

**Minutes of Brook Parish Council Meeting held in the
Village Hall on Thursday, 17th November 2011**

Present Peter Webb in the Chair
Tony Dunn
Bob Scarfe

John Tomkins
Jim Benson

To be actioned by

The meeting started at 7.00pm	
Apologies had been received from Cllr Mrs Erica Forbes.	
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 20 th October 2011 were approved as a true record.	
Matters Arising from the Minutes The lines on Spelders Hill and the hedge at the top of the road have been reported by the Clerk. Beacon – the proposal was declined by the PCC. Some discussion took place and the Parish council are to consider having a bonfire beacon on the recreation ground and to discuss joining with the Village Hall Committee to make it a better event. Bench – Thanks were expressed to Cllrs Scarfe and Benson for the excellent repair of the bench. The previous quotes to undertake the work means that by completing the project themselves the 2 Councillors saved the Parish Council in excess of £500. School Shelving – A quote has been requested and the Headteacher has agreed to give this to Cllr Webb. Brook Sign – Sean Pierce has agreed that he will complete this by Christmas. He is to ask a local farmer to assist with the removal of the current post.	TB PW PW
Budget Setting and Agreement of the Precept The proposed budget as provided by the Clerk was approved and the precept agreed at £5,000. This means there has been no increase in the precept for the Parish for 7 consecutive years. Any increase in the Council Tax is, therefore, not derived from the Parish Council.	
Proposed Bus Re-routing Cllr Dunn has collated and analysed the responses. There was a 25% response rate to the survey and all of those that responded wanted a bus service from Brook to Wye twice in the morning and twice in the afternoon. It was agreed that the parishioners are perhaps unaware of the provision of dial a ride and of the patient transport system available to the surgery. The contact details for these will be made available through the parish magazine and on the notice board. The Clerk is to contact Andrew Wickham, William Howard and Stagecoach to find out the process for re-instating lost bus services, if possible.	TB TB
Finances The Financial Statement was circulated The following cheques were signed: Jim Benson – wood for the bench £110.86 R Scarfe - £34.92 for the nuts and bolts for the bench.	
Tree Wardens Report There was no tree wardens report this month.	

<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>The Christmas lights were discussed. Peter Webb had contacted the village hall committee and there were some willing volunteers who would assist with the erection of these. Cllr Dunn is to co-ordinate this.</p> <p>There are some cars parked for prolonged periods on the edge of the road. This is something that needs to be monitored, any highways obstruction should be reported to the police.</p> <p>The phone box looks out of place, the possibility of a red phone box was discussed. This is not something that BT would support so it was agreed that the Parish Council would clean the phone box. The post box also needs cleaning.</p> <p>The village hall tables must be put away following meetings.</p> <p>The trees on the field may need pruning, Pat Forbes is to be asked for some advice.</p> <p>John Tomkins was asked to return his Register of Members Interests' Form as soon as possible.</p>	AD
<p>The next meeting was confirmed as Thursday, 15th December 2011, the Clerk would like any items for the agenda by Monday 5th December, please.</p>	All
<p>There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 8.10 PM.</p>	