

**Minutes of Brook Parish Council Meeting held in the  
Village Hall on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> February 2012**

**Present** Tony Dunn in the Chair  
Erica Forbes  
Jim Benson

John Tomkins  
Bob Scarfe

To be actioned by

The meeting started at 7.00pm	
Apologies had been received from Cllr Webb.	
<b>Declaration of interest in items on the agenda</b> Cllrs Dunn and Tomkins declared an interest in the Pantomime.	
<b>Minutes</b> of the Meeting on 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2012 were approved as a true record.	
<b>Matters Arising from the Minutes</b> <b>Beacon</b> – 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 more of a community event. It was thought that a good way forward would be to invite Sean or another member of the Village Hall Committee to the next Parish Council Meeting, Cllrs Dunn and Tomkins will approach Mr Pierce about this. <b>School Shelving</b> – A quote has been requested and the Headteacher has agreed to give this to Cllr Webb. <b>Brook Sign</b> – Sean Pierce has not completed this as yet, Cllrs Dunn and Tomkins agreed they would chase him about this. <b>Cleaning of Post Box and Telephone Box</b> – if this has not already been completed Cllrs Dunn and Tomkins offered to undertake this. <b>Footpath Sign</b> – Kent County Paths Partnership have informed the Clerk there is no money available for repairs but new legs could be placed on the sign and it be re-erected for a cost of £75 + VAT. Sean Pierce is to be asked for a quotation to undertake the same. Cllrs Dunn and Tomkins will approach Mr Pierce. If his quote is in excess of £75 + VAT, the Clerk is to give the go ahead to Kent County Paths Partnership.	AD/JT PW AD/JT AD/JT AD/JT
<b>Proposed Bus re-routing</b> Kent Karrier is fulfilling the needs of those in brook along with the volunteer car service run by Mrs Morris. It was agreed that this should therefore be left as is.	
<b>Brook Panto</b> A meeting has been arranged for 11 <sup>th</sup> March for people interested in performing in a pantomime in January 2013 to come along. It was agreed that the Parish Council would give a loan to the project of £500 so that the pantomime project could go ahead. All Councillors were in favour of this funding, should the project progress.	
<b>Christmas Lights</b> The PCC have agreed to the removal of the yew tree and the planting of a tree to commemorate the jubilee which will then be decorated with Christmas Lights in December. Lady Mountbatten will be asked to come along to the planting of the tree.  Cllr Scarfe agreed to organise a working party to remove the yew on 21 <sup>st</sup> February at 9.30am. He will also discuss which tree should be planted with Brenda Dunn and Pat Forbes and will report back to the Parish Council at the next meeting.	RS
<b>Finances</b> The Financial Statement was circulated.	

<p>The following cheque was signed: Ashford Borough Council – Active Tour Project for £185</p>	
<p><b>Tree Wardens Report</b> The tree warden was thanked for his comprehensive report this month.</p>	
<p><b>Any Other Business</b> The Clerk was thanked for adding the items in the paper.</p> <p>Cllr Tomkins questioned where we are with Speed Limits; the Clerk is still chasing this.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Forbes reported that a planning inspector will be visiting Tina’s Field on Monday. It was agreed that those who could would attend.</p> <p>The Clerk informed the meeting that she had received agreement for the cricket ground sign. She will continue to take this matter forward.</p> <p>Cllr Dunn reported back on the meeting he had attended on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February at Ashford Borough Council. The Borough is looking at ways of devolving power to the Parishes and has suggested that Parishes take on planning and landscaping. Minutes of this meeting are awaited.</p> <p>The pot holes in Bockham Lane are very bad again.</p>	
<p><b>The next meeting</b> was confirmed as Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> March 2012, the Clerk would like any items for the agenda by Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March, please.</p>	All
<p>There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 8.05 PM.</p>	