

**Minutes of Brook Parish Council Meeting held in
Brook Village Hall Meeting Room on Thursday, 16th March 2017**

Present	John Tomkins (Chair) Alison Finn Larry Linin	Simon Betty Janet Jessop Janet Medhurst
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3 members of public were present.

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The meeting started at 7.00pm	
There were no apologies for absence.	
Declaration of interest in items on the agenda There were no interests to declare.	
Minutes of the Meeting on 16 th February 2017 were approved as a true record.	
Matters Arising from the Minutes The grant applied for by the drama group was awarded. Cllr Jessop explained that she had received an email which gave details of someone who can help with mole infestation problems, the contact details of this person are to be forwarded to Cllr Tomkins.	
Planning Applications Little Russell – preliminary plans were shown to the Parish Council.	
Newsletter The latest newsletter is ready for circulation. The Chairman thanked those involved in its production adding that he felt a wonderful job had been done.	All
Spring Clean The village Spring Clean will take place on 25 th March starting at 10am at the Village Hall.	
Finances The Financial Statement was circulated and a budget against expenditure was also circulated. There is £2647.07 available in the bank. A cheque was signed for the barrier fencing for the recreation ground at £69.97.	
Correspondence All correspondence had been circulated.	
Public Participation 2 members of the public spoke about their neighbours planning application. The Planning Application had been submitted last autumn and at the suggestion of Ashford Borough Council some amendments have been made and plans re-submitted. The members of the public in attendance object most strongly to being over-looked, their main concern being an invasion of privacy and also a potential reduction of light. There is also some concern that this application is not in-keeping with the area. Cllr Tomkins suggested involving Cllr Howard, Cllr Betty explained how the Council must act fairly and impartially to all applications. After some discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council would respond saying, whilst the Parish Council has no comments to make on this application, the Parish Council respectfully requests that the Planning Officer takes into consideration the opinions of the neighbours.	
Any Other Business There have been 2 attempted van break-ins, one which resulted in theft of tools and a mobile phone,	

<p>although the phone was later recovered.</p> <p>In Nats Lane, the Council were due to collect some bulky items so the items were put out over-night, the next morning the residents awoke to find more items dumped and some items removed. The Council removed everything but it was a disturbing act. In the mean-time a Blue Vauxhall, YT53 NNV? Had driven by slowly, when approached they had said they were looking for scrap metal and the resident gave them a lawn mower. The Clerk will inform PCSO Hobbs of this matter.</p> <p>The Clerk had received a report of rubbish being dumped in Nats Lane, she had reported it to the Council, Cllr Tomkins suggested he would put a sign up.</p>	
<p>The next meeting was confirmed as Thursday, 20th April 2017, the Clerk would like any items for the agenda by Monday 10th April, please.</p>	All
<p>There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 7.55 PM.</p>	