

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 9th June 2022 at 7.30pm, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Present:

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

Not present:

Cllr Checksfield, Cllr Davison, Cllr Hill, and Cllr Sargent.

118/22 To receive apologies for absence and accept reasons.

Cllr Davison, Cllr Hill working, Cllr Checksfield training, Cllr Sargent working. Apologies and reasons for absence were accepted.

County Cllr Marsh, and City Cllr Howes.

119/22 To receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda and requests for dispensations.

None.

120/22 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 12th May 2022.

The minutes were agreed as a correct record.

121/22 To report on matters arising from the minutes, not on the agenda, for information only.

None.

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

Draw for 100 Club.

1st: 17, 2nd: 21.

122/22 Chairman's Announcements.

Cllr Davis thanked everyone who helped with getting the newsletters out.

123/22 Police Matters/Crime report.

Crimes of note:

- 04/05 – Braid Road – Nuisance – Cannabis regularly being smoked
- 05/05 – Cherry Orchard playing field – Nuisance Vehicle – Moped being rode on field
- 12/05 – Hicks Forstal Road – East Blean woods – 3 youths riding dirt bikes in woods
- 28/05 – Herne Street – Dangerous Driving – Intoxicated male

Anti-social behaviour and other incidents of note:

Items of good work:

Visible Patrolling – Foot and Vehicle

Community Engagement – Coffee morning – Broomfield surgery

Updates of previous reported issues:

No reports of Anti-social behaviour

124/22 Warden's Report.

Parish Council Report May – Lisa Harrison – Community Warden Herne and Broomfield.

Throughout the month of May I have only been working part time due to home circumstances.

I continue with welfare visits, which were requested by various agencies including Social Services, within the Herne and Herne Bay Area. I am also continuing to attend local clubs and

groups to both support and advertise upcoming events in their local area. Please let me know if you have any new events so I can inform residents I meet on my travels.

The Pop-Up Café was held again on Tuesday 24th May. Unfortunately, unlike last time, there were not many residents in attendance due to the torrential rain, although the few that did attend gained a lot of support. Some were new residents to the area and were interested in activities and support that are available to them. Fortunately, due to the limited numbers of attendees I was able to spend plenty of time with them, making sure they were aware of what they could access in their local area.

I will continue to be visible weekly at the Cherry Orchard Park as there continues to be low level ASB.

At present I have agreed to support all day at Strode Park on Saturday 4th June for Jubilee celebration. I will also be present for the Jubilee Celebrations at the Church on Sunday 5th June and the Garden Safari on Sunday 12th June. I look forward to seeing you there!

125/22 To receive reports from County Cllr Marsh & City Cllrs Dekker and Howes.

City Cllr Dekker.

City Cllr Dekker explained that as she has now become the Lord Mayor of Canterbury, she will be unable to actively work with the parish council. However, she can pass any issues raised on to the relevant person.

She thanked the parish council for all their support and will continue to do what she can.

126/22 Clerk's Report/Correspondence.

The clerk thanked the Responsible Finance Officer for covering the office whilst she was on holiday.

The Parish Platinum Party at St. Martin's that took place on 5th June 2022 went well.

Although numbers were not as expected there was a steady stream of people. Everyone that did attend had a good time. Thank you to Cllrs Davis and Wilson who helped with setting up/taking down, and Cllr Davison who was there throughout.

Hopefully, everything is in place for the Garden Safari on 12th June 2022. There are nine gardens confirmed as opening, plus Herne Mill, the allotments, St. Martin's Church, and Broomfield Pond, plus the Herne Horticultural & Rose Show. Thank you to Cllr Davis for all her help, Cllr Wilson for completing the risk assessments, and Cllr Checksfield for repainting the signs.

The advert for Administration Assistant has been put in the newsletter. There have been six enquiries so far.

Cllr Davis thanked Cllr Harvey for putting up the Garden Safari signs.

127/22 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: CCC S106 £523.44, HBAS allotment rent £800.00, Car Show donations £20.00, adverts £86.40, total £1429.84.

128/22 To receive the draft minutes of the Staffing Committee meeting held on 17th May 2022.

The draft minutes were received.

Cllr Davis reported that the advert for Administration Assistant had also been posted on the Kent Association of Local Councils (KALC) website.

129/22 To receive the draft minutes of the Environment & Leisure Committee meeting held on 19th May 2022.

The draft minutes were received.

Cllr Davis thanked Cllrs Davison and Wilson for their help at the Parish Platinum Party.
Cllr Davis reminded members that the Garden Safari was on Sunday.

130/22 To receive the draft minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee meeting held on 31st May 2022.

The draft minutes were received.

Cllr Blatherwick reported that members had neither refused or approved the planning application for Swale Close but had raised concerns regarding overdevelopment and bedroom sizes. She mentioned that the use of electric scooters was discussed, however members agreed that until Government legislation is changed, they could not comment. Cllr Blatherwick raised concerns that an Existing Conditions Survey had not been done on the neighbouring property to the Huntsman & Horn public house, and that work had begun. Cllr Davis confirmed this as she has been helping the resident affected. City Cllr Howes had contacted Canterbury City Council (CCC) Building Control, who were not aware that building had started. Of particular concern is the security of the building site.

Cllr Harvey reported on the 20's Plenty for Us scheme. An article has been put in the current edition of the Herne & Broomfield Community News explaining the scheme and asking residents for their views. He has had lots of telephone calls and emails and some responses via the online survey.

Cllr Blatherwick reported on the meeting she, County Cllr Marsh and the clerk had had with Colin Finch (Kent County Council Highways). This was regarding the three proposed points of access to Lower Herne Road from the Strode Farm development. Cllr Blatherwick had stated that the preferred option was pedestrian/cycle access only.

Cllr Davis reported that she had been in contact with a resident regarding footpath CH42, in Streetfield. It is overgrown with trees and has a raised drain cover. The clerk confirmed that she had reported it but will contact KCC Highways again.

131/22 To discuss the quotes for the work needed at the BMX Track/Community Park.

The clerk presented the three quotes. After some discussion it was agreed to accept the cheapest quote of £5274.42.

132/22 Reports from council representatives on outside bodies and other organisations.

None.

Cllr Davis mentioned that KALC were looking for suitable meeting venues and suggested recommending the Herne Centre.

133/22 Environmental Issues including Tree & Pond Warden's Report.

Cllr Collins reported that the paths in Curtis Wood Park were overgrown with brambles. The clerk will report to CCC.

Cllr Harvey reported that the footpath in Margate Road between Broomfield Post Office and the Huntsman & Horn pub was overgrown and needs to be reported.

Cllr Davis suggested that the Wildflower Seed provided by City Cllr Dekker could be planted at Broomfield Community Park, Curtis Wood Park, Savernake Park, and the triangle of land near Broomfield Pond.

134/22 Members Reports.

None.

135/22 The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on 14th July 2022.

Meeting closed at 8.40 pm.