

**MEETING OF  
BROCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL  
3 SEPTEMBER 2015, THE VILLAGE HALL, BROCKLEY**

**PRESENT:** Cllr J Stones, Cllr A English, Cllr R Jones, Cllr K Fisk, Cllr U Hardy, County Cllr M Evans (part), Borough Cllr P Stevens (part), PcsO Welford (part) and Mrs J Brookman.

Cllr Stones chaired the meeting.

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr D Boreham.

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**2 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS:**

No requests had been received.

**3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

Cllr Jones declared an interest in item no 12 relating to the West Suffolk Hospital Arthroscopy Appeal.

**4 PUBLIC FORUM:**

No matters raised.

**5 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:**

Cllr Stevens confirmed that money was available from Community Grants at SEBC. Cllr Steven's also has Locality Grant funding available. Village Hall Trustees to be notified.

Cllr Stevens also reported that due to Central Government cutbacks SCC have had to withdraw the support for brown bins, so SEBC were looking into introducing a charge to empty brown bins, £1.50 per collection.

A site for the West Suffolk Operational Hub is still being sought.

**Clerk**

PcsO Welford joined the meeting at 7.35 pm.

**6 POLICE REPORT:**

PcsO Welford reported that a burglary had taken place between 6 and 8 September 2015 when hand tools had been taken from an insecure shed.

Recent speed checks had resulted in three verbal warnings being given.

It was confirmed that Community Speed Watch (CSP) required a minimum of 6 volunteers to operate and that Whepstead and Cavendish currently operate this system. If there is sufficient interest in the scheme PcsO Welford will implement. Data collected by CSP is forwarded to the police. Cllr Evans agreed to make enquiries as to when VAS will be in Brockley again as it has only been once since the post was installed. The data collected via VAS assists the police to carry out checks at the times when the majority of the speeding occurs.

**ME**

PcsO Welham left the meeting at 7.45 pm.

**7 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:**

Following on from Cllr Stevens report regarding the brown bin service Cllr Evans confirmed that a programme for home composting incentives will be introduced.

Cllr Evans was pleased to report that the recent GCSE and A Level results have improved on previous years in the County.

Cllrs Evans and Stevens left the meeting at 7.55 pm.

Cllr Stones convened the meeting.

**8 MINUTES:**

Cllr English proposed that the minutes of the 2 July 2015 were a true record; seconded by Cllr Stones. All in favour.

**9 MATTERS ARISING:**

**Funding for environmental project re the pond**

Cllr Jones confirmed that this funding was not available to Brockley.

**10 FINANCE REPORT:**

Cllr Jones reported that he had received a clean audit from the external auditors. Cllr English reconciled the bank balance with the bank statement. A balance sheet as of 3 September 2015 is attached to the file copy of these minutes. Cllr English proposed that the following payments should be approved and made; seconded by Cllr Stones. All in favour.

Chq no 22192	Mr A Hardy – strimming footpath	£30.00
Chq no 22193	Clerk – July & August 2015 + 1 travelling	£210.00
Chq no 22194	Brockley Village Hall hire	£7.00

**11 PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY:**

An application from Mr Robert Double had been received; Councillors voted by a show of hands and unanimously agreed that Mr Double should be appointed as a Parish Councillor and Trustee to the Village Hall Management Committee.

**12 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

No planning matters.

**13 RECRUITMENT OF CLERK:**

Three applications had been received, it was agreed two would be invited to interview on 16 or 17 September 2015 and the interview panel would consist of Cllrs Stones, English and Jones. Clerk to contact LCPAS for interview questions and guidance.

**14 CLERK'S REPORT:**

**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.

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

Tree survey on The Green – EFMS has carried out the inspection, report to be completed shortly.

Clerk

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**15 CORRESPONDENCE:**

Letter from West Suffolk Hospital Charity, Arthroscopy Appeal – supporting West Suffolk Hospital's Trauma & Orthopaedic Department – requesting a donation; request declined.

Gambling Act 2005 – Statement of licensing policy – consultation document requesting comments by 15 September 2015. Details emailed to Councillors.

Pcso Anthony Welford has confirmed that with speeding being an issue in many villages the police will be grouping the villages and then carrying out checks in the groups, rotating the group of villages each month. Villages will be informed when it is their month and then details of how many patrols and how many tickets were issued will be included in the police reports. This initiative will commence in August and should take place in Brockley in December.

Suffolk Cruise Bereavement Care, a charity which gives support to those bereaved in Suffolk requested publicity – details forwarded to Village Newsletter.

Rural Opportunities Bulletin – forwarded to Councillors.

Clerks & Councils Direct – September 2015 – Issue 101 – circulated to Councillors.

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

None raised.

**17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 1 October 2015.

The meeting was closed at 8.40 pm.