**MEETING OF**

**BROCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

**ON MONDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2018, THE VILLAGE HALL, BROCKLEY**

**PRESENT** Cllr A English, Cllr D Boreham, Cllr K Fisk, Cllr R Jones, District Councillor Peter Stevens, County Councillor Mary Evans and two members of the public.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr U Hardy and Parish Clerk Christine Eastell.

**2. REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS**

No requests have been received.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**4. COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT**

Cllr Mary Evans reported as follows:

GCSE results improved. However, SATS in Maths from Primary level have not improved. SCC are looking for more people to adopt 800 children currently being looked after in this way. The Council are looking at safeguarding on the internet especially for 15-year olds and above. Budget is already overdrawn after the first quarter, could be eight million overdrawn by the end of the year. Two hundred and thirty million spent on adult and community care. Many councils are finding themselves in the same financial difficulty. Highways spends approximately forty million on roads with repair gangs spending 38% of their time travelling. SCC are looking at ways of improving how work is carried out. Road closures- BT are installing cabinets and want additional closures for high speed broadband. Anglian Water have had more leaks in the summer this year. The Council are looking at a lane rental scheme for contractors needing to close roads and hopefully speed up work.

**5. Borough Councillor’s Report**

Borough Council Peter Stevens reported as follows:

Brockley Village Hall grant application to St Edmundsbury Council progressing well. Peter particularly wanted to compliment Gillian Leader on the professional way she had completed the application form. Peter was aware a resident had suggested a defibrillator be purchased and said he would be happy to support this from his Locality Budget. There has been a Civic Leadership Consultation which Peter had hoped we had commented upon. Favoured option is to have a new council acting as a Borough with a mayor. A balanced budget has been confirmed until 2021. Peter said he regularly looks at planning applications and considers the recent infills to be good for Brockley.

**6. PUBLIC FORUM**

A member of the public reported a pot hole in the entrance drive to the village hall and also two kerbs were lifting. Cllr Evans said she would report this. Cllr English agreed to report the matter on the Highways website. There was discussion who was responsible for the kerbs and Mary Evans said she would try to get Highways to carry out the work.

**7. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF 9TH JULY 2018**

Proposed by Cllr Fisk, seconded by Cllr Robertson that the minutes be approved as a true record of the meeting of 9th July 2018 – unanimous.

**8. MATTERS ARISING**

Covered in the rest of the meeting.

**9. REFURBISHMENT OF TELEPHONE BOX**

Cllr English had contacted Breslings for a quotation but had not received a response. A second enquiry has been made to SR Calver who will be looking at the telephone box to ascertain what is required.

**10. PLAY AREA**

Cllr English had carried out a weekly check and all appeared okay. Concern from a resident that the monkey bars were moving was discussed. The monthly inspection report did not highlight this as a problem and it was therefore agreed that this response would be fed back to the resident. Cllr Robertson agreed to speak with her. The play area report did highlight some areas of rot as a medium risk in the immediate future. It was agreed to get a quotation to repair these areas. Cllr English will check with St Edmundsbury Grounds Maintenance Department for a price to repair the rotting timbers mentioned in the report, and also the gaps which are getting bigger in the rubber matting.

**11. BROCKLEY WEBSITE**

It has been noted that the website is not up to date and Bob Double is still showing as a Councillor. The booking secretary for the Village Hall is also incorrect. The minutes of recent meetings do not appear. As this is a legal compliance to have the site up to date Cllr Jones agreed to contact the Clerk and ask her to fully update the minutes by the next meeting.

**12. DEFIBRILLATOR**

Cllr Robertson had carried out some research on the implications of adopting ‘The Managed Solution’ provided by the Community Heartbeat Trust. Previously, information had been sent to Councillors advising we should consider adopting this scheme. Prior to final agreement, Cllr Robertson to contact Community Heartbeat Trust again to confirm all financial implications and to ask what the charges are to install the defibrillator. It was furthermore suggested the village hall would be the best location to site the defibrillator as it would be safer than the telephone box on a bad bend. Cllr Robertson will take this to the Village Hall meeting to ask whether the Trustees agree with this option. The Parish Council agreed that it would take full responsibility for the financial costs, including ongoing costs of adopting the scheme. It was reported Geoff Keighley had offered to be the person responsible for regular weekly checks on the defibrillator and Ian said he would re-confirm this with him.

**13. VILLAGE HALL NOISE**

It had again been reported that there has been noise at the Village Hall, this time motor bikes revving up. Councillors felt these reports are isolated incidents as only one resident has complained. This was not considered an ongoing problem, but the concerns were noted. Cllr Robertson and Bob Double offered to go and look at any reports of noise and have given the resident their contact details. A note has also appeared in the Village Newsletter.

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

Current committee on the Village Hall were supposed to contact users to try to get more people onto the committee as it only has four members. It was also requested all Parish Councillors try to think of someone that may be approached. An ongoing agenda item.

**15. FINANCE**

Cheque Number 22285 Village Hall hire in July £7.

Cheque number 22286 Clerk’s salary for July & August £180.

Proposed by Cllr Fisk, seconded by Cllr Boreham that the cheques be approved.

Current balance: £32,889.15.

The Annual Governance Accountability Report has been completed including the Internal Audit. Penny Morris was thanked for her help with this.

**16. PLAY EQUIPMENT**

Already dealt with.

**17. CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

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

To include a discussion on the precept.

**19. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The date for the next meeting was agreed as Monday 12th November at 7.30pm.