

Hersden Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Hersden Parish Council held on Tuesday 11th July 2023 at 7.00 pm. At Hersden Neighbourhood Centre

Present: Councillors J Brabham, A Brabham, R Llewellyn, C Warman, P Hatton and E Berceanu

In attendance: KCC Cllr A Marsh, CCC Cllr H McKenzie, Cllr K Moses, Community Warden Linda Hayes, Caretaker David Hards, HPC's Clerk Lisamarie Foster

90/23 **Apologies for Absence and reason for absence**

91/23 **Declarations of Councillor's interests regarding items on the Agenda**

Cllr Berceanu informs us he has completed the outstanding section on his DPI and returned the information to CCC. The Clerk did the same with Cllr Hatton's information.

92/23 **To approve the minutes of the following Meeting**

13th June 2023

The minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair

All Agreed

93/23 **Matters arising not agenda items**

94/23 **Public discussion on items on the agenda**

No members of the public present

95/23 **KCC & CCC Cllrs reports; PCSO & Community Warden reports**

CCC Cllrs report is read out by the Chair in their absence –

Broadoak Village Hall -Sunday 16th July 18:00 - 20:00

Westbere Village Hall - Friday 1st September 18:00 - 20:00

Hersden Community Centre - Friday 15th September 18:00-20:00

Fordwich Old School Hall - Friday 6th October 18:00 - 20:00

We have listened to feedback from previous surgery in Sturry and so this time we will be running on an appointment system. Residents will be seen on a one-to-one basis for 5mins slots, and we will set up a waiting area at the venue.

Closure of Ticket offices

There will be a consultation in the fall to September and October with respect to the ticket offices in Canterbury. The only ticket office that will be open is likely Canterbury West.

There is no further update on this for now.

Bin strike

As you may have seen the update on the council's website. The bin strike dispute is still ongoing with GMB Members.

GMB union working for our waste contractor Canenco rejected its latest pay offer of £1,925 to every worker, backdated to 1 April with the drivers' £2,000 retention bonus being consolidated into their salaries.

Cabinet members have made it very clear there is no appetite to cut back other vital frontline council services that people rely on in order to pay for more increases in pay at Canenco.

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We do have a number of crews out making collections and are aiming to complete a full refuse (black bin) Monday service.

Black bin or purple sacks to be put out as normal on collection day.

If bins are not collected after 24 hours, it will have to be taken back in until the next scheduled collection day.

Residents who have missed out on household waste and recycling collections so far will be able to put out 'side waste' – ie, recycling in a suitable container (not in bin bags) and general rubbish in black bags – at their next collection on Wednesday 19 July, Thursday 20 July and Friday 21 July and Monday 24 July.

There are further instructions on the CCC Website

Cafe Hope

We are supporting Linda, the wards community warden, in her project to establish a monthly support group for the community.

This meeting is intended for those who are affected by dementia and their caregivers, as well as for those who want to attend and build friendships. The Sturry Social Club will be hosting this event and it will start either late July or early August. This is an excellent initiative and both me and Harry are committed to supporting the project. I pledged £250 through Councillor Grant to get the project off the ground. It will pay to rent the Sturry social club for a little more than three months. In addition, Asda, the community champion, has committed to providing tea, coffee, milk, and other items to cover the first two months of the project.

I would appreciate it if this information can be shared with your network and if you would support the initiative when required. Linda met with an elderly resident who reduced access to his property for almost 30 years. This resident was 84-year-old and essential services within the local council could not have access to him and so he was left with no hot water for a long time. She was able to convince him to engage and now he has hot water running in his property. This is only one example of how important it is to have such a support group at the local level.

Housing Development – North of Broadoak – CA/18/00868

This is an application for 456 homes and commercial floorspace was also approved at the same time as the Sturry application in March 2021

On June 26th, Harry, Simon Thomas, and I went to a meeting with Hyde housing to discuss the development of properties at Broadoak. Their commitment is to give 20% of their housing constructed for affordable housing to residents. We have also asked for community consultation before plans are finalized. The next meeting is 11th September.

DUST ISSUES -

We visited resident at Shalloak rd regarding having continuous problems with clouds of dust all over their window, doors, outside furniture, and cars. We visited the development site on Wed 28 th June.

Prior to our site visit, this was the response by the technical co-ordinators to our email:

We have also instructed our geotechnical consultant (RSK – Formerly LEAP Environmental) to provide us with an Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP). This will serve as a roadmap for the site teams to work to during the warmer/dryer months, thus reducing the spread of dust from within our site and subsequently reducing the risk of the dust going beyond our site boundary and affecting our direct neighbours as you have stated. I hope to receive the AQMP next week and will be able to action any other recommendations to supplement what we have already started doing on this site. Dust mitigation will likely be ongoing from now until the end of summer, assuming this year is as warm as last.

There is a project inbox which we have (BroadOakSturry@barratthomes.co.uk), that is continuously

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being monitored by myself and the project team to deal with queries like this from members of the public.

New Development consultation

Proposal for 110 houses on the field behind pope's lane by Gladman – No official planning application has been submitted yet; however, residents are asked to express their view on the proposed proposal.

A copy of the above report was emailed to the Parish Councillors by the Clerk prior to the meeting.

Cllr A Brabham asks how things are settling down within the Council? Cllr Moses responds with a lot of the issues being raised by residents are regarding traffic, they have been trying to build relationships with KCC and the relevant departments. A lot of meetings and trying to adjust and get used to the process, most importantly building relationships with the Parish Councils and again gives her apologies for the cancellation of the surgeries, new dates have been arranged 15th September 6-8pm at the Hersden Community Centre.

CCC Cllr Harry McKenzie and CCC Cllr Keji Moses arrive for the meeting

Community Warden Linda Hayes June 2023

Met with Asda community champion Fare Share fresh end of life produce available for collection – notified NHC

Kent libraries offer an exempt card for people with disabilities and mental ill health, this allows the users to borrow books for longer with no charge for late return, form and information left with neighbourhood centre.

Making progress on a Mind/memory café Café Hope in Sturry Social Centre, which will be a social gathering site one Monday a month for residents and their carer's and families to come and gain support and advice with any issues they may face. I have received an offer of funding and am in the process of working with supporters from Canterbury City council and recruiting volunteers to get this underway within the next 6 weeks.

Spoke to Harry Mckenzie regarding Mens Shed at Hersden he has offered support with this.

Graffiti on bus stop reported to Canterbury City Council

Dumped rubbish reported via

Gas cannisters reported by residents far corner of playing field, no sign when I visited, reported to parish councillor.

Met Community Police officer

Cllr C Warman asks what days/time slots Café Hope will run – it will start on Mondays approx. 10-1 once a month to start with.

KCC Cllr Alan Marsh

I would like to ask the Canterbury City Councillors a question with regards to the waste collection. The green bins which are paid for separately therefore it is a contract so this needs to be addressed. I have heard that compensation will be paid however this is not something I have been made aware of through the correct channels so this is being brought to your attention. Cllr K Moses responds and states that some emails have been received today and the matters are being looked into.

At some stage I would like an update with regards to the Persimmons plan. Cllr Marsh will be updated once our meeting takes place with any new information.

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End of year performance and annual review and audit for Kent County Council, if you have something you wish me to raise, the Closure of the ticket offices is a concern, this will affect all age groups.

I was incredibly surprised to find out that there is not one conservative councillor in Canterbury. I have had 16 invitations from the independent group, I have thanked them but have declined.

Cllr McKenzie mentions the traffic problems on Popes Lane, this issue will be addressed at the Sturry Council Meeting.

Cllr Llewellyn mentions issue with the online parking systems, a lot of people can't do this online, certain age groups are struggling with this. Cllr Marsh agrees that car parking is an issue, he can mention it at full council but Canterbury City Council are responsible for this.

KCC Cllr Alan Marsh leaves the meeting.

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Chair, Cllrs, Clerk and Caretakers reports

Chair – Had a meeting today with the Island Road management Company, The Clerk and Cllr A Brabham were also in attendance, To discuss Chislet Gardens, what they are responsible for and how we can work together, reported some fencing and some overgrown areas, asked for a representative to attend our meetings, in the meantime we will not be doing anything in Chislet Gardens until they come back to us with information. We will update when we have more information.

Cllr Llewellyn – Nothing

Cllr Warman – Nothing

Cllr A Brabham - Nothing

Cllr Hatton - Nothing

Cllr Berceanu - Nothing

Clerk – Some information regarding the AGAR return, this will be discussed under finance.

Caretaker – Litter issues in St Albans, overloaded bins disturbed by foxes. The lack of collections has caused more litter. Car park with overgrown hedges causing litter picking issues. David mentions Chislet Gardens maintenance doesn't cover the litter picking, they clear the cuttings but do not remove litter. David asks if the new Bin will be on hold for Spires/Chislet Gardens, we will hold back on this until we get further information from Island Road management company. Bredlands Lane management company (Montgomery Gardens) also need contacting for clarification on what they cover – **CLERK to action.**

Contact to be made with Spires Academy to find out who's responsibility the hedge is along the A28.

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Correspondence received:

General email regarding road closures in Kent

Email: Email communication with The British Heart Foundation regarding the Defibrillator battery life, this has been returned and a loan device has been put in its place. I will update when we get a response regarding the repair/replacement of ours.

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Email: KALC Canterbury Area committee meeting minutes, circulated to Councillors, as we didn't have a representative available to attend the meeting, the minutes were circulated.

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To discuss the pickleball marking quote and agree: We have had quotes, the original quote from CCC for £1500. GB Sport and leisure £2617. Soft surfaces £3867. Cllr Jack Brabham suggests we go with the cheapest quote from CCC. Cllr Warman states she is concerned about the amount the court is going to be used, is it just through the summer, can the space be used without lines/markings, is it just a short term solution due to Kingsmead Leisure centre closing. There has always been an issue with who is responsible, then are we expected to maintain the court. In the meantime, where have they been playing. We have only had a few residents interested. The Councillors decide that if this was to be looked at in the future the quote from CCC would be used, however at this point they do not wish to proceed with white line marking the courts.

Proposed: Cllr Warman, Seconded: Cllr Hatton, All Agreed. **Clerk to notify CCC and the resident of the decision.**

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Planning & Enforcement Matters – None

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Finance Matters

Payment received – concurrent funding CCC.

Grant Application – Grant application from the Hersden Community Centre for £370 to help with costs towards a fun day on the 22nd July. Declaration of interests from Cllr Hatton, Cllr A Brabham and Cllr Llewellyn (Trustees for the community Centre) We are unsure at this point if Cllr J Brabham needs to declare an interest as an employee of the Community Centre, this leaving the Council short on numbers to vote. It is decided that we will decline this request until further information is sought. Proposed: Cllr J Brabham, All agreed. **Clerk to contact the Community Centre and seek information from KALC.**

Internal Auditor report 2022/2023 – AGAR has been returned, we have since received the report from the Internal Auditor, this is read out to the Councillors. The report that was sent to accompany the AGAR return was also read out, again bringing it to the attention of the Councillors that the previous years External Auditors report wasn't published on the website within the dates specified. The Clerk has published everything necessary to date and awaits the External Auditor report. The accounts are available for public viewing, the 30 day window commenced 22nd June to the 3rd August this information is also on the website.

To agree the purchase of the office computer (price has increased) - This doesn't need discussing as the computer was purchased for the original agreed price.

Accounts for Payment

Banking sign off (monthly rotation) this month Cllr A Brabham and Cllr Llewellyn.

Payments – July 2023		
John Caddick	Grounds Maintenance (June)	£316.99
David Hards	July salary - paid by s/o	£225.77
	Mobile Phone credit £10.00 per month	£10.00
	Screwdriver	£8.00
Lisamarie Foster	July salary – paid by s/o	£523.25
	X8 hours overtime @£11.50ph	£92.00

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DM Payroll Services	Administration of payroll for 23/24	£132.00
British Heart Foundation	Defibrillator and lockable cabinet	£1717.99
Lionel Robbins	Internal Audit Fee	£120.00
Bank Balance as of 30 th June 2023		£92,228.19

Proposed: Cllr Berceanu, Seconded: Cllr Llewellyn, All agreed

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Working Group Updates

Staffing: None

Playground: Still waiting for the final quote.

Youth: Bus is still in attendance.

BMX Track:

Finance:

Events:

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Community Safety Group: Nothing

Training:

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Any other business: Cllr Llewellyn mentions the miner's event at Betteshanger Sunday 6th August 2023.

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Date of the next meeting

11th July 2023

There being no other business the Meeting was closed at 8.54

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