

**MEETING OF
BROCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
4 FEBRUARY 2016, THE VILLAGE HALL, BROCKLEY**

PRESENT: Cllr J Stones, Cllr A English, Cllr K Fisk, Cllr U Hardy, Mr R Double, Cllr M Evans (part), Cllr P Stevens (part), 1 member of the public and Mrs J Brookman.

Cllr Stones chaired the meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr R Jones and Cllr D Boreham.

2 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS:

No requests had been received.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Cllrs Stones, Hardy, Fisk, English and Double declared a non pecuniary interest in the item relating to the grant to the Village Hall Charity.

4 PUBLIC FORUM:

Mrs Hill reported that a stretch of Footpath No 6 was in need of more bark chippings; Cllr Stones confirmed that the matter had been discussed at the last meeting and remedial works would be carried out once the path had dried out later in the year.

She also reported that the light in the telephone box was out; Cllr English

agreed to rectify.
Mrs Hill thanked the parish council for the repairs to the footbridge on the Bury to Clare footpath.

5 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

Cllr Mary Evans reported that VAS would be in the Brockley area the following week and she would check to see if this unit would collect times and speeds which has proven useful for the police to identify persistent offenders at specific times. The County Council also have a further resource of a small van to monitor speeding which will be deployed in this area shortly.

Cllr Evans confirmed that she will support the Queen's Birthday celebrations and that applications should be made to SCC if road closures are required for street parties.

She also confirmed that the Fire Service consultation ends on 22 February 2016.

6 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

Cllr Stevens confirmed every household would be contacted regarding the introduction of the £40 pa charge to empty brown bins; that Cabinet would be considering a Council Tax increase; that the Operational Hub consultation was until 19 February 2016.

Cllr Stevens also confirmed that he had money available in his locality budget and invited the Parish Council to submit a form for consideration.

Cllr Stevens also raised the planning application DC/15/2590/HH in relation to 4 Drury Cottages, Brockley. He confirmed that the previous application relating to this property (DC/15/2017/HH) had been a delegated refusal. He also reported that he had received an email to say that application the Parish Council were considering this evening had already been a delegated refusal on the grounds of over development to the mass of extension and an

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advanced decision had been made.

The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council could only consider the papers they had received from SEBC relating to the application and should not be influenced by the comments made by Cllr Stevens. Appendix 1 to these minutes relates.

7 POLICE REPORT:

No report.

Cllr Stones convened the meeting.

8 MINUTES:

Cllr Stones proposed that the minutes of 14 January 2016 were a true record; seconded by Cllr Double. All in favour.

9 MATTERS ARISING:

Community Speed Watch Volunteers

Cllr Hardy reported that at the present time Whepstead were not prepared to loan out their equipment and that he had spoken with Pc Dan Marshall to see what assistance he could offer; awaiting response.

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IT equipment grant

Clerk had contacted NALC regarding a grant for a laptop and printer awaiting outcome.

Clerk

10 FINANCE REPORT:

Cllr Stones proposed that the following payments should be made; seconded by Cllr English. All in favour.

Chq no 22210	Brockley Village Hall hire January 2016	£7.00
Chq no 22211	Mrs J Brookman, clerk – January 2016	£110.00

Cllr English proposed that as the Parish Council has an income/turnover of less than £25k and will not need an external audit but will need to complete an exception form they should opt in to this process for 2017/18; seconded by Cllr Hardy. All in favour.

11 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

DC/15/2590/HH 4 Drury Cottages, Bury Road, Brockley. First floor side and rear extension and single storey front extension (resubmission of DC/15/2017/HH. The Parish Council supported this application.

Clerk

Outcomes

DC/15/2316/HH Rectory Cottages, 2 Bury Road, Brockley. Granted.

12 GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT FOR 2016:

Two quotes remain outstanding, deferred to the next meeting.

Clerk

13 BRAMBLES BY THE PLAY AREA:

Cllr Double agreed to cut the brambles and clear the same from the site after liaising with Mrs Gillian Brown regarding the works.

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Cllr Stevens left the meeting at 8.05 pm.

- 14 TO CONSIDER A GRANT TO THE VILLAGE HALL CHARITY:** Clerk
In the absence of Treasurer matter deferred to the next meeting.
- 15 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S LOCALITY BUDGET:**
Cllr Stevens had offered money from his locality budget towards the costs of celebrations for the Queen's birthday. It was agreed that the Clerk would liaise with the Community Council to see if they had plans for 12 June 2016 and submit an application for funding accordingly due to the time scale (end of February) for applications. Clerk
- 16 CLERK'S REPORT:**
SEBC play equipment months inspection report – no new matters to report
Update of on-going matters
- UKPN/BTS – trees at the edge of The Green – works still outstanding but the ground is now saturated and unsuitable for the works to be carried out.
 - Football goals – rust areas to be treated and painted when the weather improved. AE
 - Repairs to footbridge on the Bury to Clare footpath between Hawks Ley and Mill Road had been carried out by Cllrs Jones and Boreham.
- 17 CORRESPONDENCE:**
Letter from James Cartlidge MP asking for assistance in collecting signatures for a petition that he intends to submit to the Government calling for better mobile coverage in South Suffolk. Deadline for signatures 4 March 2016. Copy of letter to be sent to Councillors and Cllr Evans. Clerk
- 18 PARISH MATTERS FOR THE NEXT MEETING:**
No matters were raised.
- 19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**
The next meeting will be held on Thursday 3 March 2016.

The meeting was closed at 8.25 pm.

APPENDIX 1

4 DRURY COTTAGES, BURY ROAD, BROCKLEY – DC/15/2590/HH

Following the comments made by Cllr Stevens at the meeting on 4 February 2016 regarding the above application, on Friday 5 February 2016 I spoke to Kerrie Cooper the Planning Officer responsible for this application.

- She confirmed that the extension to the consultation period given to the Parish Council of 5 February 2016 still stood. I had submitted a response at 10.06 pm on 4 February 2016.
- She also confirmed that Cllr Stevens had telephoned her about the application earlier in the week when she confirmed that the previous application (DC/15/2017/HH) had been refused because of the impact on the neighbouring property..
- I advised her that Cllr Stevens reported to the meeting that he had received an email stating that the application had already been delegated refusal on the grounds of over development to mass of extension and that in conclusion an advanced decision had been made to the application the Parish Council were considering at their meeting.
- She confirmed she had not sent and had not received a copy of this email.
- She confirmed that the application was still live and would not be determined until 17 February 2016.