## Minutes of Brook Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> May 2013

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

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The meeting started at 7.00pm	
Apologies had been received from John Tomkins	
Declaration of interest in items on the agenda	
There were no declarations of interest in items on the agenda.	
<b>Minutes</b> of the Meeting on 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2013 were approved as a true record.	
Matters Arising from the Minutes	
Pot holes – The School has contacted the KCC education department. Some repairs have been	
undertaken and the school has also changed the parking layout for staff parking. KCC are aware	
of the Parish Council's dis-satisfaction over the parking at the school.	
Railings – The Clerk contacted KCC asking for the railings to be repaired, the response received	
said, "the painting programme is now managed by KCC's Highway's staff.	
Considering the budget available and following a review of current priorities I regret we	
will be unable to include the painting of the railings at the above site in the current year. If	
unds permit I will seek to include this work in the programme for next year (i.e. 2014/15).	
<b>Brook Sign</b> – The sign is to be completed and placed in the ground on 25 <sup>th</sup> May. A hole borer is equired. Peter Webb is to communicate via email with the other Councillors once an agreement	
s reached as to what is needed at the time.	
<b>Posts at the Village Hall</b> – The cheque for £100 has been handed over to the Village Hall	
Committee.	
<b>Village Clean Up</b> – The clean up is to be on 15 <sup>th</sup> June at 10am. The Clerk is to approach BIFFA	
about supplying black sacks, high visibility jackets and gloves for this event.	
Missing Footpath Sign – Tony Dunn has reported this to Dr Bradley.	
Village Hall Plans – Peter Webb is consulting Ashford Borough Council about the plans.	
Election of Officers	
Jim Benson proposed Peter Webb as Chairman, Erica Forbes seconded this.	
Erica Forbes proposed Tony Dunn as Vice-Chairman, Bob Scarfe seconded this.	
Play bark	
The Clerk asked for confirmation as to how much play bark was required. It was agreed that the	TB
same quantity as last year will be ordered.	
Recycling Presentation	
onathan Longley of Swale Borough Council was welcomed to the meeting. Jonathan gave a	
comprehensive talk about the new recycling scheme that will be introduced throughout the	
Ashford Borough in July. There was some discussion about Wyecycle, residents can still use	
Wyecycle, should they so wish. A question was raised as to what should happen to the redundant waste bins. Jonathan is to respond to the Clerk about this issue.	
Finances	
The Financial Statement was circulated.	
The following cheques was signed:	
Lawncare - £152.00	

Aon Ltd - £712.96	
KALC - £153.79	
Mrs T Block - £130.86	
PCC - £130.00	
Hall - £100.00	
Museum - £100.00	
Mrs A MacCormack - £60.00	
Tree Wardens Report	
The tree warden was thanked for his report this month. There is a lot of concern over the ash die-	
back issue. Mr Forbes is stepping down as tree warden, the Parish Council are very grateful to Mr	
Forbes for his time and interest in the trees in Brook. Simon Betty is to take over from Mr Forbes,	
Simon was welcomed as the new Tree Warden. The Parish Council is very pleased to have	
someone new to take over from Mr Forbes.	
Any Other Business	
There is a large pot hole on the corner by Brook End. The Clerk will report it but residents are	TB
encouraged to report pot holes either online or on 08458 247800,	
It was noted that the Head Teacher is leaving Brook School at the end of this academic year.	
The Village Hall Trust continues to thrive as does the walking group.	
There is to be a dedication of the new organ in brook Church this Sunday at 3pm and on 25 <sup>th</sup> May,	
Dean Hayward will be in concert at the church.	
The Pantomime was a great success last year.	
The Clerk is to ask Andrew Wickham, William Howard and Jane Martin to attend the next	TB
meeting.	
Public Participation	
A new resident was welcomed to Brook.	
The question as to who is responsible for litter picking in Hinxhill was raised. The Clerk will	
contact BIFFA.	
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<b>The next meeting</b> was confirmed as Thursday, 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2013, the Clerk would like any items for	All
the agenda by Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June, please.	
There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 9.00 PM.	