

**MEETING OF
BROCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
14 NOVEMBER 2016, THE VILLAGE HALL, BROCKLEY**

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

Cllr English chaired the meeting.

1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN:

No one was prepared to take on the role of Chairman on a full time basis. Cllr Jones proposed that Cllr Boreham should chair this meeting; seconded by Cllr Fisk. All in favour.

Cllr Boreham then chaired the remainder of the meeting.

2 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

Borough Cllr Stevens reported that a leaflet would be distributed to each household regarding the blue bin recycling and what is permitted. Cllr English enquired whether the recycling was sorted at the depot; Cllr Stevens stated the rubbish was burnt at Gt Blakenham to produce electricity. Cllr Jones asked if the Borough had negotiated a bad deal, Cllr Stevens confirmed the recycling requirement was being met. He also confirmed that there had been an 80% uptake to pay for the service of the brown bins.

Money from the Borough Councillor's Locality Budget had been used to purchase a new lawn mower for Brockley Cricket Club.

3 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

County Cllr Evans confirmed that the early years funding was increasing from 15 to 30 hours in September 2017.

Cllr Double joined the meeting.

Cllr Evans reported that the Broadband Team are working in her area and establishing what BT's plan is and where it can be speeded up. The Highways Team is being reorganised and there will be specialist teams for lighting, drainage and surface dressing etc. House flooding will be a priority and Cllr Evans will meet the team and confirm local issues for attention.

It was confirmed that there were 53 unaccompanied asylum seeking children in Suffolk who are housed in Ipswich and schooled in Colchester.

4 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

There were no apologies for absence.

5 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS:

No requests had been received.

6 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest.

7 PUBLIC FORUM:

Mr English read a letter to the meeting from Mrs Val Hill where she raised the following items:-

**Action
by**

Telephone kiosk light outage – Cllr Hardy has the matter in hand.
The bus stop drain is blocked; there is vegetation at the Hartest end, causing the water to go over the road.
Hedgerows to the Cricket Club – the hedge needs cutting.

Mrs G Leader joined the meeting.

Cllr Boreham convened the meeting.

8 MINUTES:

Cllr Jones proposed that the minutes of 12 September 2016 were a true record; seconded by Cllr Hardy. All in favour.

9 MATTERS ARISING:

Official bus stops in Brockley

The only stops listed on the bus timetable were either (i) the bus stop or (ii) opposite the bus stop. Following the request by Mrs Rose for hard standing for a bus stop adjacent to The Green it was agreed that the bell on the bus could be used by passengers to signal where they would like to get off the bus and that the Parish Council has not received any other requests for any additional stops so no further action would be taken at the time. Clerk to write to Mrs Rose.

Clerk

10 FOOTBALL GOALS:

Clerk to request brochures so that the size and design of goals can be established.

Clerk

11 PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE:

The Clerk reported that SCC was ceasing to host this provision and it had been transferred to Community Action Suffolk. The process had been poorly handled as the initial email had been sent out in a format which was recognised by many systems as spam, there was only until 1 November to make a decision (extension agreed to accommodate Parish Council meeting on 14 November 2016) and the cost of £50 per year was un-precepted and was unfair on smaller parishes as this was the same as Town Councils and schools with much larger budgets.

The Clerk suggested that Brockley Parish Council transfer to the new provider of the One Suffolk Service for the next 12 months at a cost of £50 plus Vat and investigate alternatives over the next 12 months. Cllr Boreham proposed and Cllr Fisk seconded this suggestion. All in favour.

12 FINANCE REPORT:

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

Chq no 22232	Mr O Cornish – grass maintenance works on The Green	£225.00
Chq no 22233	Brockley Village Hall hire – 12 September 2016	£7.00
Chq no 22234	Clerk – September (travelling) October (no travelling)	£88 and £168.00 £80

Chq no 22235	HMRC - Clerk's tax	£74.00
Chq no 22236	Brockley Village Hall – Maintenance grant	£750.00

The bank balance was reconciled with the accounts tabled.

Cllr Jones confirmed that the Financial Risk Assessment had been amended to include the appointment of a Chairman at each meeting as agreed at the last meeting.

The details of the precept need to be with SEBC by 27 January 2017. Cllr Jones proposed that the precept should be increased by 1%; seconded by Cllr Hardy. A vote was taken, 4 in favour and 2 against. The motion was carried.

13 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

No applications or outcomes.

14 TRAFFIC CALMING METHODS:

Following recent correspondence from Mrs Penny Rose requesting a footpath along the B1066 in front of The Green on Bury Road it was agreed that this matter would be brought up at the Annual Parish Meeting to seek other Brockley residents' views as this had been the only request received by the council. Mrs Rose to be thanked for bringing the matter to the Parish Council's attention.

**Clerk
Clerk**

15 CLERK'S REPORT:

Cllr English proposed that the Risk Assessment circulated prior to the meeting should be adopted; seconded by Cllr Double. All in favour. Copy attached to the file copy of these minutes

Clerk

SEBC play equipment monthly inspection report

4 way springer – some fixings have worked loose – fixings secured by Cllr Boreham.

Tree canopy overhanging equipment is less than 2 metres away – lift tree canopy – carried out by Cllr Boreham.

Football nets – to be removed.

Remove weeds around the edges of the play surface.

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 – Cllr Hardy

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter from Jonathan Stones confirmed his resignation as a Parish Councillor as from 10 October 2016. All Councillors present thanked Jonathan for his hard work and dedication whilst he served as a Parish Councillor for Brockley.

Local Councils Public Advisory Service – Summary of Neighbourhood Planning Bill. Emailed to Councillors.

Information from LCPAS - The Government are consulting on the evaluation of Business Rates. Although some businesses will find that they will be lifted out of having to pay the rates, others will find that theirs may rise.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/business-rates-revaluation-2017>

Community Planning Emergency Newsletter – forwarded to Councillors

Came & Co Autumn Newsletter – forwarded to Councillors

Letter from Ian Gallin re Parliamentary Boundary Review, consultation ends 5/12/16 – forwarded to councillors.

Suffolk Lives Matter – an invitation to a community conversation to find out more about Suffolk Lives Matter – a commitment to prevent suicide in Suffolk. Full details forwarded to Councillors

Suffolk's Year of Walking Update – Autumn 2016 – newsletter forwarded to Councillors

LCPAS – Neighbourhood Planning Bill update – email forwarded to Councillors

16 PARISH MATTERS FOR THE NEXT MEETING:

None raised.

17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on Monday 9 January 2017 and to be chaired by Cllr Boreham.

The meeting was closed at 8.40 pm.