

**MEETING OF
BROCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
12 SEPTEMBER 2016, THE VILLAGE HALL, BROCKLEY**

PRESENT: Cllr A English, Cllr R Jones, Cllr J Stones, Cllr K Fisk, Cllr D Boreham, Cllr U Hardy, Cllr R Double, Borough Cllr P Stevens (part), Ms G Leader (part) and Mrs J Brookman.

Cllr English chaired the meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies were received and accepted from County Cllr M Evans.

2 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS:

No requests had been received.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest.

4 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

Cllr Evans provided a written report.

Education

County Councillor Mary Evans reported that provisional figures show that Suffolk Pupils have once again performed well with the overall pass-rate for A levels continuing to rise. The GCSE results have generally been good again in Suffolk and yet again the gap has been narrowed between the most disadvantaged pupils and the advantaged.

Exercise

The Suffolk Fit Villages team – which brings sport and exercise activities to rural areas, is looking to extend its work into this area. They currently promote a wide range of classes – pilates, Zumba etc and Cllr Evans' locality grant can be used to underwrite an initial course www.suffolksport.com/fitvillages has more information.

Locality Grant

Money is still available.

Flooding at Woodcroft Close

Cllr Evans had been informed by the flooding/highways team that they had been in contact with the residents. (Cllr Double was not aware this had happened),

Devolution

Cllr Evans encouraged responses to be made as comments are still being taken – www.eastangliadevo.co.uk

5 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

Cllr Stevens confirmed that the waste hub was moving forward to planning. An analysis of the waste in black bins is being introduced and the parishes where this will take place will be informed.

Regarding devolution the borough will aim to get the best deal for the area.

Cllr Stevens confirmed that he had supported the request for funding from his locality budget for the notice boards by the village hall trustees.

6 PUBLIC FORUM:

No matters reported.

**Action
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Cllr Stevens left the meeting.

Cllr English convened the meeting.

7 MINUTES:

Cllr Stones proposed that the minutes 11 and 28 July 2016 were a true record; seconded by Cllr Fisk. All in favour.

8 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:

Cllr English agreed to chair this meeting but would resign as Vice Chairman at the next meeting if a Chairman was not forthcoming by/at the November 2016 meeting.

9 FINANCE REPORT:

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

Chq no 22228	Mrs J Brookman, clerk – July 2016 - 2 meetings £98.00, August – basic £80	£178.00
Chq no 22229	Ickworth Park School	£200.00
Chq no 22230	Brockley Village Hall hire 11 & 28 July 2016	£14.00
Chq no 22231	Came & Co insurance	£277.75

Cllr Hardy reconciled the bank balance with the accounts tabled.

Cllr Jones reported that the external audit by BDO had been a clean report but that minor errors had been highlighted which did not appear on the return submitted. Treasurer to contact BDO requesting confirmation that this had been an error on their part. **RJ**

Financial risk assessment for 2016/17 to be adopted at the November meeting which would include loss of chairman (permanent chair) as a low risk. Councillors to forward any further comments to Cllr Jones. **ALL**

10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Outcome

DC/16/1067/HH - 4 Drury Cottages, Bury Road, Brockley. Re-consultation in respect of this planning proposal. Single storey front extension as amended by drawing no. 15/122/03 Rev A reducing depth of proposed extension. GRANTED.

11 CLERK'S APPRAISAL:

The Clerk's appraisal was completed and was satisfactory.

12 CLERK'S REPORT:

SEBC play equipment monthly inspection report

4 way springer – some fixings have worked loose – secure fixings **DB**

Tree canopy overhanging equipment is less than 2 metres away – lift tree canopy **DB**

Cllr Boreham agreed to deal with the above items.

Football nets – dead – remove or reinstate

It was agreed that the Clerk research costs and item to be included on the next agenda. **JB**

Ms G Leader joined the meeting at 8.00 pm.

Update of on-going matters

- Football goals – rust areas to be treated and painted when the weather improves – pending decision whether to replace
- Telephone box light – the Clerk confirmed the electrical testing was last carried out 9/5/2013 by MJ Bryant who recommended a retest in 10 years or if there was a change of tenant/owner.

13 CORRESPONDENCE:

Information from LCPAS re Norfolk & Suffolk Devolution Consultation – details emailed to Councillors and notices displayed on notice board and bus stop.

Email from J Griffiths, Leader of SEBC regarding Devolution Consultation – emailed to Councillors

Fresh trawl for comments on the A14/A1.Highways England, who operate, maintain and improve England's motorways and major A roads are keen to hear from all stakeholders about problems, issues and challenges parish councils may have. Email forwarded to Councillors.

Babergh and Mid Suffolk – Call for Sites – email forwarded to Councillors.

Anglian Water has requested details of any properties in the parish that have private pumping stations. Letter included in village newsletter and forwarded to Councillors.

Information from County Cllr Evans regarding Suffolk's Community Transport system which has been relaunched as Connecting Communities. Full details of this scheme have been included in the village newsletter and forwarded to Councillors.

Information from LCPAS regarding the New Secretary of State's and Home Building Inquiry. Emailed to Councillors.

SEBC Parish Conference to be held on 14 November 2016 at the Memorial Hall, Newmarket, agenda to be confirmed at a later date.

Fit Villages of Suffolk Sport would like to share the Celebrate England Fund and are offering grants of between £300 and £10,000 for groups to hold one off events or activities which celebrate their local community. Details forwarded to Councillors.

SEBC Planning Department will publish planning applications in the EADT on Fridays, they will continued to post site notices for all applications and send neighbour notifications to adjoining properties. A weekly list of applications and decisions is also available on their website.

Information from LCPAS; The Government has issued new guidance regarding planning applications and protected sites. If your council resides in a protected area or has protected sites within the parish, this will help strengthen any observations and comments you may have on applications in those areas. Details forwarded to Councillors.

Information from LCPAS – Bus Services Bill - The Bill introduces an Advanced Quality Partnership Scheme that provides powers for Transport Authorities to work together on joint Transport Schemes. Emailed to Councillors.

Information from LCPAS - The Government have issued new guidance to District Councils regarding the growing problem of fly tipping, which will be of interest to your Council.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/fly-tipping-council-responsibilities> - forwarded to Councillors

Community Action Suffolk - Community Action Suffolk has rolled out a new FREE Membership scheme this year for the Voluntary, Community and

Social Enterprise (VCSE) Sector groups and organisations, and we would like to invite you to join as a member of CAS for FREE.

Details of Tesco Bags of Help grants scheme funding is available for physical improvements of open spaces – such as building new pocket parks, sports facilities, woodland walks and community gardens – projects that will now get the green light as a result of the funding will also include volunteer training, equipment purchases, community events and sports and leisure activities. Details forwarded to Councillors.

LCPAS have confirmed that a new Neighbourhood Planning Bill has been published by the Government and will speed up and strengthen the popular neighbourhood planning process. Details forwarded to Councillors.

Clerks & Councils Direct Sept 2016 Issue 107 – circulated to Councillors.

Email from Mrs Penny Rose requesting a footpath along the B1066 in front of The Green, Bury Road and hard standing for the bus stop. Clerk had contacted County Councillor Evans regarding the criteria for providing footpaths who advised they are incredibly expensive to install and that if this is the only complaint/request for one this would have to be taken into consideration and would not be likely to be forthcoming. With limited funding SCC focus on what must be done rather than what might sometimes be nice to do. Councillors voted and a majority supported no further action with this request. Cllr Evans agreed that hard standing for a bus stop would make sense and asked how many bus stops there were in the village and how many had hard standing. Clerk to enquire and establish official stops in the village before a decision is made whether to support the request.

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14 PARISH MATTERS FOR THE NEXT MEETING:

15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on Monday 14 November 2016.

The meeting was closed at 8.20 pm.