

**Minutes of Brook Parish Council Meeting held in
Brook Village Hall Meeting Room on Thursday, 17th March 2016**

Present	John Tomkins (Chair) Alison Finn Janet Medhurst	Simon Betty Janet Jessop Larry Linin
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To be actioned by

The meeting started at 7.00pm	
No apologies for absence had been received.	
Declaration of interest in items on the agenda There were no declarations of interest.	
Minutes of the Meeting on 18 th February 2016 were approved as a true record.	
Matters Arising from the Minutes The sign on the playground has now been sorted out so there are no sharp protruding edges. The Village Tidy was undertaken with a good turnout. HM Queen Elizabeth's birthday celebrations, talks are on-going with the landlord of the Honest Miller	JT
Finances The Financial Statement was circulated and a budget against expenditure was also circulated. 3 cheques was signed, one for Electro Supplies for £1181.80 to pay for lights and radio mikes using the grant from Andrew Wickham, £77.44 for mirror lights, using some of the grant from Ashford Borough Council and 2 cheques for the outstanding amount for the Drama Group at £238.33. The Clerk was asked what the Budget over Expenditure sheet would look like next year, it was explained that Smeeth Parish Council would be paid out of the funds as a one-off payment as soon as the Precept was received, this would mean that the payments to Lawncare would not have to be made. Hedgecutting in the Autumn will still be required, though. It was agreed that the Clerk would put together a short bullet pointed explanation as to the increase in Council Tax in case any of the residents question the Councillors.	TB
Caretaker Scheme The Caretaker has been to Brook and met some of the Councillors whilst being shown what duties will be his responsibility. The Caretaker is to undertake the Playground Inspections on a weekly basis and will report back to the Parish Council any remedial work required. The barn is not ready as yet but it is hoped this is imminent. A Carpenter will need to be used to make the barn secure at a cost to the Caretaker Scheme. Cllr Tomkins is to circulate the contact details for whom to contact with regard to the Caretaker Scheme.	JT
Planning Applications Planning Application: 16/00084 Site Address: Kimberley, Spelders Hill, Brook, Ashford, Kent, TN25 5PB Description: Rear and front extension with loft conversion Approved by Ashford Borough Council.	
Correspondence The Clerk had circulated all correspondence.	
Public Participation	

There were no members of the public present.	
<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Fly-tipping is a problem at the end of Nats Lane, Mr Verhoeven is reporting it to the Police and it is hoped some action might be taken. It was agreed that this would be discussed at the next meeting.</p> <p>Dog waste on the path by Albertine is a problem, potential sites for an additional bin were discussed. The Clerk is to contact the Dog Warden.</p> <p>The drain opposite Mandy is blocked, the Clerk will report this and ask that the drain at Sankey Farm also be cleared.</p>	
<p>The next meeting was confirmed as Thursday, 14th April 2016, the Clerk would like any items for the agenda by Monday 4 April, please.</p>	All
There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 8.00 PM.	