MEETING OF BROCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL 13 MARCH 2017, THE VILLAGE HALL, BROCKLEY

PRESENT: Cllr D Boreham, Cllr R Jones, Cllr A English, Cllr R Double, Cllr U Hardy, Mrs G Leader (part), County Cllr M Evans and Mrs J Brookman.

Cllr Boreham chaired the meeting.

Action

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr K Fisk and Borough Cllr P Stevens.

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2 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS:

No requests had been received.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Cllr Jones declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 12 relating to the bus shelter land rent and Cllr English declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item no 10 regarding the quotes for the tree survey.

4 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

No report received.

5 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

Cllr Mary Evans reported that there would be a Police Crime Reduction event on 27 March 2017 in Clare with information regarding shed alarms etc.

The County Council will be using the Fire Service as first responders so that they will work alongside the Ambulance Service.

The A1092 will be closed again later in the year.

SCC will go for the 3% social care precept.

Trading Standards and Licensing will be managed by one person rather than separately.

Cllr Evans left at 7.50 pm.

6 PUBLIC FORUM:

Mrs Val Hill had reported that the wire on the 3 sleeper footbridge on Footpath No 6 had worn and asked if the footpath would be topped up with wood chippings. Cllr Boreham agreed to replace the wire on the footbridge. It was agreed that wood chippings would be added when the path could be accessed, probably in the autumn. Councillors agreed to be on the lookout for wood chippings and Cllr Jones offered to store them.

DB

Cllrs

7 MINUTES:

Cllr English proposed that the minutes of 9 January 2017 should be approved; seconded by Cllr Jones. All in favour.

8 MATTERS ARISING:

There were no matters arising.

9 FOOTBALL GOALS:

Cllr Boreham confirmed he had requested a quote for the brackets and was waiting for a price.

Cllr Jones proposed that a budget of up to £100 should be approved to purchase the nets and up to £100 for the brackets. This was seconded by Cllr Boreham. All in favour. Cllr Boreham to follow up brackets and Cllr Jones the nets.

DB RJ

10 TREE SURVEY FOR THE GREEN:

One quote had been received, others outstanding. Item deferred to next Clerk meeting.

11 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:

It was agreed that the format would remain the same as previous years and the matter raised by Mrs Rose regarding a footpath would also be included.

Clerk

Mrs Leader joined the meeting at 7.58 pm.

12 FINANCE REPORT:

Cllr Jones presented the cheques for payments and then left the meeting at 8.00

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

Chq no 22242 Brockley Village Hall hire January 2017 7.00
Chq no 22243 Mrs J Brookman, Clerk – January and £210.00
February 2017
Chq no 22244 Mrs C Jones – Bus shelter land rent £0.05

Cllr Jones returned to the meeting at 8.04 pm.

Cllr Double proposed that Cllr Boreham should become a cheque signatory; seconded by Cllr English. All in favour.

13 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

DC/17/0319/FUL Willow Tree Farmhouse, Mill Road, Brockley. Planning Application – Change of use of agricultural land and 2 no. storage buildings to residential garden land and ancillary outbuildings (Class C3).

The Parish Council unanimously supported this application.

Clerk

14 CLERK'S REPORT:

PLAY EQUIPMENT

- Weeds and vegetation between and around the surfaces to the play are need removing.
- Thorn bush over hanging the play equipment to be removed.
- Missing catch to gate to play equipment needs replacing.
- Rot and loose fixings to the picnic table.

Cllr Boreham agreed to resolve the matters.

DB

UPDATE OF ON-GOING MATTERS

- Football goals rust areas to be treated and painted to be carried out when weather improves by Cllr Fisk.
- Telephone box light Cllr Hardy reported the matter was on-going.

MAINTENANCE OF THE GREEN

No matters outstanding.

15 CORRESPONDENCE:

Clerks & Council Direct – March 2017 – to be circulated to councillors Email from resident complaining about the street lights being on all night – advised SCC matter.

Information that the two street lights in Chapel Lane are not working – reported – SCC advised more than bulb change required and works to be completed by end of March 2017.

Suffolk Accident Rescue Service requesting a donation. Declined.

Bury St Edmunds Town Centre Masterplan - Issues and Options Consultation – details forwarded to Councillors

Hartest Neighbourhood Plan – details forwarded to Councillors

Letter from the Mayor's Office – forwarded to Councillors

Mr Trevor Ludlow will be applying for planning permission on his orchard and wanted to know if the Parish Council would support his application. Clerk to write and thank him for informing the Parish Council of his intentions but confirm they are not able to comment until invited to do so by West Suffolk planning department as consultees.

16 PARISH MATTERS FOR THE NEXT MEETING:

Parish Council vacancy if applicable.

Clerk

17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on Monday 8 May 2017 and will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.