

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 12th July 2018 at 7.30pm, for transacting the following business.

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

Not Present: Cllr White and Cllr Davison.

- 118/18 To receive apologies for absence and accept reasons.** Cllr White who is working and Cllr Davison who is not feeling well. City Cllr Jones.
- 119/18 To receive declarations of interest on items on Agenda and requests for dispensations.** None
- 120/18 The minutes of the meeting held on 14th June 2018** were agreed as a correct record.
- 121/18 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

1st No 12, 2nd No 18

- 122/18 Chairman's Announcements.** Cllr Blatherwick introduced Dan McCann who was interviewed earlier in the week after applying to be co-opted onto the parish council. Cllr Blatherwick explained that his co-option could not be done today as it was not on the agenda; it would be an agenda item at the August meeting. Dan has volunteered to help at the fun day and offered the loan of a gazebo. Cllr Blatherwick then asked County Cllr Marsh if he would open this year's Fun Day. He accepted.
- 123/18 Police Matters/Crime report.** Cllr Harvey reported that the Allotments had had some break-ins.
- 124/18 Warden's Report.**

I have been settling in to Herne and Broomfield and finding my way around. I have continued to have as much of a visible presence as possible around my general commitments.

I have attended as many local Community Engagement events as I can to introduce myself to the local community. I attended the Herne school/Church fair where I was able to chat to a wide range of people, won a little completion and even held a snake! I am hoping that at this event next year, I will be running an activity of some kind at a stand, this year was a great opportunity to circulate and speak to as many people as possible. I have also been involved with events, the Greenhill School Summer fair and the Police Open event at Police Headquarters, Maidstone.

There has been an on-going issue with a neighbour dispute in Greenhill and I am working with the local PCSO, Greenhill does not have a specific allocated Warden so myself and my colleague from the Whitstable area oversee from time to time and are their point of contact.

I have continued to report Highways issues.

I attended the Beep Beep Road Safety event at the Seashells Children Centre in Sheerness where we were engaging with children from local schools and running an activity teaching them how to use a zebra crossing pedestrian traffic lights. I am hoping to introduce Road Safety sessions with the local school as I have a background as a Road Safety Instructor. I have meetings with someone from the RS team to discuss putting together a package of workshops/presentations that will be in line with what they are teaching, also a meeting with the Head teacher of the Junior School to discuss how I might be able to support them.

A local resident highlighted that there were some on-going issues with children's noise coming from Dan Dan's Nursery in Broomfield as the outside space was very close to the boundaries of residents' gardens. I visited the nursery and stated that I was coming along to introduce myself although this also gave me an ideal opportunity to check the layout and how the outside spaces work. The proprietor did appear to be very mindful of the surrounding houses and was attempting to keep noise levels down. The outside spaces are very well appointed and seemed to be nice areas for children to be in the nice weather, on that day, there were only a handful outside. I suggested that it might help for her to do neighbourhood engagement open day where people could be invited in to have some refreshments and see what they do there and maybe even discuss a solution. I also dropped in and introduced myself to Goldfinch Nursery. I have dealt with a few parking enquiries. spoken to the Parking Enforcement Officers and discussed the road closure and asked if they could have a presence from time to time to monitor the situation around the schools.

I attended a Vulnerability Conference at Maidstone Police Headquarters where there was an opportunity to see what organisations are doing to support vulnerable people in Kent.

I have passed on an intel report about someone who has been receiving Scam calls.

Did a reassurance visit to a local resident who had a person call about doing work on her property and she and her son had felt intimidated. The Police have visited, taken statements and left her with signs for her window requesting no callers.

I have been attending the Friday Coffee Morning, at the Herne Centre and discussed upcoming things and the possibility of me holding a regular Surgery in the main reception. Further publicity should hopefully help to make these days busier, I have a meeting with the Head Teacher of the Junior School so will see if there would be a possibility for the school to publicise these mornings for parents to go to after drop off in the mornings.

I have attended a Red Zebra networking meeting discussing Social prescribing and a Hub meeting, multi agencies, Paramedics, NHS, Red Zebra, Frail persons support, GP, Physiotherapy, where specific needs of local residents are discussed. I am still trying to arrange a meeting with the Surgery Manager to discuss how I can be involved with the surgery with regards to having a regular drop in there and if there might be an initiative I can explore around using the space for an activity of some kind for patients to be referred to.

I attended a meeting at Herne Bay Youth Club to discuss possible issues with local youths.

Went to Herne Bay Fire Station, met with one of the teams there and had a meeting about possible opportunities for supporting each other in the future.

The Whitstable Warden and myself attended the Wednesday Lunch Club at the Community Centre. The quality of the food was good, but it was not well attended, early days. This is something that I will mention to as many potentially socially isolated people as I can but again, might be something that can be publicised with the Church and schools.

I plan to attend the over 50's group as much as I can; again, this is another opportunity to advertise what is going on at the Community Centre.

125/18 To receive reports from County Cllr Marsh & City Councillors.

City Cllr Jones short written report. *'We are still continuing to suffer fly tipping in our area with three loads of asbestos being dumped and removed, along with this graffiti and vandalism which can be seen at the bus shelter in Herne by the church Someone had managed to bend in half one of the metal bench seats!!*

You would have heard the news about the Sainsburys store which is welcome news. But this would need a change in the Constitution.

School Lane the works are ongoing, it is inconvenient but necessary, I have sent you the latest statement on this

A thank you to Mandy for arranging for KCC to clear the nettles from the footpath by the schools, we had complaints from parents and a request from the head teacher'

County Cllr Marsh reported that he had spent 3.5 days at Local Government meeting in Birmingham with Paul Carter Leader of KCC. Now County Cllr Marsh is Chair of Planning for the County he would like to see local members consulted on developments in their area, before a response goes to the local planning department. He also explained that there was a new document available which discusses planning issues in the County. He talked about the Strode Farm development and the Hillborough site. Funds already secured from the Golf Club site would go towards the cost of putting together a scheme for Bullockstone Road. The concerns are that the S106 funds are time limited and have to be spent within 5 years, if the other sites do not come on stream within that time frame it could result any remaining S106 having to be returned to the developer. There are also concerns that developers could default on agreements or not reach the target figure which will trigger the payments.

126/18 Planning & Highways Issues. Report on planning meeting held on 5th July 2018. There were only 2 that were objected to. Cllr Davison is liaising with the steering group at CCC with regard to the pollution issues in the village

127/18 Finance

To ratify payments made since last meeting. None

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

To report on income received. Concurrent funding £4,660.19, VAT refund £46,325, Newsletter advertising £409.17, Funday £125, Garden Safari £2,155.50, Sponsorship of planter £150, Interest £122.62, Map sales £8, Donation Centre £4, Viridor Grant £7,128.99, 100 club £24 Total £61,463.41

128/18 Clerk's Report/Correspondence.

The clerk thanked Cllr Taylor for looking after the post and telephone messages while she was away. The total raised from the Garden Safari is £2,035.50, it has been

suggested this could be put towards some furniture for the roundel and reception area in the Centre. The newsletters are at the printers and will need to be got out as quickly as possible when they are ready. Thanks to Cllr Davis for getting these to the printers. We need to source a father Christmas for the float this year, so if any members know of anyone suitable and willing could they please give the clerk details.

A letter requesting a donation towards an Appeal Hearing challenging the Secretary of State for failing to call in the Corinthian application on Air Pollution Grounds. Members approved a donation of £250.

129/18 Environmental Issues including Tree & Pond Warden's Report. Cllr Davis had looked at a tree application.

130/18 Reports from council representatives on outside bodies and other organisations. None

131/18 Update on Centre and report on progress and usage to date. Some of the snagging issues have been resolved, the steps have been sorted out but not the drainage covers or the tarmac repairs. There is also an issue with the drainage, which Cllr Blatherwick has tested and found to be inadequate, there will need to be a meeting between the relevant parties to try and resolve the matter. Curtains and blinds have been fitted, the tables and chairs have now been delivered and the internet and phone lines are now working. The clerk has a meeting with Betteridge & Milsom tomorrow to go through the figures and look at the final figures and how much is left in the budget. After the Fun day the items in storage will need to be relocated to the Centre, the clerk will require help with this.

Bookings are currently an average of 26 hours per week, rising to 42 hours per week in September. Occupancy for September will be at 61% of the weekdays, with the regular booking value now exceeding £3,000 per month from September.

Numerous one-off bookings have been secured for the rest of the year, with a total value of £4,500, and we forecast this to reach £8,000.

Regular bookings are as follows, bold are starting in Aug/Sep

Monday - Fitness, Yoga, Children's dance, **Adult ballet**, Bounce, **Ceroc**

Tuesday - **Pilates**, Slimming world, **Chair Zumba**, Yoga, Dance Fitness

Wednesday - Bounce and boxercise

Thursday - **Slimming World**

Friday - **Dream academy**

There are approx.

3 children parties per month

2 smaller family events per month

4 larger family events per month

A wedding booking for next summer has been confirmed as it is expected to have around 8.

There is a wedding booked for this August Bank holiday weekend.

Cllr Blatherwick spoke about the issues with the light fittings and the position of the light switches and lack of movement sensors for the toilet lights. There were also issues with the air con, and audio visual equipment. Cllr Davis reported that the gazebo had been erected and the two volunteers had done a good job. ~~There had been some suggestions that pictures could be displayed for sale in the Centre.~~ There is a

meeting next Wednesday to discuss some of the problems but mainly that of the drainage.

Cllr Blatherwick reported on the missing lights, it is still not known if they are going to be available, there was a suggestion that local art, perhaps for sale, could be displayed on the walls in the centre. ~~As~~ the lights in the toilets and on the landing are on all the time the contractors have been asked to price to install movement sensors. ~~and~~ Cllr Davis reported that electricity was being generated. There are still some issues with the air cooling system and AV to be ironed out. Two local residents have put the gazebo together and a local electrician has run power to it.

- 132/18 To discuss some additional screening either side of the rear gate at the Centre.** Following a complaint from a resident in Chapel Row (the emails have been circulated to members) the clerk suggested some screening on either side of the gate in Chapel Row. The clerk showed members a picture of what she was suggesting and the cost, the panels were currently on special offer. After some discussion it was agreed that panels would be purchased and put either side of the gate.
- 133/18 Update on preparations for Fun Day.** The clerk said she was aware that Cllrs White and Blatherwick were unable to attend, as they were on holiday, but if there were any other councillors who could not make it she needed to know. Bookings are slightly down this year for stalls but as we get closer to the day they will probably pick up. Food stalls are all in place. There was a suggestion that Bounce Blast might do a demo at the fun day.
- 134/18 Members Reports.** Cllr Moore spoke about the condition of some of the footpaths. KCC had notified the clerk that there had been issues with the contractors who were carrying out clearance work and they had terminated their contract and would be appointing new contractors. Cllr Blatherwick told members that the management of the Centre are organising a Christmas event which she thought councillors might like to attend.
- 135/18 The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on 9th August at 7-30pm, venue to be confirmed.**

Meeting closed 9.30pm