## Minutes of Brook Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Thursday, 20th September 2012

**Present** Peter Webb in the Chair

**Bob Scarfe** Erica Forbes Jim Benson John Tomkins Tony Dunn

To be actioned by The meeting started at 7.00pm Everyone was in attendance so there were no apologies. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda There were no declarations of Interest. **Minutes** of the Meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2012 were approved as a true record. **Matters Arising from the Minutes Railings** – The Clerk confirmed that the railings at the culvert will be painted in the autumn. The grass at the culvert has been cut by 2 parishioners. **Cricket Ground Sign** – The Clerk is still chasing the cricket ground sign. TB **Brook Sign** – Sean Pierce has not completed this as yet. Footpath Sign – This has been completed by Sean Pierce. Christmas Lights – The electrical cable etc that Tony Dunn had been storing is in the loft in the hall. **Hedgecutting** – Lawncare are to be thanked for the hedge cutting they have completed, they have TB made a particularly good job of the hedges and the Parish is looking very smart. **Broadband** – The broadband letters have been delivered to the houses in Brook. The response to KCC following the letter delivery was very encouraging. Playground A meeting took place with the representative from SMP Ltd at the recreation ground site. This was a successful meeting and a quotation had since been emailed to the Clerk. The total amount TB came to £8200. This is in excess of the grant and budgeted amount by £900. The Clerk was asked to contact SMP and ask that the price be negotiated down to match out budgets or the project will not be able to go ahead. The outcome of this negotiation is to be discussed at the next meeting. **Grass Cutting in Brook** Bob Scarfe returned to the meeting with costs for a ride on mower which will cost in the region of £3,000. The Clerk could not obtain an accurate cost for insuring the mower because she did not have costs. The Clerk had, however, contacted Lawncare who would charge £76 to cut the verges in brook and £38 to cut the village green. The Parish Council did not want to take on full responsibility for cutting all of the green and verges but felt that should the work not be undertaken as often as the Parish Council felt it should then Lawncare could be approached and asked to do the cutting. **Dog Fouling Signs** The dog fouling signs have been delivered and put up around the village. A bin has been suggested and a volunteer from the village has come forward offering to empty the bin. be collected from Wye News free of charge to assist with cleaning up after your own dog. The TB Clerk is to order a dog fouling bin and this will be erected on the Brook Hall sign post. Plaque for Jubilee Tree The plaque for the tree has been received and installed.

Acceptance of the Code of Conduct and Signing Members' Interests Forms	
The Parish Council adopted the new code of conduct.	
5 of the 6 Councillors completed the register of members' pecuniary interests' forms but one of the Councillors expressed dissatisfaction with the need to sign. The Clerk advised that it is a legal requirement that the forms be completed and returned to Ashford Borough Council within 28 days of today, 20 <sup>th</sup> September.	
Finances	
The Financial Statement was circulated.	
The following cheques was signed:	
T Block – reimbursement for the dog fouling signs and the jubilee plaque - £174.23 Lawncare – grass cutting and weedkilling - £180.00	
Playsafety Limited – Playground inspection - £75.60	
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The Playground inspection report is to be circulated, some remedial work is required. This will be	
discussed at the next meeting.	
Tree Wardens Report	
The tree warden's report was received. A volunteer is to be sought to come forward to take over	TD
from Pat as he is moving out of the village. The Clerk will put something in the magazine and the local paper.	TB
local paper.	
Any Other Business	
Rubbish is being dumped in to the field owned by Mr Mitchell.	
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The chance of Chancel repair liability being an issue in brook was discussed. The Parish Council Chairman will talk to Karl Kistrup about this and perhaps someone at the diocese.	PW
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The post box needs washing.	
The street light opposite the church is not working. The Clerk will report this.	TB
<b>The next meeting</b> was confirmed as Thursday, 11 <sup>th</sup> October 2012, the Clerk would like any items	All
for the agenda by Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> October, please.	1111
There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 8.30 PM.	