

MINUTES OF THE BROCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 24th JANUARY 2023

IN THE VILLAGE HALL, BROCKLEY AT 7.30PM

Present: Cllr Dr J Wymer, Cllr R Dinsey, Cllr K Fisk, Cllr R Jones, Cllr G Baber

1. APOLOGIES

Clerk, District Councillor Sarah Pugh.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

None received.

3. COUNTY & DISTRICT REPORTS

None received.

4. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

5. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 2022

Proposed and seconded that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 22nd November 2022 be approved – all agreed.

6. MATTERS ARISING

Although it had been decided at the November meeting that a gravel board at the base of the picket fence being erected around the village pond was not required, after a discussion with the fencing contractor a gravel board was deemed necessary. The fencing around the pond has now been completed.

7. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FOLLOWING A PRESENTATION BY PETER FROST RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING POINTS

Councillors agreed there were practical matters in relation to the EVCP that still needed to be fully understood namely:

Once the funding from SCC ceases, the Village Hall/Parish Council will have to underwrite the ECVP.

Administration of the ECVP.

Car park capacity

Notwithstanding the points raised by councillors, it was agreed to move to the next stage in the process and submit an expression of interest to SCC.

8. TO RECEIVE THE FINANCE REPORT & RETROSPECTIVELY APPROVE CHEQUES RAISED SINCE THE LAST MEETING

Cheques drawn since the last meeting but not yet presented were approved. Cheques to be signed.

Balance as of end of November	27139.58
Less outstanding cheques	
CAS website	60.00
Rob Mott – oak posts	400.00
Michael Asherman - fencing at pond	3987.00
Rental of land for bus shelter	0.05
Clerk's salary x 3 months	199.40
Post reflectors	10.50
Subtotal	22482.63
Income	
Locality budget grant	500.00
Balance as at 12 January 2023	22982.63

The precept for 2023/2024 was agreed at the November meeting along with the projects identified.

In addition, it was agreed a new battery for the defibrillator would be required sometime in 2023.

£500 to be granted to the Village Hall for a lap top to enable them to screen live TV events.

One hazard sign for the village pond to be purchased - £8.00.

Grass seed for the area around the village pond £50.

King's Coronation – Brockley Charitable Trust granted the village £500 towards the King's Coronation and Brockley Parish Council agreed to match the funding - £500 Parish Council. Councillors questioned whether the annual grants of £250 awarded to St Andrew's Church and Brockley Chapel were adequate. It was agreed the Parish Council would consider additional financial help if approached by the Church/Chapel.

The quotation for undertaking remedial work to the trees surrounding the village green from Urban Forestry £14,20 + VAT. Two further quotes were also sought to ensure best value. Councillors agreed to the quote provided by ArB Trees £600 + VAT.

In addition it has been brought to the attention of the Parish Council that there was an agreement to reduce the trees/hedging around the village pond to allow more light into the water, £400 + VAT. Councillors agreed to this work being undertaken but on condition that the work could be undertaken from a residents garden that shares the boundary with the pond. All work to be completed before the end of February to ensure wildlife is not disturbed during the nesting season.

9. PLAYGROUND REPORTS

The broken fence posts have been replaced. Councillors had expressed an interest in replacing the rubber matting within the playground area. A quote had been provided of £30-£40 per square metre. An approximate cost for both playground areas would be £6,400. Councillors will consider how the playground can be improved without incurring the high cost of replacing the matting.

10. RISK REGISTER

It was agreed to reduce the risk around the village pond to moderate.
Elections – it was agreed to co-opt Felicity Driver at the March meeting.

11. MODEL FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

It was agreed that all payments over £500 will be approved by full council.
Discretion to Clerk/Chair up to £500.

12. KING'S CORONATION

Planning meeting arranged for 2nd February 2023.

13. DOG FOULING

This matter had been raised by a local resident. Parish Councillors to look into providing a further dog bin/bag dispensers possibly located in Chapel Lane.

14. VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGN UPDATE

Awaiting for permission from SCC to use their pole.

15. REVIEW OF CLERK'S SALARY, TERMS & CONDITIONS

Agreed that a job description and terms of conditions would be developed in line with Local Government guidelines. Clerk's Salary increase approved.

16. CORRESPONDENCE

None received.

17. MATTERS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

To be determined.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

March 23rd – 7.30 subject to venue and clerk's availability.

With no further business the meeting closed at 8.35pm.