

HERNE & BROOMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting of Herne & Broomfield Parish Council held at Herne Centre, St Martin's View on Thursday 13th June 2019 at 7.30pm, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Present: Cllr Blatherwick, Cllr Davis, Cllr Harvey, Cllr Saunders, Cllr Hill, Cllr Mitchell, Cllr Collins, Cllr Davidson and Cllr White

- 93/19 To receive apologies for absence and accept reasons.** Cllr Tony Day who is away, Cllr Knight who is unwell, Cllr Sargent who is working, Cllr O'Donnell who is away.
- 94/19 To receive declarations of interest on items on Agenda and requests for dispensations.** None.
- 95/19 The minutes of the meeting held on 9th May 2019** were agreed a correct record.
- 96/19 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.

Draw for 100 Club

No 31 1st and 9 2nd

- 97/19 Chairman's Announcements.** Cllr Blatherwick introduced Michele Nicholson who is the new Parish Council's Admin Assistant.
She thanked everyone who opened their gardens and all those who helped on the day. She also reported that former councillor John Baylis had passed away in May and his wake was held at the Herne Centre, he was 97.
- 98/19 Police Matters/Crime report.** None
- 99/19 Warden's Report**
*The Pop-up Café at Broomfield Surgery has been a great success. The last session was gloriously sunny and we were joined by Canterbury City Councillor Anne Dekker and Age UK's Engagement+ Officer Caroline Roy who chatted to visitors.
I attended the Glorious Coffee morning, organised by Rural Kent who run the Info cafes which was a great chance to meet other areas who have it and chat to volunteers and staff. The next one Pop-up café is on the 18th June ALL welcome.
The Community Swap event at Greenhill went well, it was a non-profit event but we still raised £259, which was split between Age UK and the church for Community support in Greenhill. It worked so well I am looking at doing another similar event leading up to Christmas.
I attended the Garden Safari and walked around the whole area, this was a great opportunity for some Community Engagement on a weekend day.
The new art group in Broomfield is going well with good attendance and positive feedback. We have had on-going issues with individuals in the area, who have been approaching people for money. They have been in the church several times recently and have also knocked on doors asking for money. This has been reported and is being monitored but any further information regarding this would be greatly received.
Drain covers were stolen down Lower Herne Road and reported and replaced, this time by plastic ones.
The footpaths around the school have overgrown vegetation, this has been reported to KCC, so will monitor to ensure this is cleared as soon as possible.
There are on-going issues in Chapel Row with how the wheelie bins are being left by Serco. The residents have been asked to be considerate with parking but some of them have been complaining that Serco have been placing the bins inconsiderately. I have contacted Serco on a couple of occasions and emailed images regarding this but have also advised that residents can do this directly each time this happens.*

The Contemporary Creative group is still in the planning stage, I met with Revd Carol re using the church as a possible venue, along with the Broomfield Church and Wootton Room. I am looking into funding and arranging a meeting with the Artists who are going to help. I am doing Dementia Champion training so I can run sessions for Dementia friends. This could be something that I can offer various groups in the Community free of charge, this will help with understanding and engaging people with Dementia. People completing this will get a Dementia Friends badge which they can display to allow people with Dementia to know who they are and that they will be more understanding.

Awaiting confirmation from Highways re the signs for Mill Lane etc ready for the launch. I am putting together banners for the school, which involves putting together the artwork so will advise when all these things have been completed.

100/19

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

City Cllr Dekker reported a busy month with training sessions at CCC. She had gone along to the Pop-up café which was well supported with a good mix of people. She had met with Malcolm Saunders and next year she has arranged for the year 6 pupils to go along to the Guildhall to see how democracy works. They are also setting up a bin collection in each class for plastic. She has received a letter from residents re the parking on double yellow lines in Mill Lane, enforcement officers will be attending regularly. CCC are working on their approach to climate change. City Councillors are working with officers regarding the Herne Relief Road and also the issues at Hersden, Sturry, Herne and Beltinge as they all impact on the area. Police Commissioner elections are next year and the current Commissioner will be put forward for another term. She also reported the sudden death of Jenny Samper on 8th June.

Herne Bay Forum are looking at the byelaws for Herne Bay.

Cllr Howes reported that CCC were looking at changing the bye-laws regarding jet ski's etc and laws for the coast. He has been dealing with school appeals. He reported that the yellow lines agreed by the Joint Transport Board will be painted in the next week or so. Sarah Randall is carrying out a survey of bins. There was a meeting with MP Roger Gale to discuss the issues with the developments in the Canterbury District and particularly the shortfall with regard to the funding of Bullockstone Road. Roger has said he will meet with the Minister for Roads and Transport to see if any help could be found towards the funding. Robert Thomas is the new leader of the city council and he represents a rural area. There will be a meeting with the planners re Strode Farm. Each of the members have a £1,000 to give out in small grants to local organisations. Cllr White raised the issue of the application to remove trees at two properties at Canterbury Fields, the fact that the parish council was not given notice and that one of the applications was dealt with very quickly. The applications were being dealt with by two different officers. City Cllr Howes said if it was possible to get hold of the officer/s dealing with trees then contact him or Cllr Dekker on their mobile phones.

County Cllr Marsh told members he was disappointed that he had not been invited to the meeting with Roger Gale and it appeared that Roger knew very little about Bullockstone Road. Cllr Marsh congratulated Cllr Blatherwick on the parish council's response to the consultation. He said it was most unfortunate that the minister changed just before a decision was made regarding the Judicial Review. KCC will continue to try and get Hollamby Estates to increase their contribution. He told members that the result of the consultation should be available in August, therefore it would be a good time to hold a public meeting. He is also meeting with planners to discuss the Hillborough development but they are unlikely to provide funding for Bullockstone Road. He said all parties needed to work together on the issue of the road. There will be another meeting in Sturry with engineers to discuss

the Sturry Relief Road. He wants to make sure that developers understand that they need to fulfil educational and highways needs.

Alan also spoke about the introduction of charges at the refuse tip, he had proposed that the tip should be free for all but had lost the vote by 3, he is expecting to see an increase in fly tipping once the fees kick in. He asked for incidents of fly tipping to be reported to him.

Cllr White asked about the increase in the cost of school bus passes, which now costs £350, Alan said that the charges only apply to the first two children in the family and low income families pay £100.

101/19 Clerk's Report/Correspondence. Cllr Blatherwick and the clerk had a meeting with a local resident to discuss Herne Relief Road, he and another resident want a public meeting, so we are trying to arrange a suitable date to facilitate this. I carried out health and safety visits to everyone who was opening their gardens in preparation for Sunday's Garden Safari. Conor O'Reilly is collecting the new BMX start gate this weekend and he will send me his bank details so we can transfer the money to him the agreed amount was £2,000.

Michele Nicholson is settling in the Admin job very well. She has sent out forms to the previous year's car show attendees for the fun day, she has produced an agenda for the planning meeting, done banking and the imputing of the information from the Garden Safari. The clerk has registered Michele for PAYE and with the pension provider.

The preparations for the Fun Day are ongoing. The gazebo's will need to be got out of the container and put up before the event and we also need to check there are enough pegs for securing them. Hopefully Cllr Harvey will put up the signs. The clerk thanked Cllr Davis for having a stall at the School Fete on Saturday, £102 was raised for the Herne Centre. The clerk told members she will be on annual leave from 24 June and back in the office on 8th July, Michele will be in the office every morning from 9-1pm. If someone could volunteer to check on the Community Park while the clerk is away and if possible refill the bag dispenser, that would be very helpful. Cllr Harvey volunteered to keep an eye on things at the Community Park while the clerk is away.

102/19 Finance.

To ratify payments made since last meeting. Herne Centre Insurance £2,008.34

To approve payments presented at this meeting; schedule and bank reconciliation supplied. All payments were agreed and the clerk ran through the bank reconciliation and reserves.

To report on income received. Concurrent funding £5,524.97, Public Sector Deposit Fund £38.13, CCC refund Business rates £923.45, CCC Hall hire for electons £333.33, refunded paid in error. Total £6,819.88

103/19 Planning & Highways. Receive the minutes of the meeting held on 28th May and answer any queries arising. (Circulated). Cllr Blatherwick ran through, briefly, what had been discussed, there were no questions.

104/19 Environmental Issues including Tree & Pond Warden's Report. Cllr White voiced her concerns about the two planning applications for tree works and if both got consent it would clear an area of 15 metres and could result in many other properties making similar applications. She added that the trees concerned were not responsible for the issues with the properties. Although these applications had been made they were not made by the landowner who has said he won't give consent for anyone to go on his land to carry out the work. Cllr Davis mentioned the deep puddle at the Braggs Lane entrance to West Blean Woods, the clerk said the footpaths officer had said she would take a look.

- 105/19 Reports from council representatives on outside bodies and other organisations.** Cllr Harvey reported that he had attended the Allotment meeting and all was well, they would however like a date for the judging. Cllr Davison reported that the HB in Bloom group were willing to get involved with garden projects.
- 106/19 Update on snagging meeting.** A thorough snagging list has been made, the Clerk of Works from Betteridge & Milsom attended along with the architect, BEC and Westmead. The previous day Cllr Blatherwick and the clerk had also done a snagging list. Betteridge & Milsom are now having discussions with BEC to get the final works carried out. Cllr Blatherwick went through the contract and it appears that BEC are responsible for maintenance contracts for the next 4 years. The lights will hopefully be fitted on 17th & 18th July, when some of the remedial works will be carried out as well. We seem to have a problem with the drain into the car park, which is blocked.
- 107/19 Minutes of Community Centre meeting. (Distributed)** Cllr Davis asked if there were any questions regarding the minutes. Cllr Mitchell said he didn't understand the projected figures provided. It was explained that there weren't previous figures to judge against, now there had been a full year it would be easier to judge how bookings were increasing. The clerk will ask WFCa to give a comparison of actual and what they had originally projected. They seemed more than happy with the usage to date. Cllr Harvey asked about progress with the feed in tariff and Cllr Davis said she had received an email confirming we are registered. It is likely that an expert might be engaged to check where the electricity generated is going.
- 108/19 Report on Garden Safari.** The clerk reported that the weather for the Garden Safari was good, which was lucky as the day before and after was far from that. The numbers this year are down, not all of the money is in yet but so far attendance was about 203 people. Takings so far £2,348.50 including donations for food, stalls and raffle. She thanked Cllr Davis and her daughter Sue, Cllrs Saunders and White and Michele for spending the day at the Centre to help and of course Cllr Harvey who put up and took down the signs, and all those who opened their gardens. If we do it again next year we will need some new gardens.
- 109/19 Request for donation from Herne Juniors towards the setting up of Woodland School.** Mr Saunders had sent an email asking if the parish council would make a donation to the setting up of a Woodland School, they need funding for wet weather gear, wellies waterproofs etc. It was agreed that a request for donations for this type of equipment would go in the newsletter and the parish council would also donate £250. Cllr Davis asked if they were aware that they could get free trees.
- 110/19 Members Reports.** Cllr Davison reported that the WI had now got insurance and permissions in place to carry out the work on the flower bed in the village. Cllr Mitchell reported a hole in Bullockstone Road that still hadn't been repaired and Cllr Davis asked for members to send her their profiles for the web site and also any environmental items that they would like to be considered for the newsletter.
- 111/19 The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on 11th July at 7-30pm at the Herne Centre.**

Meeting closed 9.30pm