

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 on Thursday 13th February 2020 at 7.30pm, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Present: Cllr Blatherwick, Cllr Davis, Cllr Saunders, Cllr White, Cllr Harvey, Cllr Hill, Cllr Day
Not Present: Cllr Sargent, Cllr Davison, Cllr Knight and Cllr O'Donnell.

- 18/20 To receive apologies for absence and accept reasons.** Cllr Davison in London, Cllr Knight, working, Cllr O'Donnell helping brother in law move. Reasons approved. City Cllrs Howes and Dekker are at CCC Budget meeting.
- 19/20 To receive declarations of interest on items on Agenda and requests for dispensations.** None
- 20/20 The minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2020** were agreed as a correct record.
- 21/20 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.

None present.

Draw for 100 Club

1st 22 2nd 36

22/20 Chairman's Announcements.

23/20 Police Matters/Crime report. PCSO Gary Sorrell reported that there were only two PCSO's to cover Herne Bay. There was a report of anti-social behaviour reported at BMX track and as it is half term next week they will try to visit. There has been an issue in Herne, which is being dealt with but generally there aren't any major issues.

24/20 Warden's Report. Mandy has started her new role in the Ramsgate area and has had some training to attend for this. Roger has been covering our community on days that Mandy was not on area, so this report is joint.

Our Come and Join us table at Sainsburys for February was well attended by other services such as local PCSOs, Age UK, Red Zebra and Cabin FM. Sainsburys continue to be pleased with having this initiative in their café to offer an opportunity for customers to not be sitting alone. There is already a regular lady who comes along each month.

*There has been an instance recently involving a roofing scam, company name on the side of a white van is **Haverling**. Resident is offered gutter clearing for £20 but then other unnecessary "issues" are subsequently found escalating the cost. Police and Trading Standards informed.*

Mandy contacted Serco to arrange the clearance of wet leaves and mud from the footpath alongside the Juniors leading up to Little Acorns.

There is a continued presence at the Junior school by Mandy and Victoria the Youth PCSO from time to time as a reassurance for the children and an opportunity for them to ask questions. Buddie signs have been ordered for the schools and Wardens to share messages about switching off engines and not stopping. These are signs the shape and height of children to make more of an impact and are being funded by CCC.

The Broomfield art group continues to thrive, and Mandy and Anne, will be joined in the coming weeks by one of the senior Managers from KCC who wishes to come to the area for a visit. This will be a great opportunity to show what a positive impact this group has made for the individuals who attend. Mandy has secured funding from Canterbury City Council to provide further support, workshops and materials to further develop creative opportunities in the area.

The Wednesday coffee morning at Broomfield URC continues although numbers have been very low. Roger has been approaching other local churches to see if any are able to support this and help develop it moving forward.

Mandy has had confirmation that the Rural Kent pop up café will be returning to Broomfield surgery garden again for the whole of this summer. This will be a further opportunity to promote things such as the Broomfield coffee morning, Come and Join Us table, art group and other activities, groups and events around the Herne and Broomfield areas.

Mandy and Roger are currently working on putting together a monthly task force type meeting for Canterbury Coast involving Wardens, KFRS, PCSOs, Enforcement and have a meeting arranged with representatives from these agencies at the end of February.

25/20 To receive reports from County Cllr Marsh & City Councillors. County Cllr Marsh reported he had been at County where the budget was finalised and KCC part of the council tax would increase by 3.99%.

26/20 Clerk's Report/Correspondence. The clerk reported it had been a rather traumatic couple of weeks. Our right-hand man at the Centre Dale Corley, had a serious car accident and was rushed to King's, now, thankfully, recovering from numerous operations to put him back together and this was followed by Cllr Davison's husband John, being rushed to King's. He has had an operation and he is hopefully on the road to recovery. Cllr Davis husband has also been admitted to hospital.

Dale being off long term sick has given James Browning a few issues with covering his shifts, but there is a new member of staff starting on 1st March to cover childcare. Covering everything Dale did, is not easy and we miss him very much. He is however progressing.

Preparations are ongoing for the 'What's On' Event on 28th March and so far, there are 12 organisations/clubs confirmed.

Please support the quiz night on 21st March we don't have many booked yet, it is £7pp nibbles provided.

The clerk reported that she had attended a CCC meeting re Corporate Plan the presentation was mainly about how CCC had performed with regard to the current corporate plan. Both Corporate Plan and Local Plan are being renewed at the same time so hopefully there will be some joined up thinking!

The Canterbury experience was discussed, this was for the Canterbury District, what had been achieved, what hadn't worked so well etc. How to increase visitor numbers, people to stay overnight especially in Canterbury, retail provision. Access to Canterbury was discussed, the issue of congestion and pollution as well as public transport.

Employment is considered a major issue, the creation of jobs and also provision for those leaving school but not moving on to higher education, there are few opportunities. Many jobs were only part time.

High Speed 1 (HS1) was discussed and there were comments that it was slow until it reached Ashford.

It was generally felt, that particularly in the villages, large developments were not wanted, the villages wanted to stay villages and not sprawl into the town/village adjacent to it. Too late for us!

House prices and provision for first time buyers and the older generation were also discussed by our table.

It was generally considered that not enough was made of Canterbury's Heritage and History, Whitstable seemed to fair well when it came to visitors, a variety of shops and things like art and book exhibitions.

Herne Bay had seen big improvements to the seafront and pier, the memorial park, wasn't very special and not used for much and there was criticism of Wimereux Square which could be used for a lot more. There will be consultation with parish councils in the near future.

There has been a problem with the drain between the two car parks at the Centre and a drainage engineer looked at it today for us, he was unable to rod it and suggested we call in a drainage company. The clerk contacted a recommended company from Folkestone and they have advised they can come along check the drains and put a camera down if required; they will also advise as to the cleaning out of filters etc, The

cost will be no more than £100. All the snagging issues have now been dealt with and the final accounts have been received and are on the schedule for payment.

27/20 Finance.

To ratify payments made since last meeting. None.

To approve payments presented at this meeting; schedule and bank reconciliation supplied. Payments were approved and the clerk went through the reserves.

To report on income received. HMRC refund £355.14, Poo bags £9, Donation for allotment training £72, newsletter advertising £72, Donation from Strode for Funday £1,041.73, Christmas fun day £25, Bank Interest £67.46, Sales £6, Bar sales £282.16, Total £1,930.49.

The report had been received from the auditor and had been circulated. Everything was in order and he commented on the discussion he had with the clerk regarding the banking arrangements.

Receive minutes of Finance meeting held on 23rd January 2020 (draft minutes circulated) and discuss any issues arising from these. Minutes were accepted, no queries raised.

28/20 Planning & Highways to receive minutes of the planning meeting held on 6th February 2020. (draft minutes circulated) answer any questions arising from the minutes. Cllr Blatherwick went through the applications discussed and highlighted the parish council response regarding the proposed mast, and the issues that had been raised that needed dealing with in regard to the application. She also spoke about the proposed yellow lines for Ridgeway Road, there was some opposition to the lines by residents but the parish council had supported them being installed on the south side of the road as access during the summer months was difficult for the farmer.

29/20 Environmental Issues including Tree & Pond Warden's Report. Cllr Collins reported on the Friends of the Pond AGM, which was only attended by 6 people. Debbie Checksfields is the interim chair. The pond day had to be cancelled due to the extreme weather.

30/20 Reports from council representatives on outside bodies and other organisations. Parish Plan group report. No reports.

31/20 Update on preferred web site chosen by councillors. Details circulated, including cost. The clerk told members that a decision will need to be made in order to move this forward and the parish council to be compliant by September. Following the meeting with the working group it was decided to recommend going with Eyelid Productions and Cloud Next for the hosting, members supported this. The cost for the first year will be £903.98. It was agreed that Michele Nicholson will now move things on and get the process started.

32/20 Receive minutes of Environment & Leisure meeting held on 16th January 2020. (draft minutes circulated) discuss any issues arising from the minutes. Minutes accepted no queries on the minutes.

33/20 To discuss the Allotment Management and trustees. Report on statutory allotments circulated. The person who has caused a lot of issues at the allotments is still challenging how she has been treated in the past, despite being told that a line has been drawn under what had happened previously. The clerk has explained that the parish council are not prepared to discuss previous issues any further. Cllr Day talked about the advantages of the Allotment Society becoming a CIC, this would protect individual members and the parish council could hand over the running of the allotments totally and not have to refer back to the parish council when issues arise. Committee members would be directors, it is not expensive to register as CIC. Cllr Day requested that the parish council apply for membership of the National Allotment Association, this would give them access to advice, this was agreed.

34/20 Receive minutes of Community Centre meeting held on 30th January 2020. (draft minutes circulated), discuss any issues arising from the minutes. To approve the minor alterations to the Management contract which is due for renewal. Minutes accepted, the clerk went through the alterations to the contract and members approved these. The new contract will go to WFCa for approval.

35/20 Members Reports. Cllr Day reported that he had not yet started the Policy Reviews.

**36/20 The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on 12th March 2020 at 7.30pm
at the Herne Centre.**

Meeting closed 9.00pm