

**Minutes of Brook Parish Council Meeting held in the
Village Hall on Thursday, 22nd November 2012**

Present Peter Webb in the Chair Bob Scarfe
Erica Forbes Tony Dunn

To be actioned by

The meeting started at 7.00pm	
Apologies had been received from Jim Benson and John Tomkins.	
Declaration of interest in items on the agenda There were no declarations of Interest.	
Minutes of the Meeting on 11 th October 2012 were approved as a true record.	
Matters Arising from the Minutes Brook Sign – Sean Pierce has not completed this as yet, Peter Webb reports that the main transom is laid out in Sean’s workshop. Chancel Repair Liability – Peter Webb is to discuss the issue with Mr Knight, from Court Lodge, as the Church has been offered the use of a solicitor. Dog Waste Bins – The dog waste bin has been ordered through Ashford Borough Council. Eroded Road Signs – The eroded road signs have been reported. Speed Limit reduction – This has been chased again.	PW
FOBS FOBS have made us aware of a few upcoming dates, the Clerk has circulated this information to all of the Councillors. Friday 30 th November – Pamper and craft evening Saturday 8 th December – Coffee Morning Both events are being held in the Village Hall.	
Exercise Equipment It was agreed that the “Official Opening” of the equipment will take place on Sunday 16 th December at 12 Noon. Andrew Wickham, The Mayor and The Mayoress are to attend the event. Andrew Wickham is to be asked to make a speech and The Mayor will cut the ribbon. The Clerk will arrange flowers for the Mayoress, balloons for decoration, ribbon and scissors for cutting and parking cones for the Mayor’s vehicle parking space. The Clerk is to contact Fiona Williams to ensure the Village Hall Trust are happy for this to take place on their Open morning date. The Parish Council agreed to offer a couple of cases of wine towards the Open Morning event. The Clerk will contact the paper and arrange for the production of flyers to be delivered around the village. The equipment is due to be installed week commencing 3 rd December.	TB TB TB
Budget The Councillors all had a copy of the proposed budget. The Councillors had agreed to increase the salary of the Clerk to Scale Point 26. It was agreed that the Parish Council would precept for £5,000.	TB
Finances The Financial Statement was circulated.	

<p>Tree Wardens Report The tree warden's report was received. There was an article on the Ash Tree disease distributed. The Clerk is to put the information on the notice board and in the paper.</p> <p>The Parish Council was asked if it would approve the cut back of the trees near Kenmore. The Councillors felt this was a good idea.</p> <p>The screen that was removed from the tree on the recreation ground is to be stored behind the Village Hall.</p>	TB
<p>Any Other Business Christmas lights are to be erected on Thursday 13th December at 10am. The Clerk will email Cllr Benson as it is thought he has the new lights.</p> <p>The Clerk was asked to contact Kent Highways about the mud on the road outside Emmanuel's next to the Church because of the works being undertaken there.</p>	All TB TB
<p>PCSO Bill Waterman PCSO Bill Waterman explained the restructure that had taken place 12 months ago over the Policing of the areas. He is now in charge of Policing Chilham, Wye, Hinxhill, Brook and Hastingleigh. The New Chief Commissioner has been elected, Ann Barnes and she is accountable for any complaints made. PCSO Waterman can be contacted on 0777 222 6000. School Parking remains an issue for Brook and PCSO Waterman said he would attend the School and discuss this issue. Speeding remains a problem countrywide. There has only been 1 reported crime in Brook in November and this was the theft of some sheep handling equipment.</p> <p>Villagers should be aware that rural areas are being hit mostly by the following crimes: Oil Theft – Tanks should be covered and well lit. Metal Theft – Be vigilant over people seen up a pole, ensure that if there is someone up a pole they have a known vehicle with them. Metal gates are also vulnerable. Garden Equipment- keep gates and sheds locked.</p> <p>PCSO Waterman was thanked for attending the meeting</p>	
<p>The next meeting was confirmed as Thursday, 20th December 2012, the Clerk would like any items for the agenda by Monday 10th December, please.</p>	All
<p>There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 8.05 PM.</p>	