**MEETING OF**

**BROCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

**ON MONDAY 14th JANUARY 2019, THE VILLAGE HALL, BROCKLEY**

**PRESENT** Cllr A English, Cllr I Robertson, Cllr K Fisk, District Councillor Peter Stevens, County Councillor Mary Evans and two members of the public.

Prior to the meeting, a letter was circulated from Cllr Hardy in which, for health reasons he has resigned from his position of Parish Councillor.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None received.

**2. REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS**

No requests have been received.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**4. COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT**

County Councillor Mary Evans reported as follows:

Best person to speak to for Village Hall Grants is Leslie Ann-Keogh at St Edmundsbury. A meeting is being arranged with the Local Community Engagement Officer to discuss policing matters. Date and venue to be confirmed. The Suffolk Road Safety Board consisting of Police, Crime Commissioner, County Council Safety Team and the Fire Service, will be carrying out a review of speeding policies and enforcement. Three-week crackdown on speeding with controls on the A14 and some B roads leading into Bury St Edmunds. Litter pick in Stansfield, 20 bags of rubbish collected. With the mild winter so far, only 2000 tons of salt have been spread compared to 13000 tons in the same period last year. Grants are available for businesses wanting to be environmentally friendly on their energy use. SCC are working with the Chamber of Commerce to try and secure funding to improve the junctions on the A14 to Bury St Edmunds. With no response to date from Highways, Cllr Evans agreed to contact the contractor concerning the uplifted kerbs near to the entrance of the village hall. Two dangerous potholes, ref 230337 & 2290337, still not repaired from last year (ME to action).

Agenda 6 was now heard.

**6. PUBLIC FORUM**

A letter has been received from the owners of the ‘Old Shop House’ in Brockley stating buses and coaches coming from Bury St Edmunds to Hartest were stopping outside their house with passengers disembarking into their private driveway. Not only a privacy matter but as situated on a blind bend, a dangerous place for buses to stop. Recurrent correspondence between the owners and the bus companies has not resulted in any solution to the issue. Cllr. Evans to take this up with Simon Barnett, with the view to arrange a site visit. A note in the village magazine bringing this to residents’ attention agreed.

**5. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Cllr Peter Stevens reported as follows:

Litter still at unacceptable levels. If instances of fly tipping are found, report it to West Suffolk Council where it will be examined and if identification found, action will be taken. There will be some changes to the way the battery service is run after the merger of the two councils. Although not yet finalised, Council tax hopefully to be set with no increase for Borough services. Commercial Waste/Grounds Maintenance have made substantial progress in keeping costs down. With purdah approaching , Cllr Stevens suggested the PC’s request for funding from his locality budget for a defibrillator be progressed as soon as possible. With regard to the unfavourable response for the village hall refurbishment grant, Cllr Stevens agreed to speak with the assessors to ascertain the reason why it was turned down. Cllr Robertson to liaise with Cllr Stevens.

**7. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12TH NOVEMBER 2018**

In any other business, Vic **Hall** to read Vic **Hill.**

Proposed by Cllr English, seconded by Cllr Fisk that the amended minutes be approved as a true record of the meeting of the 12th November 2018 – unanimous.

**8. MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

**9. REFURBISHMENT OF THE TELEPHONE BOX**

Two quotations for £1160.00 and £1680 have been received. Third required. Cllr Robertson to send contact details of a third contractor to Cllr English. Breslings to be asked again for prices. All quotations to be considered at the March meeting. Electrical certificate/light repair to be carried out shortly. Price agreed with contactor.

**10. PLAY EQUIPMENT MONTHLY REPORT AND UPDATE ON PLAY AREA MAINTENANCE**

Though the quotation for repairs within the play area was accepted and the work scheduled, to date this has not been carried out. The Clerk to chase. Notice signs now in place. No other matters to action.

**11. NUMBERS OF PARISH COUNCILLORS ON THE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE**

No further action at present.

**12. DEFIBRILLATOR**

Brockley Charities are to give a donation of £500 towards the cost of a defibrillator. An application for £500 from Cllr Stevens Locality Budget is in the pipeline. Clarification of additional charges yet to be confirmed. Cllr Robertson to email final costs to councillors prior to the next meeting.

**13. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

a) Application DC/18/2469/VAR Variation of conditions: land at North of Willow Tree Farm, Mill Road, Brockley (extension requested from St Edmundsbury) – Support

b) Application DC/18/2471/FUL 1 no dwelling (following demolition of existing barn) Store 2 Willow Tree Farmhouse, Mill Road, Brockley (extension requested from St. Edmundsbury) – Support with comments: single track road, no lighting, increased footfall, no footpath.

c)Agreed that future planning applications be sent in the first instance to Cllr English and then circulated to all councillors.

**14. FINANCE REPORT**

No report available.

**15. CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence from a resident relating to the bus stopping outside their property was dealt with in Public Forum. No further discussion.

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

With local elections in May, the need for potential new Parish Councillors to be an agenda item at the next meeting. An article to be included in the village magazine.

**17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Any other business: Rubbish accumulating on the Old Blacksmith’s site. Not enforceable as on private property. Suggested a letter be written asking whether there are any plans to remove the eyesore in the near future. The Clerk to action.

Date of next meeting agreed as Monday 11th March 2019.

**With no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm.**