

BROOKLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Members are summoned to a meeting of Brookland Parish Council to be held on Monday 18th November 2024 at 7.15pm at The Village Hall, Brookland.

MINUTES

Present: Cllr Gillies, Cllr Bicknell, Cllr Kennedy, KCC Cllr Hills, A Lawson

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Rhys, Cllr French & F&HDC Martin.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th September 2024 were agreed as a true record of that meeting and signed by the chair. Proposed Cllr Gillies, Seconded Cllr Kennedy and unanimously agreed.

4. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – Public Participation

None

5. PLANNING

None

6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT & REPORTS FROM OTHER OUTSIDE BODIES

F&HDC Cllr Martin keen to hear any feedback on the new solar farm proposals

KCC Cllr Hills ran through the highlights of his November report

7. FINANCE

Members reviewed invoices paid and to be paid since the last meeting and forecast expenses to the end of the financial year. No queries raised.

The Councillors reviewed the proposed budget for 25/26. Proposed Cllr Gillies, seconded Cllr Bicknell and unanimously agreed the budget of £32,300 expenditure. Councillors further agreed to formally request a precept of £12,870 for 25/26 from F&HDC with the remainder of proposed budgeted expenditure to be taken from existing reserves.

Members reviewed and agreed to adopt the NALC Pay Scales for 24/25 and the back dated pay award to 1st April 2024. Proposed Cllr Gillies, seconded Cllr Bicknell and unanimously agreed.

8. HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Councillors discussed the recent correspondence from KCC on the HIP and proposed solutions and agreed to work with KCC on the implementation of the proposals.

9. PLAY INSPECTION REPORT

Member reviewed and accepted the recent play inspection report and agreed to follow up on MUGA fencing and with F&HDC on the general appearance and maintenance of the main play area.

10. CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

Village Hall lease & refurbishment proposals – Councillors discussed the draft lease and proposed a number of amendments to be incorporated before the lease agreement can be signed off. Clerk to liaise with Hallett & Co on updating the document.

Quotes for refurbishing the High St bench area – Councillors reviewed the 3 quotes received and unanimously agreed to accept the quote from C Jones. Cllr Bicknell to project manage the work.

Village Emergency Plan – c/f to next meeting

Village upkeep snagging list – c/f to next meeting

Hugofox .gov domain name – Councillors unanimously agreed to look at moving to a .gov.uk domain name. Clerk to progress with Hugo Fox.

11. ANY FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

12. NEXT MEETING

Monday 27th January in Brookland Primary School. Please note change of venue due to Village Hall refurbishment works.