

**Minutes of Brook Parish Council Meeting held in the  
Village Hall on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

<b>Present</b>	Peter Webb in the Chair Jim Benson Tony Dunn	Erica Forbes John Tomkins
<b>In attendance:</b>	Cllr Howard Mr Betty	Cllr Miss Martin Mrs Betty

To be actioned by

The meeting started at 7.00pm	
Apologies had been received from Cllr Scarfe.	
<b>Declaration of interest in items on the agenda</b> There were no declarations of interest in items on the agenda.	
<b>Minutes</b> of the Meeting on 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2013 were approved as a true record.	
<b>Matters Arising from the Minutes</b> <b>Planter at the base of the Brook Sign</b> – Flowers have been planted in a raised planter around the base of the sign. The sign had been reported to Kent Highways The parking issue had been reported to the PCSO	
<b>Plan-It Ashford</b> There were 16 responses, the results were varied and will be fed back to the Borough Council. One response that was mentioned a few times was Broadband. Cllr Webb had been in touch with Mr Linin and he is to take forward the broadband situation in Brook on behalf of the Parish Council. Cllr Miss Martin suggested talking to VFast.	
<b>Handy man Scheme</b> A discussion surrounding some of the aspects of a handy-man took place. Brook Parish Council agreed to register an interest with Michelle Byrne.	
<b>The fencing around the playground</b> The fencing around the play ground is falling on one side and needs repairing. The Clerk is to obtain 3 quotes for fencing repairs. The Parish Council would like Jacksons fencing to be used.	
<b>Progress on the new bank account</b> The documents have arrived from Lloyds Bank.	
<b>Money available for projects from ABC (William Howard)</b> A form can be obtained from Michelle Byrne for a grant application for funding towards pantomime royalties, costumes a Christmas tree and fence repairs.	
<b>Finances</b> The Financial Statement was circulated.  Cheques were written to Lawncare - £152.00, Peter Webb for the planter and soil - £42.96, PK Littlejohn (Audit) - £120.00 and lighting for the hall - £1899.95.	
<b>Tree Wardens Report</b> A tree warden's report was received. These will now be a quarterly occurrence. The Jubilee Tree	

<p>has recovered well.</p>	
<p><b>Any Other Business</b>  Cllr Dunn will be moving, as yet a date is not known so his resignation is not yet required.</p> <p>Borough Council cuts are likely to affect services.  There was a discussion on Localism.  Aldington’s handyman report will be circulated by William Howard.  There will be a children’s awards ceremony for children with disabilities and their carers.  John Lewis at Home will open on 7<sup>th</sup> November.  Offices and residential units are being built on the land opposite John Lewis.  The Free School has opened in Wye.  William Howard is asking for a cycle path to be built between Brook and Wye.</p> <p>There was some discussion over the lack of development of the museum.</p>	
<p><b>The next meeting</b> was confirmed as Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> October 2013, the Clerk would like any items for the agenda by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October, please.</p>	All
<p>There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 9.05 PM.</p>	