**MEETING OF**

**BROCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

 **ON TUESDAY 7th JANUARY 2020, THE VILLAGE HALL, BROCKLEY AT 7.30PM**

**PRESENT** Cllr A English, Cllr I Robertson, Cllr K Fisk, Cllr R Dinsey, Cllr D Boreham

**1. APOLOGIES**

Cllr. R Jones.

**2. REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

Cllr A English declared an interest in agenda item 9: Tree survey.

**3. REPORT FROM DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLOR MARY EVANS**

The report included: Budget proposals for 2020/21 have been scrutinised ahead of Cabinet on 24th January and Full Council on 13th February. Unexpected £5million bonus to be put into contingency reserves budget; £3 million of Council’s funding to be available through Suffolk2020 Fund with investment in Highways and Green issues; due to the rise in children in care and the extreme complexity of needs for some, Children’s Services are over budget by £7million; additional monies to be available to retain Social Workers; a two bedded children’s home to look after more complex cases has been built on the edge of Ipswich; two hundred new education places for Special Needs children will be coming on stream in September; Suffolk Fire Service Inspection Report good in key areas; full time fire officers have recently been recruited; Locality Budget Grant to restore the telephone box could be available in the next financial year; bus stop issue not yet actioned; West Suffolk new recycling centre is due to open on 16th January, Rougham will close; Rural Task Force has almost finished with a list of recommendations approved. Question to Cllr Evans: the number of large potholes around the County specifically Brockley to Whepstead; Cllr Evans to arrange a site visit with Highways.

**4.** **PUBLIC FORUM – Members of the public may raise issues they wish to bring to the attention of the Parish Council**

No members of the public were present. A note referring to an overgrown hedge was received from a member of the public. Cllr Boreham to cut back.

**5. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11TH NOVEMBER 2019**

Minutes with additional planning comments to be recirculated. With one amendment, the minutes were unanimously approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record of the previous meeting.

**6. MATTERS ARISING**

It was noted Planning application D/19/2130/FUL has been withdrawn.

**7. TELEPHONE BOX**

With the decision of a resident not to pursue the transfer of ownership, it was agreed one further quotation to refurbish the kiosk be sought. Cllr Boreham to action.

**8. PLAY AREA**

The play area report has been updated to reflect the maintenance work recently carried out. In the longer term, however, consideration should be given to replace the equipment.

**9. ANNUAL TREE SURVEY**

A tree assessment is required. Unanimously agreed, Vertas be contacted to carry out the survey. Other identified tree works i.e. low branches alongside the village hall car park to be postponed until the report is available.

**10. BUS STOP LAYBY ON BURY ROAD**

Cars parked in the bus layby on Bury Road are not being moved prior to buses arriving. As a first step, an article to be put in the village newsletter. Cllr English to action.

**11. STATE OF ROAD BETWEEN BROCKLEY & BURY**

Agreed, the B1066 between Brockley and Bury St Edmunds is wearing out and in need of urgent repairs; edges have gone/multiple potholes.

 **12. FLOODING OF THE B1066 ON THE 20TH DECEMBER**

Decided this was an extreme case of flooding not usually seen. Grips not being cut in verges/ dirt in existing grips contributory factors.

 **13. FINANCE REPORT**

a) Cheques approved at the meeting:

 PKF LLP Auditor 96.00

 C Mason salary x 2 months 180.00

 Mrs C Jones bus shelter rental 0.05

 Village Hall Hire 7.00

b) Finance template previously used for reconciliation to be forwarded to the Clerk. Change of details paperwork to be obtained from Santander.

**14. VE DAY CELEBRATIONS**

Generally, the Community Council arrange events such as these. The letter received from SALC to be forwarded to the CC.

**15. VILLAGE HALL**

Seventeen preparatory funding meetings have taken place. The Big Lottery have asked additional questions, paperwork resent. Community Action Suffolk Panel have complimented the funding committee on their excellent application. Both applications should have a decision in January. A bid for £500 to Magic Minifund for a pool table at the Village Hall has been completed and sent.

As part of National Village Hall week, Brockley Village Hall will be open on Saturday 25th January 9.30-12.30pm. Local groups, police liaison officer, local businesses and parish councillors will be in attendance. Refreshments will be available. A leaflet advertising the event will be circulated to householders.

**16. ORGANISATIONS CONTACT DETAILS**

A list to be available at the next meeting.

**17. CORRESPONDENCE**

Emails sent as and when received.

**18. PARISH MATTERS FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

Annual Parish Meeting: It was suggested residents be invited to have their say on what they want to see happening in Brockley in the next ten years.

**19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Date of next meeting agreed as Tuesday 3rd March 2020.

With no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm.