

**MEETING OF  
BROCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL  
1 OCTOBER 2015, THE VILLAGE HALL, BROCKLEY**

**PRESENT:** Cllr J Stones, Cllr A English, Cllr R Jones, Cllr U Hardy, Mr R Double (Cllr from item 8), 4 members of the public and Mrs J Brookman.

Cllr Stones chaired the meeting.

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr D Boreham and Cllr K Fisk.

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**2 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS:**

No requests had been received.

**3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

Cllr English declared a non-pecuniary interest in item no 11 relating to the Vertas tree survey report.

**4 PUBLIC FORUM:**

A member of the public informed the meeting that they had sent a letter to SCC at Shire Hall regarding the flooding outside 21 Woodcrofts Close and had also made contact by telephone but despite the gulley being cleared the problem had not been resolved and no response had been received to the letter. The Parish Council undertook to deliver a copy of the letter to SCC Highways at West Suffolk House, the correct address and advised the complainant to contact SCC to report the matter again by telephone and to persevere until the problem is resolved. The Clerk will also report the matter in order to support the parishioner.

**Clerk**

The members of the public left the meeting.

Cllr Stones convened the meeting.

**5 MINUTES:**

Cllr English proposed that item 10 of the minutes of the 3 September 2015 should be amended to read:-

- Cllr Jones reported rather than Cllr Stones, and
- Seconded by should read Cllr Stones and not Cllr English

and then approved as a true record; seconded by Cllr Jones. All in favour.

**6 MATTERS ARISING:**

There were no matters arising.

**7 APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT DOUBLE AS A PARISH COUNCILLOR AND TRUSTEE TO THE BROCKLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL VILLAGE HALL CHARITY:**

Cllr Jones proposed that Robert Double should be appointed to both roles; seconded by Cllr Stones. Robert Double signed the Declaration of Acceptance of office as a Parish Councillor.

**8 REINSTATEMENT OF THE CLERK:**

Cllr Stones reported that the council had not appointed following the recent interviews and that Mrs Brookman had indicated that she was prepared to continue due to a change of circumstances.

Cllr English proposed that the withdrawal of the Clerk's resignation should be accepted and Mrs Brookman should be reinstated as the Clerk; seconded by Cllr Hardy. All in favour.

**9 FINANCE REPORT:**

Cllr Jones reported that a cheque made out to St Andrews's Church had been returned with a request for the payee to be Brockley Church Expenses; cheque amended and signed by Cllrs Stones and Jones.

Cllr Stones proposed that the following payments should be approved and made; seconded by Cllr Hardy.

Chq no 22195	Came & Co - Insurance with Hiscox	£278.95
Chq no 22196	Brockley Village Hall hire – 2 September 2015	£7.00
Chq no 22197	Mrs J Brookman, Clerk pay & travelling September 2015	£110.00
Chq no 22198	Brockley Village Hall – contribution to cleaning	£750.00

**10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

No planning matters.

**11 VERTAS TREE SURVEY REPORT:**

Cllr Jones agreed to deal with all trees requiring attention re ivy growth and to cut down tree no 29. Cllr Stones proposed that the Clerk should be authorised to ask for a quote from Bradnam Tree Services to carry out works to trees numbered 19, 20 and 25 and to spend up to £150 (one hundred and fifty pounds). This was seconded by Cllr Jones. All in favour.

**RJ**

**Clerk**

**12 COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH/MONITORING SPEED IN THE VILLAGE:**

Cllr Stones confirmed that following correspondence with Cllr Evans the criteria for monitoring speeding are still being discussed.

Cllr Hardy reported that it might be possible to share the Whepstead equipment and that 6 volunteers would be needed to set up a Community Speed Watch team for Brockley. Clerk to include details in the Village News report requesting anyone interested to contact Cllr Hardy.

**Clerk**

**13 CLERK'S REPORT:**

The Clerk reported that money may be available for IT equipment via NALC following the introduction of the Transparency Code. Cllr Stones proposed that the enquiries should be made to fund a laptop, software and printer; seconded by Cllr Jones. All in favour.

**Clerk**

**Update of on-going matters**

UKPN/BTS – trees at the edge of The Green – pending works by BTS (Clerk signed agreement on 12/12/14 for works to be carried out; this would be done as and when the ground conditions allow as The Green is very wet). Clerk to chase.

**Clerk**

Football goals – rust areas to be treated and painted when weather improves, Cllr English agreed to carry out this work.

**AE**

**14 CORRESPONDENCE:**

Sportsafeuk – offering a range of playground equipment inspections.

Letter from the Police Commissioner confirming details regarding police attendance at Parish Council meetings – letter forwarded to Councillors.

LCPAS Newsletter, September 2015 – emailed to Councillors.

LCPAS correspondence regarding Traveller Sites – emailed to Councillors.  
Parish Conference to be held 12 October 2015 in Haverhill.

- 15** **PARISH MATTERS FOR THE NEXT MEETING:**  
Flooding in Woodcrofts Close, Brockley.

**Clerk**

- 16** **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**  
The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 12 November 2015.

The meeting was closed at 8.15 pm.