

**Minutes of Brook Parish Council Meeting held in the
Village Hall on Thursday, 17th May 2012**

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

To be actioned by

The meeting started at 7.00pm	
No apologies had been received.	
Declaration of interest in items on the agenda Cllr Forbes and Webb declared an interest in the Church. Cllr Webb declared an interest in the Village Hall	
Minutes of the Meeting on 19 th April 2012 were approved as a true record.	
Matters Arising from the Minutes Brook Sign – Sean Pierce has not completed this as yet. Sean Pierce promised the meeting this would be completed within 3 weeks. Footpath Sign –Sean Pierce is to be chased for a quotation to undertake replacing rotten legs and reseating the sign. Christmas Lights - Cllr Forbes is to speak with Mr Kistrup to confirm the plans for the external electricity point, which needs to be lockable and weatherproof.	EF
Election of Officers Erica Forbes proposed Peter Webb as Chairman, Tony Dunn seconded this. Erica Forbes proposed Tony Dunn as Vice-Chairman, Bob Scarfe seconded this.	
Jubilee/Beacon/Celebrations A special commemorative service taken by Dickie will be held in Brook Church at 10am on Tuesday 5 th June, there will be a tree planting ceremony after this service at 11.15am. Dr Michie has agreed to undertake the commemorative tree planting and Ravi will bless the tree. Tea/coffee and cake will also be served. The beacon is to be lit on Monday 4 th along with the other beacons registered with the 2012 beacons across the UK. There is some concern that nothing else will happen with the beacon. Both The Village Hall Trust and the Honest Miller have stated that they do not wish to be involved in the Jubilee Celebrations. There has been some discussion about a barbecue being held at lunch time after the Church service. It was proposed that this could take place as an evening event coinciding with the beacon lighting. And will take place at the Museum. A flyer is to be distributed to each house once arrangements have been finalised. All being well, Sean Pierce and John Tomkins are to arrange the beacon. Peter Webb and John Tomkins will go shopping for the cups, mustard, napkins, ketchup etc, Jane Pierce will organise sausages, burgers and buns. Sean will also secure tables, chairs and the PA system from the hall and Bob Scarfe will supply his floodlights. This will commence at 7pm with the lighting of the beacon at 8pm. All attending should bring their own drinks.	
Playground Thanks were expressed to all who helped with the bark chippings. It was agreed that the Clerk would ask Landscape Services to go ahead with the replacement of the scramble net.	TB

<p>The outdoor exercise equipment for adults was discussed. It was agreed that a grant should be applied for to fund this. The Clerk will apply for a grant on the Parish Councils behalf.</p>	TB
<p>Rural Conference The conference took place at the Julie Rose, Peter Webb and Tony Dunn attended. The main topic was Localism. The Councillors suggested that the Parish Council wait and see what happens next but might invest in a handy man to undertake some of the small maintenance jobs that need completing, Peter Webb will contact a local handyman.</p>	PW
<p>Village Clean Up The Village Clean Up is organised for Saturday 26th May at 10am. An advert is to be placed in the notice board and the local paper.</p>	TB
<p>Finances The Financial Statement was circulated. The following cheques was signed: Museum - £100.00 KALC - £152.65 Hall - £100.00 PCC - £100.00 Aon Ltd - £633.93 Lawncare - £144.00</p> <p>The Council approved the Accounting Statement. The Council Signed the Annual Governance Statement.</p>	
<p>Tree Wardens Report The tree warden was thanked for his report this month.</p>	
<p>Any Other Business The railings at the culvert need re-painting. The Clerk is to contact the Environment Agency.</p> <p>It was noted that the path behind the Church has been shut off with a sign saying “Private, Keep Out” erected. This is not a public right of way.</p> <p>The bollards at Kimberley have still not been replaced. The Clerk will chase this.</p> <p>The Clerk was asked about the Cricket Ground sign – she is still chasing this.</p> <p>A sofa has been dumped at the end of Nats Lane. The Clerk will contact Ashford Borough Council about this.</p> <p>If the vehicle on the recreation ground is not moved in the next few weeks, a note is to be placed on the vehicle asking for it to be moved.</p>	<p>TB</p> <p>TB</p> <p>TB</p> <p>TB</p> <p>TB</p>
<p>The next meeting was confirmed as Thursday, 21th June 2012, the Clerk would like any items for the agenda by Monday 11th June, please.</p>	All
<p>There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 8.00 PM.</p>	