Minutes of Brook Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Thursday, 17th October 2013

Present Peter Webb in the Chair Erica Forbes

Jim Benson

Bob Scarfe

Tony Dunn

In attendance: Larry Linin Alan Joynson

To be actioned by The meeting started at 7.00pm Apologies had been received from Cllr Tomkins. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda There were no declarations of interest in items on the agenda. **Minutes** of the Meeting on 19th September 2013 were approved as a true record. **Matters Arising from the Minutes Handy-man Scheme** – The Parish Council has registered an interest in going forward with the scheme. The Parish Council are not committed to anything at this stage and will proceed with caution. Bank Forms – The forms are ready for signing. The signatories all signed the form and will need PW. to go Lloyds Bank with their photo driving licence or a passport and utility bill to verify who they EF, RS, JB, TB are. **Play Ground Fencing** 3 quotations had been received. They ranged from £252.10 to in excess of £600. It was agreed that Lawncare should be asked to go ahead with the work. It was noted that the apple tree has split TB in half near the play-ground. Lawncare will be asked if there are any costs involved in the removal of this. **Ward Member Grant** It was agreed that Christmas Grant activity would be applied for at a value of £1,242.10 to cover, TB fencing, Christmas tree and the pantomime. The grant is not likely to cover all of this. **Finances** The Financial Statement was circulated. Cheques were written to RosPa for the playground inspection for £88.10. **Public Participation** Village Hall Expansion- Alan Joynson presented plans for an extension to the hall for storage. This is hoped to be paid for through 80% grants and 20% Village Hall Funds. It is hoped that the expansion would start in Spring, building regulations are required but planning permission is not. Cllr Benson felt the extension was rather modest and all other Councillors approved the plans. The Clerk is to contact KALC to confirm where the Parish Council stands regarding the land. TB

Larry Linin presented a comprehensive review of the situation so far regarding the broadband bids. He has a background in telecommunications and has investigated many of the exchanges. Wye is not on the list to be upgraded. Bt have the contract for the entire country and superfast broadband requires the replacement of copper cable by fibre, the cost of this is £13,000 per household. Larry has contacted Kate North and the situation is that we are still waiting for a response from both the BD:UK and DEFRA bid. KCC will soon be launching their postcode checker to find out which post codes will/won't be covered by either of these grants.	
Any Other Business	
The school sign coming from Terrys Wood is hidden by the hedge. The Clerk is to report this.	TB
Wye Community Farm had asked whether a bonfire/firework display could be held on the ground near the Village Hall. It was not considered that this was a good idea. An individual has now agreed to host this.	
The next meeting was confirmed as Thursday, 21 st November 2013, the Clerk would like any items for the agenda by Monday 11 th November, please.	All
There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 8.20 PM.	