

HERNE & BROOMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of the meeting of Herne & Broomfield Parish Council Planning & Highways Committee held at Herne Mill, Wootton Room, on Thursday 3rd December 2015 at 7.30pm for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Present: Cllr Blatherwick, Cllr Sargent, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Harvey, Cllr O'Donnell, Cllr Mitchell and Cllr Moore.

- 1) Apologies for absence. None
- 2) To receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda. Cllr Sargent re Strode Farm.
- 3) The minutes of the planning meeting held on 5th November 2015, were agreed as a correct and accurate record.
- 4) Matters arising. None.

Public Adjournment. Residents wishing to speak need to confirm they are registered electors in this parish, by giving their name and addresses.

Planning Applications discussed

CA/15/02498	3 Bramblefields Close	Front ext to existing garage	18/12/15
Members commented that this proposal would bring the building out in front of the building line, and possibly lack of parking.			
CA/15/02466	Strode Farm Lower Herne Rd	Demolition of buildings located Strode Farm	18/12/15
Members thought this application was premature but there was not a lot to be said about it.			
CA/15/02390	Scout centre New Road	New detached shower block	11/12/15
This application was welcomed and supported, but a concern raised by residents in New Road was discussed and this was regarding the water supply, as it is a shared supply.			
CA/15/01085	Land 2 Selwood Cottages Hoopers Lane	Erection 2 x 3bed detached houses	01/12/15
Lack of car parking was an issue with this development, also the damage that could be done to the unadopted road. There were also concerns regarding the height of the trellis.			
CA/15/02330	57 Broomfield Road	Demolition of garage/workshop and conservatory, new garage/studio rear ext to dwelling including raised roof with 1 st floor acc and ass works	11/12/15
Members approved this application.			
CA/15/02539	4 Albion Close	Side Ext incorporating a loft conversion and dormer windows to front and rear	24/12/15
The drawings do not appear to match on the drawings. Dormers are too big for the property, the room sizes appear to be very small. It is over development of the property. This will have an impact on the visual amenity of the area and also there were queries regarding parking provision. The balance of this proposal is not right.			

Correspondence received. Notification of appeal 36 Broomfield Road, for the erection of 9 dwellings.

Enforcement 58 The Meadows has been resolved.

Report on attendance at CCC meetings re Local Plan.

Report on meeting at CCC Policy & Resources

Cllr Blatherwick objected to the additional 80 dwellings proposed at Golf Driving range in Bullockstone Road, which were to go into the Local Plan as an addition. She asked for the allocation for Strode Farm to be removed, one of the officers told members sites could not be removed, which was untrue as they had removed K & C from the plan.

Cllr Blatherwick spoke about the fact that CCC had decided Herne was not a village and that the residents were very concerned at the loss of identity. She had previously submitted a petition signed by over 500 residents supporting the request to remove Herne & Broomfield from the Herne Bay Urban Boundary. Following much discussion by the committee they finally passed the motion that they supported this request.

Cllr Blatherwick also objected to the removal of the conservation area around Herne Mill.

Report on CCC Full Council meeting

At the full council meeting Cllr Davis asked a question of members regarding the removal of the urban boundary. Following discussion members were told that details provided to date, would go to the Inspector and it would be his decision (the clerk said that she did not think this was in the Inspectors remit). There would, apparently, have to be robust evidence to support a boundary change. After some discussion, the motion was lost.

The consultation on the amendments to the Local Plan have now been published and the consultation will run until 22nd January. Cllr Blatherwick will look at these as soon as she can, members have all been sent the link. The clerk thought there was not too much regarding Herne & Broomfield in this, apart from the proposed additional properties in Bullockstone Road, the fight against including Strode Farm in the urban area and to try and retain the green gap will go on. There is a public meeting on 5th January at St Martin's church, Cllr Blatherwick will explain what has been done so far to try and fight the development on Strode and she will advise residents on how they can contact the Inspector with their views.

Chris Crook from Hollamby Estates requested a meeting with Cllr Blatherwick, he told her that if there wasn't a decision made by CCC on the planning application by the end of November, they would go to appeal on non-determination. He said they were willing to build a 2 form entry primary school as part of the development and hoped that the parish council would withdraw their opposition to the development. Cllr Blatherwick explained the parish council represented the residents and as they did not want the development the objections would stand. Cllr Blatherwick did say that she wanted to work with them, because if the development did go ahead she wanted to make sure that it had the correct balance and community facilities. Chris repeated that it was not their intention to complete the spine road until the last stage of the development.

Applications Approved by CCC: CA/15/01379 15 Woodrow Chase Single & side ext.

CA/15/01416 21 Shepherds Gate Close 2 storey ext.

CA/15/01270 Strode Park Ext to Therapy room

CA/15/01531 Strode Farm Demolition of buildings

CA/15/01481 7a Vinten Close Removal of condition 03

CA/15/01530 59 Broomfield Road Demolition of existing and erection of replacement dwelling.

CA/15/02010 The Old Malt House 47 Herne Street To re-instate cast iron handrails on steps.

CA/15/02210 1 Bogshole Lane Demolition of existing garage and rear ext and erection of proposed 2 storey side ext.

CA/15/01799 Land Huntsman & Horn Variation of conditions.

CCC planning applications refused: None

To discuss any Highways Issues. Cllr Blatherwick, the clerk and representatives from Harbledown and Blean Parish Councils met at the Mill with Tim Middleton and Andrew Westward from KCC Highways on 30th November. The meeting was to have a follow up on the lorry/HGV routes. It was explained that action was limited, if more restrictions were put in place, the police will not enforce them. They only have 2 officers to cover the whole of Kent, to deal with lorry issues and their priority, quite rightly is safety, exceeding driving hours, condition of vehicles, tries etc.

However there was work being done to encourage these vehicles to use the A290 and A299, they are working with Freight Gateway web site to help plan routes and also with the lorry Sat Nav companies.

New signage will be installed to encourage the preferred routes. A consultant will be brought in to do the design, probably in January. It is hoped that the signs etc will be in place by late February, the funding for this is already in place. Existing signs to be cleared and missing ones to be replaced. Cllr Blatherwick thanked them for working with the parishes to try and reduce the lorry impact on the villages affected. The clerk handed over the lorry watch sheets completed by the wardens in Herne, and KCC requested that this be repeated around April next year. The proposals went to the Joint Transport Board on 1st December.

Meeting closed 9.15pm