



HERNHILL NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2015

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 26th August.

Present: Mr M. Woods (Chairman), Mr M. Cooper, Mrs J. Geliot, Mr A. Chapman, Mr M. Woodcock, Mr P. Couzens. Mr A. Bowles (County Councillor), Mr G. Bobbin (Borough Councillor). Mrs S. Muteham (Clerk) and one member of the public. Mr S. Edgington sent his apologies.

Declaration of interests: Mr M. Cooper declared that he had changed jobs and will formally update his status with Swale Borough Council.

Minutes: The minutes of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 29th July having been circulated to all members were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising: The results of the Housing Needs Survey were circulated to all members and it was agreed to invite a representative from "Action with Communities in Rural Kent" (who conducted the survey) to the October Parish Council meeting to discuss how the mat-

ter could be progressed. Members of the public would be welcome to attend the meeting.

Reports: Mrs Geliot reported that the Pitstop Cafe at Dargate is still trading, contrary to information provided at the last Parish Council meeting by the applicant for the proposed lorry park at the same site. It was also noted that the proposed developer for the potential housing site at Silversands has been accessing the site and moving the existing concrete bollards at the entrance to the site. It was requested that the Clerk enquire if a direction road sign for Hernhill could be installed at the crossroads with Graveney Road/Head Hill Road. Mr Woodcock reiterated that the Hernhill/Fostall road sign at the junction with the Thanet Way has still not been replaced. The Clerk reported that KCC and Swale BC are looking into the matter. Mr Chapman expressed his concern over the potential parking problems and access for emergency vehicles in the Village when the Red Lion hosts its music festival on 30th Au-

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KCC Representative: Andrew Bowles

gust. The Clerk reported that she had tried to contact the pub requesting further information on the matter. Many residents had commented on the vehicles parking on the footway near Swale View, making parts of the footway impassable for wheelchairs and pushchairs. The Parish Council request that vehicles are parked considerately in the area and that the PCSO will be asked to monitor the situation. Mr Cooper suggested that the Hernhill News advertises other ways that residents can access Parish Council information. Mr Woods reported that a local resident had commented on the overgrown hedge which is obstructing visibility on the bend opposite the childrens' playground at the Village Hall. He has a flyer advertising the walled nursery garden at St Martins Hospital, Canterbury which is open to the public and is looking for volunteers to assist in the gardens. More details are available on the Parish Council notice board. Planning: Land adjoining the slip road at Thanet Way off Highstreet Road - appeal against enforcement notice. The Parish Council agreed

that the Clerk should write a letter of support for the enforcement to the planning inspectorate.

Administration: The Clerk informed the Parish Council that she requires a new laptop and printer to assist in her duties. It was agreed that the Parish Council would contribute towards the cost (split with the Clerk's other Parish Council employers).

Correspondence: The Clerk circulated the final internal audit report. The Council commented that the Clerk is aware of ensuring that the transparency code is followed. KCC has confirmed that they would fund the project for Horse/Rider awareness road signs on Staplestreet. A letter was received from Mr A. Bowles regarding alleged importation of rubble on land adjoining Pitstop Cafe at Dargate.

Next meeting: Allotment report. Update from A. Bowles on Pitstop Cafe and Thirwell Farm.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be on Wednesday 30th September. There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.55pm.

YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Following the Annual Meetings of both Kent County Council and Swale Borough Council including my re-election as Leader of the Borough Council things are just getting back to 'business as usual'.

We have seen some important dates commemorated. The 800th Anniversary of the sealing of the Magna Carta gave rise to a tremendously well received exhibition in

Faversham which attracted 10,000 visitors.

The last weekend of June we had the ceremonial interpretation of the carrying of news to London of Wellington's victory at Waterloo. I joined the Lord Lieutenant of Kent, Lord de L'Isle, Lady De L'Isle, the Mayor of Swale Anita Walker and a bevy of Deputy Lord Lieutenants to welcome the Dispatch to Sittingbourne where 200 years earlier

they changed horses.

I am still dealing with issues such as the County Council Boundary review, the Swale Local Plan, where we expect the Inspectors to start the public hearings later this year and Home to School transport issues.

Local issues include proposals to extend the yellow lines in Boughton which were "badly thought through" and the tipping of soil and waste on sites without planning permission being dealt with by the Environmental Agency.

At the beginning of July I attended the Annual Conference for Local Authorities held this year in Harrogate. Most Kent Council Leaders and Chief Executives were present as well as several Government Ministers. This was an excellent opportunity to network.

Since my last newsletter I have attended Boughton, Hernhill and Oare Parish Councils and hope to get to Lynsted next week.

Oare Parish Council had an interesting presentation from English

Nature on the project to establish a coastal path around England. The section which affects Swale East Parishes is currently being consulted on. If you own land adjacent to the coast or would like to use the path please look out for future meetings.

Following the Parish Council Elections several of the Parish Councils in my area have found themselves short of Councillors. I would like to urge residents to get involved and take an interest in their rural Parish Councils especially the younger generation whose fresh ideas and input would be most valuable. After all, it is their future which is being decided at all levels of government. This week I attended the Environment Agency launch of the Medway Estuary and Swale Scheme which will consult on a review of tidal defenses around the whole Swale Coastline. This will affect many of our Parishes as the area at risk of flooding extends inland and along creek and river courses.

Andrew Bowles

TEDDY BEAR PARACHUTE JUMP

We had to postpone the event due to bad weather so we are going to try again. Teddies will be taken aloft in the teddy bear basket and launched by organisers from the tower roof. Teddies must be securely harnessed in their home made parachutes. Teddies will be timed during their descent, the slowest descent wins. In the event of a tie, the Teddies will have to jump again.

Prizes for the slowest recorded jump times. Every Teddy that completes a jump will receive 'Super Ted' status and a certificate. If your Teddy is injured First Aid will be on paw from the Paratedics and Ted-dymedics in the Tedical Centre. All brave bears will be asked to pay £2.00 for their very daring jump, or £5.00 per family, in aid of St Michael's Church, Hernhill.

There is no need to enter in advance, just turn up on the day. The parachute jumps start at 2.30pm on

Sunday 20th September.
All Teddies and their owners will be welcome. Teddy must come wear-

ing a parachute so that he/she is all ready to jump.

More info from Jean Burrows

Free to a good home - an electronic reclining massage chair, in very good condition, plum and beige. If you are interested please contact me.

Sunday 20th September at St Michael's Hernhill is the patronal festival. The guest preacher will be Canon Kerry Thorpe, diocesan 'mission and growth adviser'. Don't forget to wear a white rose or a michaelmas daisy. Then on Sunday 4th October at 10.00am there is the Harvest Festival.

A Quiet morning at Boughton Parish Church with the theme, "Doors: opportunity or barrier?" This is a chance to enjoy some quiet time and the beautiful countryside round Boughton Church. No group work, no discussion, just worship, a couple of short talks and quality quiet time to spend as you wish. Saturday 19th September, 9.30am coffee, 10.00am start, we will finish by 12.45pm.

Revd Jean Burrows
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HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Hernhill Horticultural Society Autumn Show will be held on Saturday 12th September in the Village Hall. The staging time will be 9.45am to 11.15am. All exhibits must be staged no later than

11.15am. The Show opens 2.00pm and presentations will be made at 3.00pm followed by an auction. Entry is free.

We need your support so please try and put in an entry.

Peter Bentley

HARVEST SUPPER

Saturday 3rd October is the date for this year's Harvest Supper, to be held in the Village Hall.

Come and enjoy an evening of good company and a tasty home cooked supper, all for the price of

just £8.00, or £5.00 for children under 12 years.

The time is 7.00pm for 7.30pm and all are welcome. Just bring your own drinks and glasses.

Tickets are available from me.

Joy Pritchard, 01227 750372

ON YOUR MARKS, GET SET.....

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven", so says a bit from the Bible (in Ecclesiastes Chapter 3) and so sang 'The Byrds' in their 1965 hit cover of the song "Turn! Turn! Turn!" - is that tune stuck in your head now?

I don't know about you, but I find the

end of August and beginning of September a time of year when I am particularly aware of things on the cusp of change - maybe more so than at any other time. Perhaps it's because my household is still very much tied into the school year - so there is the necessary annual flurry of uniform refurbishment, school shoe buying and the odd pep-talk

before the new term/new school kicks in.

For others of us, it's a time of looking to the huge task of the harvest, or of tidying up the garden after the lush growth of summer. Many will have taken a holiday and enjoyed precious down-time with loved ones and hopefully a sense of rest and renewal before shouldering the load of work and routine commitments again. For some, life will have continued much at its usual pace, but the world around whispers of change; leaves on the turn, conkers beginning to ripen, days gradually shortening.

There feels to me like something is in the air - as if at times there's a pause for a moment, an intake of breath in our lives and community before activity and busyness springs up everywhere again.

I wonder if it's because we function

best as humans when we work with these seasons in our lives rather than resist them - the natural seasons, yes, but also those pauses for breath that come at times of change in life; the opportunities to re-orientate ourselves and re-focus before

we re-launch. I think the cycle of rest and work is hard-wired into nature and into us from the very beginning by a God who loves us and fully knows our needs and limitations. January's the traditional time for New Year's resolutions, but actually I think



September is a good a time as any to resolve to build in those pause moments that will stop us from overloading and overdoing it, as we throw ourselves back into work or school and all the other routine commitments.

Deep breath, and off we GO!

Rev. Paulette Stubbings

WITH THANKS

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the Village who has been so kind and supportive during Barri's illness and continue to be so since his recent passing. This was and is much needed and so very much appreciated. I cannot begin to thank you all enough.

Special thanks to Buster, of the Three Horseshoes, and Jane Greener of the Dove Bat and Trap team for organising a golf day and a bat and trap friendly match, respectively, in Barri's memory. I look forward to presenting a trophy at

both occasions, which I believe are to become annual events. I know that he would be really humbled and I am so proud that he was so well thought of and respected by his many friends.

By the way, does anyone have any knowledge if the whereabouts of the signage and the post to which it was attached, which has suddenly disappeared from outside my gate. I would like to return them to the kind friend who put them up for me.

Much love
Jackie Warden

OPEN GARDENS

I would like to thank everyone who supported Hernhill Open gardens in July. Despite the wet weather at the start, some brave souls came out in the rain. The sun came out in the afternoon and in the end we had approximately 50 visitors. We raised £466 after expenses, which was split equally between Hernhill Horticultural Society and the

Dawes Community Association. Next year we're planning to hold the event on Sunday 12th June. This is a date to be confirmed in order to avoid clashes with other events. So please keep a space open in your diaries. There will be some new gardens to look at then.

Kind regards,
Violet Croll

SCHOOL FETE

Hernhill Church of England Primary School will be holding it's annual fete at the school on Saturday 19th September from 12.30 until 3.30pm.

Bring family and friends and come and enjoy a lovely afternoon! All the usual stalls and side shows will be there to browse around, competitions to join in, and our attractions include a Rodeo Sheep! Lots for the children to do and see.

Win £100 in the Grand Raffle, other prizes include family days out, ac-



tivities and vouchers for local shops and pubs. BBQ and bar, tea, coffee and scrummy cakes, ice creams, and other refreshments will be on sale.

The 'Live Band Maelstrom' will be playing and Year 3's will be dancing round the Maypole. There will be displays by Faversham Gymnastic Club and other local community groups.

A fun afternoon for all, with free entry, come and join in!

Any enquiries about the day, please contact the School's PTAFAs at

HERNHILL FLOWER FESTIVAL

St Michael's Church

The 2015 Hernhill Flower Festival is being held from Friday 25th September to Sunday 27th September in St. Michael's Church. The theme is "Beautiful Gardens".

St Michael's Church will be open from 10.00am to 5.00pm on all three days to view the magnificent flower displays. Refreshments, including light lunches, will be available at Church Oast throughout the weekend.

BITS AND PIECES

I usually comment on the weather but how do you summarise this on/off weather that we have been having. Hot and humid, cold and wet then hot and humid again. Crazy, but at least it did not stop our

cricketers from regaining the Ashes. After our despondent white-wash in Australia last year it has been astonishing to see the Aussies in a mood of despair. It rather spoilt things when, thankfully too late, our batsmen destroyed them-

selves in the last Test. Cricket is so unpredictable. The indifferent weather reduced the number who visited the Children's Society Box Day but the results were still pretty good. Doreen wishes to thank all who contributed to the event. She is delighted to report that the stalls raised over £340 and monies from collecting boxes will increase that sum significantly. Many thanks to all.

As we all know only too well, one of the big problems for us in Kent has been the actions of strikers and asylum-seekers in Calais. The log-jam of cars and lorries spread out across the county. I had to go to Maidstone one day and the traffic on the east-bound side of the M2 was solid from Brenley Corner to the A249 junction. On my return I was glad that I knew the coast road through to Faversham.

Dargate residents and others have been frustrated to see that there has been no apparent action with respect to the illegal mobile home and the plateau of rubble at the Ly-chgate. If there has been any action the result are not in evidence. When???



The Wheeliebin race organised by Buster of the Three Horseshoes was a great fun-day out and raised over £3,100. The money goes to the Canterbury Pilgrims Hospice.

Very well done all who were involved.

Having had both our dogs die in quick succession, we managed to replace the dachshund fairly soon. We were fortunate because the breed has become very fashionable and the subject of a number of press & TV adverts. However, Barbara also said that we should not replace the German Shepherd. It would be too much of a strain for an old man like me to look after. After a little moping on my part, she relented and we got the biggest and furriest dog you have ever seen. The irony of it is that the Shepherd is no trouble at all. It is the miniature dachshund that causes all the problems. She is a determined escapist. If you should see a miniature, black dachshund wandering about, please pick it up, smack its bottom and return it to us.

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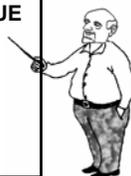
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Sun 6	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Sung Communion
Tues 8	-----	-----	Green Bin Collection
Sat 12	-----	Village Hall	Horticultural Soc Show
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Sun 13	8.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Holy Communion
Tues 15	-----	-----	Blue bin collection
Sat 19	12 30pm	Hernhill School	School Fete
Sun 20	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Patronal Festival
	2.30pm	St. Michael's Ch	Teddy parachute challenge
Tues 22	-----	-----	Green Bin Collection
Fri 25	-----	St. Michael's Ch	Flower Festival
Sat 26	-----	St. Michael's Ch	Flower Festival
Sun 27	8.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Holy Communion
	-----	St. Michael's Ch	Flower Festival
	4.30pm	St Barnabas	Bereavement Service
Tues 29	-----	-----	Blue bin collection
Wed 30	8.00pm	Village Hall	Parish Council
Sat 3 Oct	7.00pm	Village Hall	Harvest supper
Sun 4	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Sung Communion
Tues 6	-----	-----	Green Bin Collection
Sun 11	8.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Holy Communion
Tues 13	-----	-----	Blue bin collection
Sat 17	3.30pm	St Barnabas	Messy Church
Sun 18	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Sung Communion
Tues 20	-----	-----	Green Bin Collection
Sun 25	8.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Holy Communion
Tues 27	-----	-----	Blue bin collection
Wed 28	8.00pm	Village Hall	Parish Council