

**Minutes of Brook Parish Council Meeting held in the
Village Hall on Thursday, 19th April 2012**

Present	Peter Webb in the Chair	John Tomkins
	Erica Forbes	Bob Scarfe
	Jim Benson	Tony Dunn

To be actioned by

The meeting started at 7.00pm	
No apologies had been received.	
<p>Declaration of interest in items on the agenda Cllrs Dunn and Tomkins declared an interest in the Pantomime. Cllr Forbes and Webb declared an interest in the Church. Cllr Webb declared an interest in the Village Hall</p>	
Minutes of the Meeting on 15 th March 2012 were approved as a true record.	
<p>Matters Arising from the Minutes Brook Sign – Sean Pierce has not completed this as yet. This will be discussed again at the next meeting and if not complete, an alternative solution may be sought. Cleaning of Post Box and Telephone Box – Cllrs Dunn and Tomkins agreed that this will be undertaken as part of the village clean up if it has not been completed before then. Footpath Sign – Sean Pierce is to be chased for a quotation to undertake replacing rotten legs and reseating the sign. Cllrs Dunn and Tomkins will approach Mr Pierce. If a quote has not been received by the next meeting, the Clerk is to give the go ahead to Kent County Paths Partnership for a repair costing £75 +VAT. Brook Panto – This is progressing and a grant from William Howard is to be applied for. The final auditions will take place on 11th June.</p>	AD/JT
<p>Christmas Lights The Clerk has purchased and handed over 2 x 20m 200 LED warm white lights with green cable to Cllr Benson. An external electricity point will be required, it will need to be lockable and weatherproof. Cllr Forbes is to speak with Mr Kistrup to confirm the plans for this.</p>	EF
<p>Dog Fouling The Clerk had reported the problem to the dog wardens at Ashford Borough Council and 2 more signs had been delivered free of charge. Cllrs Dunn and Tomkins took these with the intention of putting them up near the recreation ground. The Clerk advised that they should be placed at 2.1m above ground level.</p>	AD/JT
<p>Jubilee/Beacon/Celebrations A special commemorative service is to take place in Brook Church at 10am on 5th June, there will be a tree planting ceremony after this service at 11.15am. Dr Michie is to be asked if he would undertake the commemorative tree planting and Ravi will bless the tree. Tea/coffee and cake will also be served.</p>	PW
<p>The beacon is to be lit on 4th June somewhere between 10 and 10.30pm. Cllr Tomkins offered to assist Cllr Scarfe with moving the wood from the Church to the recreation ground. Cllr Webb offered some fencing he still has and an advert is to be put through letter boxes asking for other items for the beacon. A sausage sizzle and open bar was discussed and Cllr Webb agreed to contact members of the Village Hall Trust about organising this.</p>	JT/RS PW

<p>Playground A villager has reported that one of the uprights on the frame has come away from the fixing. Cllr Webb has taken a look and confirms that this is the case. The Clerk was asked to locate someone to undertake repairs. Another order of bark is also required, this was requested for delivery in the middle of May. The Clerk is to order this.</p>	<p>TB TB</p>
<p>Village Clean Up The Village Clean Up is organised for Saturday 26th May at 10am. Flyers to be put through doors and an advert to be placed in the notice board and the local paper.</p>	
<p>Finances The Financial Statement was circulated. The following cheques was signed: P Forbes for the Wild Service Tree - £29.99 Gala Lights for the Christmas Lights - £166.68</p>	
<p>Tree Wardens Report The tree warden was thanked for his report this month. The tree warden has had some problems with the neighbours to the recreation ground regarding the tree that is near their garden. Linda Cross is to be asked for her advice on the trees age.</p>	<p>PF</p>
<p>Any Other Business Following an idea being put forward for adult outdoor exercise equipment, it was agreed that a party of 4 Councillors would visit those in Chartham before the next meeting to see what they have and how durable they might be. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.</p>	
<p>The next meeting was confirmed as Thursday, 17th May 2012, the Clerk would like any items for the agenda by Monday 7th May, please.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 8.00 PM.</p>	