

HERNE & BROOMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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

Minutes of the meeting of Herne & Broomfield Parish Council held at the Herne Centre on Thursday 14th July 2022 at 7.30pm, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Present:

Cllr Davis, Cllr Blatherwick, Cllr Collins, Cllr Davison, Cllr Harvey, Cllr Saunders, and Cllr Strong.

Not present:

Cllr Checksfield, Cllr Hill, Cllr Sargent, and Cllr Wilson.

136/22 To receive apologies for absence and accept reasons.

Cllrs Hill, Sargent, and Wilson working, Cllr Checksfield prior engagement. Apologies and reasons for absence were accepted.

County Cllr Marsh, and City Cllr Dekker.

137/22 To receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda and requests for dispensations.

None.

138/22 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 9th June 2022.

The minutes were agreed as a correct record.

139/22 To report on matters arising from the minutes, not on the agenda, for information only.

The clerk reported that the Kent Association of Local Councils had been contacted regarding using the Herne Centre as a meeting venue.

ADJOURNMENT FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Draw for 100 Club.

1st: 32, 2nd: 27.

One member of the public attended and spoke regarding fly-tipping in Curtis Wood Road. They had reported it to Canterbury City Council, but it had not been cleared. City Cllr Howes said he would investigate.

140/22 Chairman's Announcements.

Cllr Davis reminded everyone about the Community Fun Day on 7th August 2022.

141/22 Police Matters/Crime report.

Crimes of note:

- 12/06 - Canterbury Road – Dangerous driving – Vehicle swerving at speeds – Driver was stopped
- 19/06 - Braid Drive – Shoplifting – reoccurring suspect
- 20/06 - Herne Street – Burglary – Shed broken into

Anti-social behaviour and other incidents of note:

Items of good work:

Visible Patrolling – Foot and Vehicle

Liaising with parking enforcement within the area

Updates of previous reported issues:

A further month of no official reports of ASB

142/22 Warden's Report.

The clerk reported that there was no report from Lisa Harrison – Community Warden Herne and Broomfield, as she was on holiday.

143/22 To receive reports from County Cllr Marsh & City Cllr Howes.

City Cllr Howes.

Kent Police are currently focussing on rural crime.

Residents that have raised concerns regarding the issues of parking around Streetfield at school times have been asked to monitor the situation. This may need to be looked at again in the next parking review.

For a limited period, new food waste bins can be ordered free from Canterbury City Council (CCC), and blue and red lidded bins can be bought at a discounted rate.

There are at least 23 Ukrainian families being supported in Herne Bay, with a few in Herne and Broomfield. English classes are being provided in Herne Bay, with a clothes bank at St. Bart's Church and food banks at St. Bart's Church, the Salvation Army, and Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church. More host families are needed, with more information available on CCC's website or by contacting City Cllr Howes.

Kent County Council (KCC) will be running its Reconnect free bus pass scheme over the summer. Information is available on KCC's website, where a digital version can be ordered. Paper copies can be collected from Canterbury Library or Herne Bay Poppy Centre.

Cllr Davison arrived at this point.

144/22 Clerk's Report/Correspondence.

Circulated prior to meeting.

61 applications were received for the position of Administration Assistant, with most coming via Indeed. Members of the Staffing Committee have met to go through the first 45 applications and long listed 12 of them. A meeting to review the remaining 16 is yet to be arranged, when it is hoped that a short list can be put together.

More volunteers are needed for the Fun Day. If anyone is known who can help, then please let the clerk know. The Responsible Finance Officer is liaising with Sarah Bingham from St. Martin's regarding the arrangements. Applications for the Car Show are still coming in.

Making very slow progress with the outstanding maintenance issues in the centre but hope to have them dealt with soon.

The Garden Safari went well, with 14 gardens open. £1932.75 has been raised so far.

145/22 Finance.

To ratify payments made since last meeting: None.

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

To report on income received: Adverts £345.60, 100 Club £48.00, Garden Safari £1932.75, Car Show £15.00, CCC refund payment made twice £20.00, Donation £5.00, Map sales £4.00, total £2370.35.

146/22 To receive the draft minutes of the Herne Centre Committee meeting held on

16th July 2022.

The draft minutes were received.

Cllr Blatherwick went through what was discussed at the last West Faversham Community Association (WFCA)/Herne & Broomfield Parish Council meeting. There are still outstanding issues regarding storage, the garden, and maintenance.

There was some discussion about the solar panels and whether they are working as they should be. Cllr Blatherwick reported that James Browning (WFCA) had suggested switching off the panels for 24 hours and monitoring the electricity usage. The clerk said that this had been done and she would forward the results. Members agreed to make enquiries with a consultant to look at the system.

Cllr Davison said that the Herne Centre water saving needed some minor adjustments to be more effective.

Cllr Davis reported that a complaint had been made via Facebook about the alarm going off at the weekend.

Cllr Hill reported that she had received two complaints from a resident about the noise from one of the classes. The clerk said that the doors and windows should not be open during the class, but the sound could be coming out through the ventilation system in the roof.

147/22 To receive the draft minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee meeting held on 7th July 2022.

The draft minutes were received.

148/22 To receive the draft minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee meeting held on 12th July 2022.

The draft minutes were received.

The clerk reported that there should be an amendment. Instead of Herne Bay Court it should say Ruskins View.

Cllr Davis reported that complaints had been received via Facebook about overgrown hedges along Canterbury Road. She had given them to the clerk who has already passed the information on to the KCC Highways Steward.

Cllr Davison reported that the gullies in Canterbury Road in front of the Canterbury Fields estate are blocked.

Cllr Davis reported that KCC have organised a public meeting regarding the Herne Relief Road on 26th July 2022 at the Herne Centre. The clerk will send out the details once they have been received, which can be shared via Facebook and the parish website.

149/22 Reports from council representatives on outside bodies and other organisations.

Cllr Hill apologised that she had not been able to attend the KALC area meetings.

Cllr Davison reported that Kent Wildlife Trust (KWT) and Wildwood have arranged a Bison Festival for 24th July 2022, as part of the Wilder Blean Project. A shuttle bus will run between the site, Herne Bay bus garage and Military Road. Further information, including how to order tickets will be available from their website.

150/22 Environmental Issues including Tree & Pond Warden's Report.

Tree Wardens report 14th July 2022:

TPO at 83 Broomfield Road is potentially under threat again, from a neighbour's solicitor. I have been in contact with the Tree Warden partnership to get advice. Have measured the Horse chestnut tree at 1 Hunters Chase, which is interesting and like the oak at 83 is planted on a mound. Grateful thanks to Alan and Cllr Debbie Checksfield for allowing me to do this and also thank you to them for strimming around the tree nursery at the allotments and along the fruiting hedge at Community Park again. Thanks to Andy and Dan Kendrew for watering the hedge up there. Andy has also given the new trees in Mill Lane some water. I have been watering the elm. There were loads of dog poo & bags everywhere at the Community Park. Some may have been hidden in the long grass, before it was cut, which makes it look worse. We have had complaints about the notice that has been put up to potentially ban dogs up there, which of course we would have to discuss and approve before that could happen. Still have to visit and measure the Ash tree at No. 2 Hunters Chase and the Yew tree in Albion Lane. Update on PROW 42/1 regarding the trees growing across the PROW into the garden of 64 Streetfield and the dangerous drain cover. Thanks to Michele and Lisa our warden for contacting Highways, who has visited the resident affected and also

contacted PROW office. I have given responses to quite a lot of planning applications for tree works within our Conservation areas.

Cllr Davison raised concerns that CCC had suggested that the monitoring of the Air Quality Management Area could be withdrawn as the levels have remained lower. The clerk explained that these concerns had been raised with CCC, who have responded that no decision has been made yet and will not be made without consultation with the parish council.

Cllr Harvey reported that he has been watering the hedge at Broomfield Community Park and will be borrowing the wheeled strimmer from Herne & Broomfield Allotment Society to strim around them. He has also been watering the new trees in Mill Lane.

151/22 Members Reports.

None.

152/22 The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on 11th August 2022.

Meeting closed at 8.50 pm.