Minutes of Brook Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Thursday, 21st July 2011

Erica Forbes

Bob Scarfe

Present Peter Webb in the Chair

Tony Dunn

Jim Benson

To be actioned by The meeting started at 7.00pm Apologies had been received from Cllrs John Tomkins and William Howard. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda Peter Webb declared an interest in the School. Jim Benson declared an interest in the School. **Minutes** of the Meeting on 16th June 2011 were approved as a true record. **Matters Arising from the Minutes** Cllr Howard has responded to the Clerk stating that the column number is not recognised and he asked for the nearest property. This is Stonebridge House, the Clerk will advise. TB The Active Tour Project came along to the barbecue, their attendance was positive and proved its worth. The Head teacher at the School has said that some new shelving is required in the school hall, this is something the Parish council would be happy to support. Cllr Webb has received permission for the Parish Council to use the museum meeting room, the next meeting is to be held there. The cricket ground sign has not yet been sought, the Clerk is to ask the Borough Council for a TB The Clerk has given the benefice office the names and addresses of the Parish Councillors for publishing in the magazine. Their names and addresses will also be published on the Notice TB Board. Cllr Webb reported he had applied weedkiller but more is required. PW **Bench** – A quote has been received from Jason Harris at £650/700. It was agreed that another 2 PW/TB quotes should be sought (Cllr Webb to request from Sean Pierce, the Clerk to contact Mark Heathfield), the Clerk is to apply for a grant from Andrew Wickham. TB **Playground** – It was agreed that the Clerk would order double the quantity of wood chippings next time an order is required. 2 cradle swings are to be ordered. TB Meeting Room – It was agreed that the museum meeting room would be used for meetings in the TB future. The Clerk will inform the Village Hall Bookings Officer. School Parking – Cllr Webb has been in touch with the School Governors, a copy of their response was circulated. The school is aware of the problems. It was agreed that the Clerk would TB contact PC Matt King and ask him if he could be "visible" at School run times to ask Parents to be considerate when dropping off their child/ren. Bus Service – A survey form has been drawn up and was circulated for consideration, this is to be discussed at the next meeting. **Roads** – William Howard said: "I have spoken to county councillors about the roads and they are going to look into it. However, in the mean time they did recommend contact KHS either online or by phone to ensure the job was logged as there has been a change in contractor. In regards to speed I would highly recommend getting in touch with Pluckley Parish Council as they have just completed a TB speed review in the village and it is a model of what Parish

Councils are going to have to do to get the speed limits

reviewed by KHS.	
New Signatory Forms	
New forms were circulated and will be collected at the next meeting.	
Finances	
The Financial Statement was circulated	
The following cheques were signed:	
Lawncare – £136, AHS Ltd (Bark Chippings) - £475.20	
Tree Wardens Report	
The Tree Wardens report was circulated and thanks were extended to Mr Forbes for this.	
Any Other Business	
AONB signs were discussed again, a quote will be requested and then an order put in for 2 if	
Councillors agree.	TB
The hedge on the corner of the road from Brook to Wye at the top of Spelders Hill is becoming too	TB
high again, the Clerk is to contact Kent Highways about this.	
The hedge at the top of the village has been cut.	
The Path Project joining Wye and Brook was queried. This was not possible due to the	
landowners not being prepared to create paths across their land. The path in Thannington Without	
was discussed and the Clerk was asked to contact their Clerk to ask where funding for this was obtained.	ТВ
Newspaper articles in the Kentish Express were discussed. There seems to be very limited news	
from Brook in the KE. It was agreed that the Clerk would give the contact for the KE a summary	TB
of the meetings and put in meeting dates with a note saying Parishioners welcome.	
A beacon was discussed for the Jubilee. The Clerk will register a beacon for Brook. Thoughts	TB
about this will be brought to another meeting.	
The sign for Brook is leaning. Sean Pierceis to be asked to replace the pole.	PW
It was noted that there is a missing manhole cover outside Mrs Alex Long's house.	
The next meeting was confirmed as Thursday, 15 th September 2011, the Clerk would like any	All
items for the agenda by Monday 5 th September, please.	
There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 8.20 PM.	