

HERNE & BROOMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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

Minutes of the meeting of Herne & Broomfield Parish Council Planning & Highways held at the Herne Centre on Thursday 4th August 2022 at 7.30pm, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Present: Cllr Blatherwick, Cllr Checksfield, and Cllr Wilson.

- 1 To receive apologies for absence and accept reasons.**
Cllr Davison, Cllr Hill, and Cllr Strong. Reasons accepted
City Cllr Howes was unable to attend.
- 2 To receive declarations of interest on items on the Agenda and requests for dispensations.**
None.
- 3 To confirm the minutes of the planning meeting held on 12th July 2022.**
Were approved as a correct record.
- 4 To report on matters arising from the minutes, not on the agenda, for information only.**
The clerk reported that she had contacted the planning officer and clerk at Sturry Parish Council regarding application 22/01072, and the concerns that members had raised.
The clerk read out Kent County Council Highways response to the reporting of blocked drains and their risk-based approach.

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

To allow members of the public to speak about items on the agenda.

None were present.

22/01416	1 Chapel Cottages, Bogshole Lane	Single-storey rear extension.	05/08/22
		Members supported this application.	
22/01439	79 Albion Lane	Front porch extension together with change of materials from render to tiles to front and side elevations.	05/08/22
		Members supported this application.	
22/01432	Beechwood, Benstede Close	T1 Variegated Maple tree on rear boundary - crown reduce by 20% in height and reduce radially by maximum of 20% T2 Japanese Maple tree in front garden - reduce by a maximum of 0.5-1 metre.	
		Members agreed with the tree warden's report. No objection so long as carried out by a professional and outside bird nesting season.	
22/01471	Outside of 45 Aspen Road	T1) Silverbirch -fell located in community area outside number 45 adjacent to play area.	

		Members agreed with the tree warden's report. Unhappy about the proposal to fell this silver birch, which provides dappled shade to the play area. According to one study, silver birch trees are capable of removing 40 tonnes of CO2 from the air in 20 years. BBC research showed an avenue of silver birch trees planted along a busy urban road was responsible for reducing PMs by up to 60% in the homes of the residents living alongside them. If CCC is minded to approve this application, the tree should be replaced by at least one other silver birch tree nearby, especially as the play area is sited adjacent to a car park and the estate is beside the busy A291. Members also raised concerns that as this tree is in a communal area, other residents may not have been consulted and that it should not be down to one resident to request that this tree is felled.	
22/01523	Herne CE Junior School, School Lane	T1, Sycamore – Reduce 4m in height to point of last pollard, located to front.	
		Members agreed with the tree warden's report. No objection.	
22/01589	Opposite 1 Chapel Row	T1 – Ash – remove the overhanging branches back to the main upright stem and remove any major deadwood, directly opposite the property.	
		Members agreed with the tree warden's report: Have no problems with this application so long as it is done professionally.	
22/01350	26 Windmill Road	Single-storey side extension following demolition of existing garage.	
		Members neither objected nor supported this application. Members raised concerns that the extension could still be used as a separate dwelling, and that it is unrealistic to expect it to be accessed via the bedroom.	
22/01512	Little Acorns Pre School, Herne CE Junior School, Rear of 71 Norton Avenue	Replacement of classroom building with new classroom, following demolition of existing classroom.	19/08/22
		Members supported this application.	
22/01570	14 Ash Close	Second storey side extension.	26/08/22
		Members neither objected nor supported this application. Members raised concerns that this application would be out of keeping with the locality, to the detriment of the visual amenity. It would also unbalance the neighbouring properties, being the only one of this size.	

Any applications submitted prior to the meeting will be considered.

Appeals: None.

Correspondence received: None.

Applications approved by C.C.C.:

22/00504 47 Ladyfields

22/00578 Herne Bay Golf Club, Thanet Way

22/01039 10 Mill View Road

22/00635 22 Streetfield

21/03006 The Oast House, 135 Margate Road

21/02938 Bullockstone Road, South of Thanet Way

22/01151 36 Vinten Close

Applications refused by C.C.C.:

22/00959 16 Ladyfields

22/00471 Waltersville, Bullockstone Road

22/00630 4 Swale Close

Applications withdrawn: None.

To discuss any Highways issues:

Notice of Public Path Order – Diversion of Footpath CH23, Lower Herne Road.

Members supported the diversion.

Update on the planned BRIS/Herne Relief Road works.

Cllr Blatherwick and the clerk met with Ben Cuddihee (KCC Highways) on 22nd July 2022 regarding an update on the proposed works.

Ben had some drawings and went through the proposed order of works, starting in the middle. KCC have received the monies from the Hillborough development, so the BRIS is now fully funded. It is expected that Bullockstone Road will be closed for 42 weeks, until June 2023.

That had been delays due to issues with telephone cables near to the proposed Canterbury Road roundabout. Construction traffic will be banned from Lower Herne Road and Herne village.

The road will be 7m wide, with a footway of 2m all the way through.

Traffic marshals will be on site during the day. There will be a full time Breheny Site Agent on site, and the KCC Resident Engineer and Ben Cuddihee will visit regularly.

Representatives from Breheny, and Ben Cuddihee from KCC Highways held a public meeting on 26th July 2022 for the residents directly affected by the scheme.

They had the plans on display, giving residents the opportunity to raise their concerns, and to answer any questions. Work has now started, and it is expected to take the best part of a year to complete.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.