visit to new Community Centre and any other issues relating to the new building. The clerk reported that the site visit had gone well and there was a real sense of space and it is progressing well. Cllr Blatherwick told members that doors and windows were in and the scaffolding in the large room is still in situ. The brickwork is finished and some of the painting has been started. She encouraged members to attend the site visit on 20th January.

The tender document had been circulated to all members, this will be advertised now. Members were happy with this and it will be advertised as soon as possible.

There is also a proposed fee schedule which has been circulated. It was explained that this is a proposed scale of fees to accompany the tender document and this would be finalised in conjunction with the management committee. Some idea of times and fees needed to be supplied with the tender documents. Members approved this, although Cllr Moore abstained.

015/18 Report on float. The Christmas float was out over the weekend 16th & 17th December. The stops worked well and people did generally congregate where the Santa Float

Stop signs were positioned. The float looked amazing and the music and snow machine were very popular. The collection in Herne raised £288.50 and Broomfield £270.49, although it was rather wet when the float toured Broomfield. Many thanks to Cllr Sargent for all his hard work getting the float ready etc, also to Paul Parker for music and operating the snow machine and all those who went out with the float, especially those who did both days, we could not have done it without them. Cllr Sargent and Cllr Harvey will make up a frame work to protect the float when not in use. The clerk had been asked about the float going around the Golf Course site this year and she had suggested that it could possibly do this after the children's party. This will be discussed by the E & L Committee.

016/18 Members Reports. Cllr Moore reported that he would attend the HBAMP meeting to ask why residents in Herne & Broomfield were going to be charged much higher rates for their parking permits than those using car parks in Herne Bay and Whitstable. Herne Bay Residents/School Lane. Current £250, 2018-19 £375, 2019-20 £500 compared to Herne Bay and Whitstable Car Parks 2018/19 £200, 2019/20 £300

017/18 The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on 8th February 2018 at 7-30pm at Wootton Room Herne Mill.

Meeting closed 8.45pm