

HERNE & BROOMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Office, Herne Centre, St Martin's View, Herne CT6 7AP

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Herne & Broomfield Parish Council held at Herne Centre, St Martin's View on Thursday 10th October 2019 at 7.30pm, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Present: Cllr Blatherwick, Cllr Davis, Cllr Harvey, Cllr Davison, Cllr Hill, Cllr Knight, Cllr Day, Cllr O'Donnell, Cllr Collins and Cllr White.

Not present: Cllr Sargent and Cllr Saunders.

- 156/19 To receive apologies for absence and accept reasons.** Cllr Sargent who is working and Cllr Saunders who is not well. Reasons were accepted. City Cllr Howes is away.
- 157/19 To receive declarations of interest on items on Agenda and requests for dispensations.** None.
- 158/19 The minutes of the meeting held on 12th September 2019,** were agreed as a correct record.
- 159/19 To report on matters arising from the minutes, not on the agenda, for information only.** The bar extension has been delivered, many thanks to Cllr Davis for sorting this out.

ADJOURNMENT FOR MEMBERS OF PUBLIC TO SPEAK

Members of the public to identify themselves, and confirm they are resident in the parish.

Several members of the public spoke, there was some background given on the public meeting and some of the steps forward and the fact that it showed a lot of support for the Bullockstone Road Improvement Scheme (BRIS). There were concerns that there had been 3 accidents near the junction of Bullockstone Road since the meeting and a bollard knocked down by a tractor in the village. It is hoped that Sir Roger Gale, our MP, will meet with Grant Shapps the Minister for Roads, in the hope of funding towards the cost of BRIS. The leader of CCC is also supportive of the improvements going ahead. One resident wanted to know if the parish council were going to take the lead on the fight to get a road in before building commences. Cllr Blatherwick pointed out that the parish council had been involved for over 4 years and had spent many hours in hearings and meetings. It is hoped that all the developments in Hersden, Sturry, Hillborough and Herne will be looked at together and not individually, as this impacts on the road infrastructure. It is possible to get an advanced search on changes to planning conditions on CCC website. There were comments about the roads into Canterbury becoming gridlocked, pollution damaging buildings and the necessity of getting HGV's to use A299 instead of A291. Cllr Blatherwick responded that Sat Navs and Google Maps send vehicles along A291. The parish council has tried to get the road downgraded to a 'B' road. It has always supported the upgrading of Bullockstone Road and has worked hard to make sure it meets the required standard.

Draw for 100 Club

Numbers 16 & 13 were drawn

- 160/19 Chairman's Announcements.** None
- 161/19 Police Matters/Crime report.** None
- 162/19 Warden's Report**

The following is an outline of what has been done in Herne and Broomfield.

An afternoon with a volunteer working on the Christmas float. Work is still required for the exterior, final coat for the white frame and the sleigh and reindeer. Hopefully another session will be arranged with a couple of colleagues, a volunteer and a member of the Parish Council, weather permitting. Trying to fit this in has been challenging due to other commitments but I am hoping this will be possible.

We had our first coffee morning at Broomfield URC Church, Rural Kent and I assisted with the start up with their FoRK scheme (Friends of Rural Kent). They have provided a couple of volunteers to assist for the initial sessions, plus food and drink etc. I am in talks with the church to try and get better publicity in place and at the next session will have the

Engagement Officer from Age UK visiting, as well as someone who runs the Greenhill Community coffee morning to assist with advice and support. I will also publicise it at the last Pop up café session which is later this month. Hopefully this group can be the follow on for those who attended through the summer.

The Pop-up café was a huge success I am hoping that they will be able to secure enough funding to join us again next summer.

I have been contacted by Herne Bay Community magazine and have been invited to do an article for them. I am hoping to share more about the role of a Community Warden and to publicise opportunities for people in the area. When Cabin FM have moved to new premises in the centre of Herne Bay, I am hoping to be able to do slots on there from time to time.

There have been ongoing issues around Streetfield which seemed to have got worse recently with tensions between the residents and parents dropping off raising. I have patrolled the area on a few occasions and asked parents to switch off engines and consider where they are parking. More is needed around this area and I have met with Anne Dekker to try and work out the best way to highlight this to people using this space. I have done a couple of visits to concerned residents and talked with the school. I am going to look in to whether we can do some kind of campaign with the school with respects to an email sent out directly to parents and poster designs etc for the school areas. Anne and I are looking in to possible signage and how best to approach that to make it effective and I plan to do an article for the Parish Newsletter. I have been in contact with the local PCSO's and am arranging some joint patrols in the area where possible.

I have been in contact with residents of Chapel, Row and Serco with respects to ongoing issues around placement of wheelie bins and bin collection. I am looking in to re installing the Keep Clear area at the entrance and a set of yellow lines outside the end property to allow this area to be clearer for Emergency vehicles and rubbish collection. I have also done another leaflet drop to every resident requesting they collect bins as soon as they have been emptied to keep the area by the footpath clear.

During Adult Safeguarding week and on World Mental Health day on Thursday 10th October, I have arranged a 'Come and Join us' table in the café at Herne Bay Sainsbury's. After this event I will be joined by the Engagement Officer of Age UK to have a table in reception to do a free prize draw for people who will be invited to chat to us about what they would like to see happening in the area and share what their understanding is about the services on offer at Age UK. This is another opportunity to promote the Broomfield Coffee morning.

I have arranged a celebration assembly at Herne Juniors on the 1st November, where I will be attending with Alan Marsh and Dan from the Highways Department, Anne Dekker has also been invited to join us. This is to unveil the completed signs that the children designed that will be installed during the following couple of weeks in Mill Lane. I am also hoping that the banners I designed will be done (I am currently sourcing the funding and place to print them) and these will also be displayed. I will do an award for the winners and when the signs are in place and hope to be able to get the winners along with Alan to have a photo opportunity and officially unveil the signs.

I had the pleasure of attending the Volunteer afternoon tea at the Herne Centre.

I have helping to get a Father Christmas for this year and one of my colleagues who already does this every year in his local area, has agreed to help.

163/19

To receive reports from County Cllr Marsh & City Councillors Howes and Dekker,

City Cllr Dekker reported that she attended Cabin Radio AGM and was pleased that they are advertising things going on in parishes in return for articles in newsletters etc. She had attended the parish thank you tea. A visit to the Guildhall by about 15 children from Herne Junior school was well received; dignitaries made speeches and then took questions from the children. CCC are happy to take parties of up to 15, if there are any groups interested please contact Anne. The new parish of Hersden is still finding its feet. She had met with warden Mandy to discuss Road Safety Week at schools. UKC were working on pollution issues and she had met with Kelly Haynes and said the way forward is for all parties involved to work together. She has been dealing with some issues residents had in Mill Lane and Ridgeway Road. The next parking regulation review will take place in January. The noise abatement officer has provided monitors for a resident who has noisy neighbours. Any bins that are not collected should be reported to Serco after 2.30pm the same day and they should be collected the next day. The Policy & Resources meeting had discussed the Guildhall as it is an old building and in need of a lot of repair. It is difficult to heat and

noisy. Members voted against this. There were also discussions on where the new city council offices would be located and no decision has been made on this yet. County Cllr Marsh stated that in 2014 CCC asked developers to put forward sites to include in the Local Plan there were 250 applications and this was reduced down to 7 and 5 of the ones included in the Local Plan are in his parishes and he attends all parish council meetings. KCC advises CCC on planning applications. Esther McVey Minister of State for Housing and Planning she was at the party conference and Alan spoke to her she asked him to let her office know what we want in Herne. He reported that the issue of the pinch point had been identified and it has now been solved subject to land purchase. This would give a consistent 7mtr width throughout with a 2mtr footway. A revised application will need to be submitted to CCC. He said he didn't have much faith in safety audits as they were designed for 20th Century roads. Funding for the roundabout had been secured and this will be installed regardless of the Hollamby development; the land required has been identified and negotiations are ongoing. There will also be a 40mph limit both on A291 approaching the roundabout and Bullockstone Road. It is hoped that final outline designs will be ready by the end of 2020. Carrying out costings and construction boundaries will take at least 6 months, planning and the tendering process all take time. Land purchases, road closures and permits have to be done and the work will need to be done in good weather. It could take 18 months to complete. Alan reminded everyone that he doesn't do Social media and is contactable by phone or email.

164/19 Clerk's Report/Correspondence. Warden Mandy has offered to do Dementia Friends training and it might be a good idea to show the Council is Dementia Friendly. Members approved this.

The clerk reported on the Race Night which was well attended, with 72 people booked to come, although a couple were unable to attend. The evening comprised of seven horse races and an extra music bingo round, which got everyone singing along. In addition, there was a raffle. Everyone appeared to have enjoyed the evening, whether they managed to pick out any winners, or not. The sausage/pasty and chips were well received, as were the desserts, these had been kindly provided by a variety of people, with more than enough to spare. So many thanks to all those who provided desserts. Although some people brought their own drinks the bar was well used.

The total amount raised was £782.80. This was £107.00 from the raffle, £441.00 from the ticket sales and £234.80 from the bets. Therefore, the Parish Council will be able to make a donation to the Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance of £337.90.

Many thanks to all those who helped on the night, especially Brian Samuels and his team who give up their time to raise money for KS&SAA.

Altogether, a very successful evening. The clerk thanked Michele for producing the report. A quiz night has been arranged for 21st March 2020

The clerk has received complaints about parking on yellow lines in Albion Lane and parents sitting in their cars with the engines running in Streetfield. The chair of Ospringe PC had asked for a visit to the Centre as they would like to know how HBPC moved the project forward and also how to apply for Public Works Loan. A meeting will be arranged on the clerks return from leave.

The clerk thanked Cllr Day for bulb planting at the Centre. The clerk reported she would be on annual leave back in the office on 28th October. Admin assistant Michele, will be in the office every morning.

165/19 Finance.

To ratify payments made since last meeting. Catching Lives £846, SLCC ILCA £118.80

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

To report on income received. Raffle £58, Bank Interest £41.83, 100 club £108 total £207.83

To receive minutes of Finance & Resources meeting held on 8th October and discuss budget proposals for 2020-21 and approve any recommendations.

Internal auditors report which has been circulated,

External auditors report which has been circulated. Need to minute members have seen the comments from PK Littlejohn and taken them on board. Members accepted

the auditors' report and agreed that the Risk Management had been updated earlier in the year. The clerk thanked Cllr Collins for checking the bank statements and bank reconciliations.

166/19 Planning & Highways. Receive the minutes of the meeting held on 17th September, and answer any queries arising. (Circulated). There wasn't anything contentious on the agenda and no questions raised. Cllr Blatherwick said the planning committee would continue to liaise with KCC regarding the proposals for the roundabout, Bullockstone Road and the Hollamby development.

167/19 Environmental Issues including Tree & Pond Warden's Report. Cllr Davis reported that the chair of the Friends of the Pond had resigned and currently no one had filled the post. There is a task day on Sunday. Cllr White spoke about the loss of trees especially in the Canterbury Fields area, when it is important to plant more trees especially in high pollution areas. City council planning officers need to be more aware when they deal with applications to remove trees. The clerk suggested that it might be a good idea to speak to Cllr Dekker and see if the officers could be persuaded to be less keen to approve to remove trees. A request that the Environment & Leisure Committee could look at areas where more trees could be planted.

168/19 Reports from council representatives on outside bodies and other organisations. Cllr O'Donnell reported that the Canterbury KALC meeting was being held at the Centre on 23rd October at 7.30pm, they have good speakers and it is worth attending. She also reported that the initial meeting of the Parish Plan group had taken place and details of that meeting had been circulated. Cllr Harvey reported that the Allotment BBQ and prize giving had been held.

169/19 To receive minutes of Community Centre minutes meeting held on 3rd October and discuss any issues arising from them and approve recommendations. (Circulated) The quote has been received for the fire alarm additions £352.07. It was agreed that a louder alarm would be fitted in the activity room but not outside. The self-closers on the main hall doors are to be fitted.

170/19 Update on the meeting with Kelly Haynes re Herne Air Quality. Cllr Davison reported that the meeting with Kelly re the air quality management areas had gone well. The monitoring details for Canterbury District are available on CCC website. Some of the worst areas in Canterbury had improved but the area in the centre of Herne Village has increased exponentially. Readings are taken monthly and checked by 3 people. All parties agree that one of the answers to the pollution issues is the Bullockstone Road Improvement Scheme but public travel patterns are currently not sustainable. Freight issues need to be dealt with and low emission buses helpful. There needs to be more cycling and walking but currently it is not considered very safe to be cycling on some of the roads in Herne. The volume of traffic in the centre of the village near Smugglers Cottages and the bus stop and Albion Lane causes high readings. Annual readings are published in April. Three new monitoring points are being installed in the centre of the village. The government is taking pollution issues very seriously and new developments will not be allowed where they would cause similar problems to Herne. CCC has a duty to deal with it if the levels are over the legal limit. Some vehicles are now much greener which helps to reduce the levels. The Planning & Highways committee will put air quality on the agenda and it can be discussed on a regular basis.

171/19 Update on the float. As Mandy, our warden, said in her report she has been with a volunteer and is trying to get a group together to try and finish it off re painting. It will need lights and music before it is ready to go out. The clerk thanked all those who had done work on the float and hoped it would get finished soon.

To discuss storage, it would be really good to get the undercover storage for the float. It was suggested that perhaps the Brewery in Braggs Lane might be able to help, if not Cllr Sargent has suggested building a frame work to protect it.

- 172/19 Update from Cllr Day on Councillors dedicated email addresses via cloud.** Cllr Day had looked into domains but because the council would need at least 13 email addresses it was expensive the cheapest option was 365. This will be discussed again at the next meeting.
- 173/19 Members Reports.** Cllr Davis reported that the brambles at Firwood Court had not been cut, the clerk said it had been reported. Cllr Harvey said he was disappointed that the amount of plastic used on the race night and the fact that sausage and chips were unhealthy. He suggested that at the next event something like a Chilli Con Carne could be made on site and he volunteered to produce the food for the next event, which was the Quiz Night on 21st March. Cllr Day spoke about a working group to revise parish council policies; once done these would just need an annual review. Cllrs Day, Davison and Hill will be the members of the group.
- 174/19 The next meeting of the Parish Council is on 14th November at 7-30pm at the Herne Centre,**

Meeting closed 10.05pm