

**Minutes of Brook Parish Council Meeting held in  
Brook Village Hall on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

<b>Present</b>	Simon Betty (Chair) Janet Jessop Janet Medhurst	Alison Finn Larry Linin
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To be actioned by

The meeting started at 7.00pm	
<b>Apologies for absence</b> Apologies for absence had been received from John Tomkins.	
<b>Declaration of interest in items on the agenda</b> There were declarations of interest in items on the agenda.	
<b>Minutes</b> of the Meeting on 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2017 were approved as a true record.	
<b>Matters Arising from the Minutes</b> The latest newsletter is nearly ready for printing. There had been plans for a coffee morning/afternoon tea to fund church flowers but as Erica is already fund-raising for this and does not wish there to be any conflict it was agreed that these plans should be shelved for now. It is hoped the previous problem with dogs getting out was a one-off and has now stopped.	
<b>Planning</b> The Parish Council considered application no: 17/01512 at Brook Chapel, The Street, Brook. It was agreed that the Parish Council raises no objections to this application provided that any external alterations are sympathetic to the building and its surroundings, and that the comments of neighbours are taken into consideration when deciding on the application.  The Parish Council considered application no: 17/01558 at The Willows, Spelders Hill, Brook. It was agreed that the Parish Council raises no objections but requests that the comments of neighbours are taken into consideration when deciding on the application.	
<b>Finances</b> The Financial Statement was circulated and a budget against expenditure was also circulated. There is £5853.98 available in the bank. A cheque is to be written for the RoSPA Inspection by Play Safety Limited.	
<b>Possible NIA between Brook and Wye</b> Cllr Betty explained the criteria when identifying the Nature Improvement Area, if a large area is found that is in an AONB/Site of Special Scientific Interest/Nature reserve, it can be designated as a Nature Improvement Area. This is a higher level of protection than that offered by just an AONB. The Clerk had contacted William Howard who had been positive and agreed to talk with Noel Ovenden (Wye Borough Councillor) about this. William had suggested that at present the Borough is very busy with the Local Plan and as long as Simon Cole would not have any problems with this, it could be taken forward at this time.	
<b>Any Other Business</b> Mrs Maxwell had discussed some concerns she has with Cllr Jessop, regarding lack of community engagement. Cllr Jessop had said that there is information on both the Parish Council website and the Village Hall website and a newsletter is produced and delivered bi-annually as a minimum. She had also raised concern about dangerous driving by the blind bend at Pickersdane. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Highways about this.	

<p>Cllr Medhurst informed the meeting that there were some effective speeding signs in Hythe.  School parking continues to be an issue.  A white transit van has been spotted in brook with 3 men inside.  Cllr Betty reminded the Council of the Parish Plan.  Cllr Betty had been in touch with the Kentish Express regarding the Chapel planning application he had responded and also noted that the Parish Council is unhappy with the Local Plan policies HOU3A/HOU4.</p> <p>William Howard was asked if the Drama Group could apply for a grant. William Howard agreed.</p>	
<p><b>Public Session</b>  There were no members of public present.</p>	
<p><b>The next meeting</b> was confirmed as Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> November 2017, the Clerk would like any items for the agenda by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November, please.</p>	All

**The meeting closed at 8.20pm**