## **BROOK PARISH COUNCIL**

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You are invited to a Meeting of Brook Parish Council held via Skype, on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> May 2020 at 4.00pm Please contact the Clerk with your Skype details if you wish to join the meeting

## AGENDA

- 1. Election of the Chairman and any Vice-Chairman for the Council year 2020-21
- 2. Completion of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office Form by Chairman
- 3. To receive and approve apologies for absence.
- 4. To receive declarations of interest (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Other Significant Interests). The nature as well as the existence of any such interest must be declared.
- 5. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020
- 6. To discuss matters arising from the above minutes not covered by the agenda.
- 7. Public session: To receive questions and comments from the public on any agenda item.
- 8. Financial matters:
  - a) To approve the following financial documents:
    - i. To consider the findings of the Review of Effectiveness of the System of Internal Controls
    - ii. To complete the certificate of exemption on the Annual Governance and Accountability Return - To be completed only by smaller authorities where the higher of gross income or gross expenditure was £25,000 or less, that meet the qualifying criteria, and that wish to certify themselves as exempt from a limited assurance review
    - iii. To receive the end of year accounts
    - iv. To receive the report from the Internal Auditor
    - v. To approve the Annual Governance Statement 2019/20, section 1 of the AGAR for the year ending 31 March 20
    - vi. To consider the Accounting Statements 2019/20 and approve the Accounting Statements 2019/20, section 2 of the AGAR for the year ending 31 March 2020 and the supporting Bank Reconciliation as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 and the explanation of significant variance from 2018-19 to 2019-20. To ensure the Accounting Statements 2019/20 are signed and dated by the person presiding at the meeting

- b) To note/authorise the following:
  - i. To note the Parish Council's financial position.
  - ii. To authorise any payments
- 9. To review Financial Regulations, Standing Orders, Asset Register and the Risk Assessment, and confirm arrangements for insurance cover in respect of all insured risks
- 10. Review of the Council's and/or staff subscriptions to other bodies ie KALC
- 11. Review of the Council's complaints procedure;
- 12. Review of the Council's policies, procedures and practices in respect of its obligations under freedom of information (*see also standing orders 11, 20 and 21*);
- 13. Review of the Council's policy for dealing with the press/media;
- 14. Review of the Council's employment policies and procedures;
- 15. To consider any changes to the Risk Assessment.
- 16. Planning matters: to approve the responses to any recent planning applications.
- 17. Any Other Business (for information purposes only):
- 18. Date of next meeting  $-18^{th}$  June 2020
- 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020

17 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	15 <sup>th</sup> October 2020
19 <sup>th</sup> November 2020	17 <sup>th</sup> December 2020

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Members of the public and press are welcome to attend and will be given an opportunity to speak on any matter on the agenda.

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