

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 11th July 2019 at 7.30pm, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Present: Cllr Davis, Cllr Harvey, Cllr Saunders, Cllr Davison, Cllr Knight, Cllr O'Donnell, Cllr Collins and Cllr White.

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

- 112/19 **To receive apologies for absence and accept reasons.** Cllr Blatherwick, who is away, Cllr Day who has a work meeting, Cllr Hill has a work meeting. Cllr Sargent who is working. Reasons were accepted. City Cllr Dekker has a CCC meeting.
- 113/19 **To receive declarations of interest on items on Agenda and requests for dispensations.** None
- 114/19 **The minutes of the meeting held on 13th June 2019** were confirmed as an accurate record.
- 115/19 **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.

There were issues raised about the large tractors travelling through the village at speed and the application to put a mobile phone mast in Curtis Wood.

Draw for 100 Club

1st no 32 2nd no 13

- 116/19 **Chairman's Announcements.** Cllr Davis reported that Geoff Mitchell had stood down from the parish council and we are now advertising a Vacancy. She also reminded members that the Fun day was on the following Sunday.

- 117/19 **Police Matters/Crime report.** None

- 118/19 **Warden's Report**

The Community Pop up Café at Broomfield Surgery is going well. The Fire Service attended the last one, one engine and 4 of the local Officers who were able to offer advice and book people in for smoke alarm fittings and safety checks. The next one is on the 16th July; I try to attend all of them but am unable this time.

There have been some issues locally with bogus workmen, which I have forwarded to Police and Trading Standards. One resident and his neighbour paid for extra work to be done on driveways and paid in cash, but workmen didn't come back.

KCC Member Mike Hill, visited, he is the Councillor who came up with and developed the Community Warden Service and visits one of us annually, to catch up, see what we are doing and ask for our feedback. I introduced him to the art group who meet at Broomfield Church and chatted with him about Community things happening in the area, including the Herne Centre. It was a very positive visit and he has said that he will come and visit the area again in the future, when the group is a little more established to catch up on how they are getting on.

I attended the Community Safety event in Herne Bay where I had a stand with one of our Volunteer Wardens and offered advice and gave out Community Safety Packs.

I have had some commitments outside my area this month with training, Canterbury Pride and external KCC business.

Development

I have organised a Community Safety Takeover at the New Herne Bay Sainsbury's, which will be on the 1st August 10-2. So far attending will be the Warden Service,

Kent Fire and Rescue, Police, Neighbourhood Watch, the Road Safety Department, RNLI, Coastguard, hopefully Victim Support and the local Street Pastors. I wanted it to be organisations who are here to look after the residents of the area and will be an opportunity for people to ask questions, get advice and generally find out more about what they do.

There was a meeting with the Road Safety Department, and we will be supporting a great new initiative in schools called the Road Safety Club. Herne Infants and Juniors are on their list of initial 100 Kent schools to contact.

Training this month includes Dementia Champion training. This will enable me to run little free 1-hour courses for local residents and groups to become Dementia Friends. I have already approached the Windmill Over 50's club and will approach the school but any group who wishes to do it, no matter how small can book in with me. This is something that I could offer at the Herne Centre from time to time if there is some interest.

119/19 To receive reports from County Cllr Marsh & City Councillors Howes and Dekker

Written report from City Cllr Dekker

The last 4 weeks have been particularly busy with so many training packages within CCC to attend.

I did, however, manage to attend the Rural Forum.

Some of the key issues discussed were

1) pavement parking.

We raised concerns particularly about the lack of enforcement presence at certain "school times". These patrols are not frequent enough although we were assured that 30% + of the allocation of enforcement resources goes to rural areas

In some area's residents' entry is blocked by waiting and parked cars.

It was also noted that people are openly using double yellow lines as parking bays

2) litter and fly tipping/flyposting

Concerns were raised about the amount of time taken between reporting and when Council action was carried out.

It was suggested that more publicity be made over the implications of these acts and the fines and convictions be published.

I managed to get rid of all the flyposting that suddenly appeared in Herne village.

A couple of telephone calls made directly to the gentleman involved saw the advertisements disappear.

Many seem to think that if a resident gives permission for a poster e.g. advertising a service or company to be placed on their land/hedge/garden then that is ok. This is not the case. In many instances a form of Planning Permit must be sought through the correct channels.

I am still working with Enforcement as regards the postings at the industrial estate at the entrance to Herne.

It is proving difficult, but I still have a couple of avenues to explore.

I have sorted out several problems with bin collection(s). Residents are increasingly angered and upset with what they see as SERCO's non-compliance. I will continue to hassle/persuade/remind SERCO at every opportunity.

I have attended neighbouring Parish Council meetings and am keeping up with their issues and concerns (many of which are not dissimilar to our own) as well as e.g. the progress made by the newly formed PC of Hersden.

I have been approached by 2 of the directors of CABIN FM a local commercial radio station broadcasting throughout the Herne Bay district, right across to St. Nicholas at Wade, Whitstable and the far side of Canterbury. They are trying to get their name

and services "out there" and see the advantage of making themselves known to PCs. If the PC would like/agree to invite one of their reps to a meeting I can facilitate that. I met up with Mandy (Warden) at one of her surgeries. We had a good catch up and will have, hopefully, regular meets and discussions.

If any of the Cllrs are aware of any individual (or small group) who is desperately trying to get a Community activity/scheme off the ground could they please give that person(s) my details.

I have a small pot of money available. With discretion I can allocate some funding. I have already been approached by several people and their requests will soon come under consideration.

Perhaps, I could ask for a list of all the groups/organisations operating currently in H&B to make my own enquiries.

I am attending a surgery with Roger Gale on Saturday at Herne Bay Library (10am). I have not been appraised, yet, of the clients or issues involved.

I will be getting together with Joe so that we too can arrange a couple of dates (hopefully to be printed in the next Parish magazine) for one to one chats with residents of Herne & Broomfield. Very often, people prefer to see a face rather than use a communication instrument.

Although we are officially in recess for the month of August, I will still be around. I have many training commitments over the next 3 - 4 weeks but I will be at the end of the telephone (or iPad) if needed.

City Cllr Howes reported that he had attended the meeting in Dover re affordable/self-build housing, he hopes that CCC will take this forward in the Canterbury area. He spoke about the issue re the tree notices, they are not planning notices, so they only give 4 weeks to respond. The application for removal of trees etc from Dove Close has now been dealt with and they have consent to remove just three trees, one CCC officer attended and met with the insurers. Cllrs White & Davis stated CCC web site was pretty rubbish when it came to info on TPO's, Cllr Howes told members that they were aware, and this was being addressed. He spoke about the proposed mobile phone mast and said he was talking with Katy Jessop at Waldon Telecom Ltd and he agreed that it was not a suitable location and he will also speak with planning officers. He also spoke about the speeding tractors through the village and was trying to address this.

County Cllr Marsh reported that he had attended full council in Maidstone, and they were currently treading water waiting for both Brexit and the new Prime Minister. They are trying to get an additional £100M from the government, He had met with both James Brockenshaw and Mark Carney Governor of the Bank of England and had also met Boris Johnson when he visited Dover. Victoria Soames had written a precis of the issues with Bullockstone Road which Alan will include in his letter to James Brockenshaw. He spoke about the mast proposal and said he would help in any way he can as he is quite knowledgeable re phone masts. Cllr Harvey asked what the situation was re 20MPH zones County Cllr Marsh told members that some new developments were having 20MPH zones as standard.

120/19

Clerk's Report/Correspondence. The clerk reported that it had been busy so far following her two weeks annual leave, she thanked Michele for covering while she was away, Michele has settled in really well and seems to be enjoying her new role. The clerk thanked Cllr Harvey for keeping an eye on the Community Park during her absence and for collecting the newsletters from the printers, these are now ready for delivering. Cllr Davis was thanked for getting the newsletter out on time. The clerk also thanks Dale Corley for helping to deliver the newsletters during his break. As members will be aware Geoff Mitchel has stood down from the parish council and the Vacancy Notices have been put up. A public meeting has been arranged and

will be held at Herne Centre on 30th August to discuss the Bullockstone Road improvements, Roger Gale MP, County and Ward Councillors will be in attendance as will representatives from KCC Highways.

121/19 Finance.

To ratify payments made since last meeting. Jane Hemmingway £50 plants for flower bed. Broomfield Bikers £2,000 for start gate.

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

To report on income received. Poo bags £10, newsletter advertising £72, Garden safari £1,811.50, donation for flower tubs £300, School Fair £102, Bank interest £715.62, Refund £5, Allotment rent £800, 100 club £120 Total £3,936.12

122/19 Planning & Highways. Receive the minutes of the meeting held on 20th June, and answer any queries arising. (Circulated). There weren't any questions arising from the meeting on 20th June. There was discussion regarding the erection of 25mtr+ mast in Herne Village at Curtis Wood. It would be very visual the trees that surrounded it were mainly deciduous which would make it more visual autumn and winter. It was very likely that additional dishes etc would be added over time. Herne is a Historic village, and this would blight the entrance to the village. There were also health concerns re the radio waves from the mast. It was also pointed out that 5 G would be coming in soon and this did not need tall masts. County Cllr Marsh said that Tetra aerials were known to give off radio waves for some distance, these were usually placed at the top of the mast and were used by the emergency services. Cllr Davison said the parish council needed to object to the mast and was also disappointed that only 6 properties had been notified. The clerk told members she had already objected, following correspondence from councillors and it would go to CCC planning and the parish council would get the opportunity to discuss it again. Cllr Davison also spoke about the large tractors going through the village and the speed, it was impacting on residents some of which lived in Grade 11 listed buildings. Cllr Knight said the drivers were on a tight time scale and got penalised if they took too long to deliver, she would give the clerk details of the company who were responsible for the transportation so that a letter can be sent asking them to be more sensitive when travelling through the village and also suggesting they use the A28 if they are going to Sturry.

123/19 Environmental Issues including Tree & Pond Warden's Report. Cllr White reported on the tree applications for Dove Close for the land adjacent to Canterbury Fields, after a fight 3 trees had got consent for removal, 2 oaks and an Ash, although the land owner will have to give consent for the trees to be removed from their land. One oak is to be removed at Four Oaks in Bullockstone Road, it lost a large limb in the storms and has been shown to be diseased, hopefully it will be replaced. The Woodland at Herne Juniors is getting trees from the Woodland Trust. Cllr Davis reported that CCC are not putting TPO's on Ash trees due to the die back. She also reported that there appears to be a few issues with the ponds group which hopefully will be resolved. Cllr Collins suggested that the date for the next pond day was October and she thought one in September would be better as everything is growing very quickly.

124/19 Reports from council representatives on outside bodies and other organisations. Cllr White attended the self-build/affordable homes day in Dover, she told members there is a lot of money available for groups who are able to access land for these types of homes.

125/19 Update on snagging repairs and other issues at Centre. The missing lights are being fitted on 17/18 July, the electricians will work through from Wednesday afternoon and hopefully the lights will be fitted and ready by midday Thursday. There

was an issue with the hot water and air con and engineers attended and have now reprogrammed it, so hopefully all is well. The servicing is due and hopefully the contracts for these will be with the parish council but paid for by BEC for another 4 years. We have contacted an independent PV company to come and look at the installation as we have not been able to find out where the electricity we are generating is going. They will come out and look at the installation and should also be able to deal with any outstanding registrations. This is provisionally booked for 25th July the cost of this is £450 plus VAT, members approved the quote. The clerk thanked Cllr Davis for continuing to chase up on the PV FIT payments application.

126/19 Update on fun day. The clerk reported that she has requested that councillors attend to help, as it is an earlier start setting up times are going to be tight, help will also be needed at the end of the event to pack away. Those that are unable to attend to set up, hopefully will help on a stall etc. The clerk has met with Sarah Bingham to discuss the Fun day as it is now approaching rapidly. The forms for CCC have now been submitted, although later than planned and the application to KCC Member Fund has also been submitted for funding for the event. Cllrs Harvey, Davidson and one other and the clerk will erect gazebo's on Tuesday to ensure all are usable.

127/19 Members Reports. None.

128/19 To confirm the next meeting of the Parish Council on 8th August at 7-30pm at the Herne Centre.

Meeting closed 9.10pm