Minutes of Brook Parish Council Meeting held in Brook Village Hall on Thursday, 20th July 2017

Present Simon Betty (Chair)

Janet Jessop Janet Medhurst Alison Finn Larry Linin

1 member of the public attended the meeting

To be action	ned by
The meeting started at 7.00pm	
Apologies for absence	
Apologies for absence had been received from John Tomkins.	
Declaration of interest in items on the agenda	
There were declarations of interest in items on the agenda.	
Minutes of the Meeting on 29 th June 2017 were approved as a true record.	
Matters Arising from the Minutes	
The Caretaker has cut back the over-grown brambles.	
No action as yet has been taken regarding grant-funding.	
Agreement mandate on support to Lobbying Letter	
Cllrs Betty and Tomkins had attended a meeting regarding the lobbying letter in Shadoxhurst and the	
majority of Councils have agreed to support this letter. Cllr Betty reported that residents of Hamstreet are	
feeling rail-roaded into siting the 100 additional houses that has been allocated there to a site not wanted	
by the community. The Bethersden representative has contacts with the media and has experience with	
lobbying so was very helpful at the meeting. In May, the Supreme Court ruled, the results of which will	
help to redress the balance with the 5 year housing supply situation. The draft Local Plan has been met	
with some cynicism and opposition and is considered more of a cash-grab than a plan that contains	
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Is the land being offered or is it a compulsory purchase?	
No it is land that was originally offered in 2014 but was omitted from the plan, now, however, as ABC	
require additional housing sites the omission sites have been re-visited.	
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Why are the sites being used if they were previously considered unsustainable?	
Because ABC are short of housing for their 2030 Plan and have to find additional sites.	
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To consider response to SS12 application and Policy HOU4	
Cllr Betty circulated a draft letter and supplied copies of SS12 and Policy HOU4 to the Councillors. This is	
to be considered and any amendments will be made. Cllr Linin is to supply a short report regarding the	
degradation of broadband to home-owners should an additional 10 houses be added to the copper wire.	
degradation of broadband to nome owners should all additional 10 houses be added to the copper wire.	
To consider the Landscape Protection Policy as per Peter Brett Associates copy for Aldington: The	
Council noted that Aldington and Bonnington have withdrawn from paying Peter Brett Associates any	
further monies. The AONB Policy should protect Brook so it was considered that a Landscape Protection	
Policy would not be useful. Cllr Finn proposed not to produce a Landscape Protection Policy using peter	
Brett Associates, Cllr Betty seconded this proposal. All present were in favour.	
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Planning	
The Parish Council considered application no: 17/00969 at Brookwood, The Street, Brook.	
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It was agreed that the Parish Council would comment on the application that it is an increase in volume (bulk massing) that is not in keeping with other houses in the area. The Parish Council also requests that

the comments of neighbours are taken into consideration when deciding on the application.	
Finances	
The Financial Statement was circulated and a budget against expenditure was also circulated.	
There is £3240.43 available in the bank.	
Correspondence	
All correspondence had been circulated.	
Any Other Business	
Cllr Linin asked about whether the email from Cllr Martin of 13 th July needed discussing? Cllr Betty	
explained that the Supreme Court Judgement redresses the balance and changes the stance from Cllr	
Martins email.	
18 th July, a suspicious man was seen in Brook.	
Public Session	
There were no comments from the member of public.	
The next meeting was confirmed as Thursday, 7 th September 2017, the Clerk would like any items for the	All
agenda by Monday 28 th August, please.	

The meeting closed at 8.20pm