BROOK PARISH COUNCIL

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There will be a Meeting of Brook Parish Council held at the Village Hall, on Thursday, 23rd May 2024 at 5.15pm, and you are summoned to attend.

AGENDA

- 1. Election of the Chairman and any Vice-Chairman for the Council year 2024-25
- 2. Completion of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office Formby the Chairman
- 3. To receive and approve apologies for absence
- 4. To receive any declarations of interest (Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and Other Significant Interests). The nature as well as the existence of any such interest must be declared.
- 5. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 21st March 2024
- 6. To discuss matters arising from the above minutes not covered by the agenda.
- 7. To receive a report from Borough Councillor
- 8. Public session: To receive questions and comments from the public on any agenda item.
- 9. To discuss and agree a response to the communication from Terry Mortimer
- 10. To discuss next steps following the resignation of Cllr Jessop
- 11. To confirm eligibility to use the General Power of Competence
- 12. Appointment and scope of the Internal Auditor
- Appointment of Responsibilities: Planning Committee (3 members) Highways and Environment Lead Wildlife/Trees lead Parish Council Newsletter Editor

Village Hall Representative KALC Representative Caretaker Committee

- 14. To review the effectiveness of the system of Internal Controls: Councillors are asked to consider the Statement of Internal Control in support of the Annual Governance Statement
- 15. Financial matters:
 - a) To approve the following financial documents:
 - i. To receive the end of the Year accounts
 - ii. To complete the certificate of exemption on the Annual Governance and Accountability Return - To be completed only by smaller authorities where the higher of gross income or gross expenditure was £25,000 or less, that meet the qualifying criteria, and that wish to certify themselves as exempt from a limited assurance review
 - iii. To receive the report from the Internal Auditor

- iv. To approve the Annual Governance Statement 2022/23, section 1 of the AGAR for the year ending 31 March 23
- v. To consider the Accounting Statements 2022/23 and approve the Accounting Statements 2022/23, section 2 of the AGAR for the year ending 31 March 2023 and the supporting Bank Reconciliation as at 31st March 2023 and the explanation of significant variance from 2021-22 to 2022-23. To ensure the Accounting Statements 2022/23 are signed and dated by the person presiding at the meeting
- b) To note/authorise the following:
 - i. To note the Parish Council's financial position.
 - ii. To authorise any payments
- 16. To review Financial Regulations, Standing Orders, Asset Register and the Risk Assessment, and confirm arrangements for insurance cover in respect of all insured risks
- 17. Review of the Council's and/or staff subscriptions to other bodies ie KALC
- 18. Review of the Council's complaints procedure;
- 19. Review of the Council's policies, procedures and practices in respect of its obligations under freedom of information (*see also standing orders 11, 20 and 21*);
- 20. Review of the Council's policy for dealing with the press/media;
- 21. Review of the Council's employment policies and procedures;
- 22. To consider any changes to the Risk Assessment.
- 23. To receive the planning report.
- 24. To discuss the Recreation Ground: To include and update regarding Play area, Community Orchard discussion, Use of the Recreation Ground.
- 25. To receive any updates on Highways/Environment.
- 26. To receive a Caretaker Report.
- 27. To agree D-Day 80 commemoration event
- 28. Any Other Business (for information purposes only):
- 29. Date of next meetings:

18th July 2024 16th January 2025 19th September 2024 20th March 2025

21st November 2024 15th May 2025

<u>T Block</u> <u>Clerk to Brook Parish Council</u>

Members of the public and press are welcome to attend and will be given an opportunity to speak on any matter on the agenda.