

**MEETING OF
BROCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
9 JANUARY 2017, THE VILLAGE HALL, BROCKLEY**

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

Cllr English chaired the meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Cllr R Double and Borough Cllr P Stevens.

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2 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS:

No requests had been received.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest.

4 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

No report received.

5 PUBLIC FORUM:

No matters raised.

6 MINUTES:

Following the amendment in Agenda Item 11, delete Bacton and insert Brockley Cllr Jones proposed that the minutes of 14 November 2016 should be approved as a true record; seconded by Cllr Fisk. All in favour.

Cllr Fisk proposed that the minutes of 12 December 2016 should be approved as a true record; seconded by Cllr Hardy. All in favour.

Cllr Boreham joined the meeting at 7.40 pm.

7 FOOTBALL GOALS:

The cost of a new set of 12' x 6' goals would cost in the region of £500-600. It was agreed that Cllr Boreham would contact Andrew Pawsey for a quote to make a set of brackets and Cllr Jones agreed to look at the current net size and get quotes for replacements.

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Cllr Boreham chaired the remainder of the meeting.

8 FINANCE REPORT:

Cllr Hardy proposed that the earlier motion to increase the current precept by 1% should stand; seconded by Cllr Fisk. All in favour. Clerk to submit the precept form.

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

Clerk

Chq no 22238	Mrs J Brookman Clerk – November 2016 - £176.00 £88 and December 2016 - £88
Chq no 22239	HMRC – Clerk's tax October – December 2016 £64.00

Chq no 22240 Brockley Village Hall hire 14 November 2016 £7.00

Chq no 22241 Brockley Village Hall hire 12 December 2016 £7.00

Cllr Jones proposed that a computer, printer and Microsoft Office software should be purchased for use by the Clerk in the new financial year; seconded by Cllr English. All in favour.

Clerk

Mrs Leader joined the meeting at 7.55 pm.

The Councillors reviewed the Clerks salary. Cllr Jones proposed an increase to £125 per month regardless of the number of meetings held; seconded by Cllr Hardy. All in favour. Increase to be implemented from 1 April 2017.

9 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

No applications or outcomes.

10 CLERK'S REPORT:

SEBC play equipment monthly inspection report recorded that the rocker had movement in the base plate below ground level. Recommended that the base is refixed at the Parish Councils convenience.

The blocked drain at the bus stop has been logged with SCC who has confirmed it will be cleared as part of planned maintenance programme in this financial year.

UPDATE OF ON-GOING MATTERS

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

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MAINTENANCE OF THE GREEN

Mr Cornish confirmed that the quote he submitted for 2016 was for a two year period so the cost remained the same but now also included the area behind the play equipment and strimming the ditch.

Mr Cornish also suggested that the Jubilee Oak should be moved as it will never make a majestic shape in its current location. The Parish Council agreed to monitor its progress for the time being.

11 CORRESPONDENCE:

The first St Edmundsbury Parish and Town Forum of 2017 will take place on Tuesday 31 January at Barrow Village Hall from 6 – 8 pm (drinks and registration from 5.30 pm) the evening will be centred on planning and Mark Stevens, Assistant Director, Operational Highways at SCC will be in attendance. RSVP by 24 January.

Temporary Road Closure. B1066 outside Riverside from 13 to 16 February 2017. Alternative route – B1066, A143, A1302, A134, A1092 and vice versa.

LCPAS email regarding Avian Flu – circulated to Councillors

Email from West Suffolk relating to recent burglaries in the county – forwarded to Councillors.

Anglian Water has, in recent months attended a number of incidents whereby the sewer network that serves this area has failed due to blockages and has caused flooding to residents. Notice to be included in Village Newsletter for attention of all Brockley residents.

LCPAS have confirmed that the Government will not apply a cap to Parish

and Town Councils precepts this year. Although they reserve the right to keep this under review.

Suffolk Cruse Bereavement Care is a charity which supports the bereaved in Suffolk. Our aim is to support anyone of any age, however and whenever their bereavement occurred, we also support children and young people. Details forwarded to Village Newsletter.

LCPAS – Planning update – forwarded to councillors.

Clerks & Councils Direct – Issue 109 – to be circulated to Councillors.

Keep Britain Tidy have launched the Gt British Spring Clean – 3-5 March 2017. The Parish Council did not consider there to be a litter problem.

Headway charity requesting a donation. Declined.

Fresh Start – New Beginnings charity requesting a donation. Declined.

Mr Cornish contacted the Parish Council to advise that the trees along the side of Mill Road nearest the play area were likely to cause a problem with overhead telephone cables. Requested information passed on to BT. He also confirmed that properties were experiencing problems with the public sewer in the vicinity of his property and Anglian Water is dealing.

12 PARISH MATTERS FOR THE NEXT MEETING:

The Green tree survey for 2017.

13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on Monday 13 March 2017 and will be chaired by Cllr Boreham.

The meeting was adjourned at 8.10 pm.

The meeting was reconvened at 8.40 pm

14 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

County Cllr Mary Evans reported as follows:-

- A questionnaire covering post 16 transport was available on the SCC website with a closing date of mid-February.
- Confirmed that Councils can make a 2% increase for social care but felt the Government should be doing this on a national basis and not localised.
- Schools are improving and more funding for schemes will be beneficial.

The meeting was closed at 8.50 pm