Minutes of Brook Parish Council Meeting held in Brook Village Hall on Thursday, 17th September 2015

PresentJohn Tomkins (Chair)Simon BettyAlison FinnJanet Jessop

Larry Linin

In Attendance 2 members of the public

To be actioned by

The meeting started at 7.00pm Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Mrs Medhurst. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda	
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There were no declarations of interest.	
Minutes of the Meeting on 16 th July 2015 were approved as a true record.	
Matters Arising from the Minutes	
The fencing around the play area is still to be done.	
The green at Stonebridge has now been cut.	
Playground The 15 x Fence posts are still awaiting a working party to put the fence back up. Picnic Table and stepping stones are beginning to rot and need treating. 3 areas have been highlighted in the RoSPA report that require remedial work, 1. the signs on the gate have sharp edges protruding, 2. the fence on the back edge of the play area needs replacing (already scheduled to be undertaken) and 3. the mat at the base of the slide is a trip hazard, it needs burying to be flush with the wood chippings.	JT
Caretaker Scheme Clirs Betty and Linin had attended a meeting on the Caretaker scheme. The likely annual cost for the Village Caretaker (split between the 4 parishes) is likely to be between £22,000 and £27,000. KCC will offer £2,000 per annum per parish for the scheme, ABC will pay £5,000 per annum for the entire cluster which would provide funding per annum of £13,000. The Parish Councils currently spend approximately £7,000 per annum for the services that the Handyman would do. The other costs will need to be met from the parishes, either by increasing the precept or by sponsorship and grants etc. Set up costs likely to be in the region of £15,000. Up to £10,000 may be available from Ashford Borough Council.	
This is to be discussed at length at the next meeting.	
Green at Stonebridge Lawncare have cut the green but ownership is not yet known. Cllr Tomkins is to ask some of the residents in Stonebridge to check their deeds and Cllr Mrs Finn is to ask a relative if he could look into the registers.	JT AF
Finances The Financial Statement was circulated. A budget against expenditure was also circulated. Cheques were signed for £460 to Lawncare and £88.80 to Playsafely Ltd for the RoSPA cheque.	
Correspondence The Clerk had circulated all correspondence.	

Public Participation	
One of the members of public asked about the current situation of the Emergency Plan. There is to be a meeting about this on 12/11 in the Museum meeting room in order to put a support system in place. The member of the public also asked if it is yet known when "superfast broadband" will be live in the village? Fibre to the cabinet is now in place in Amage Road and will then be taken to the houses through the copper line. Cllr Linin is to obtain the relevant information for the parishioner in question as it is thought that some of the village may be served from a different cabinet.	ш
It was suggested that a Neighbourhood Watch system could be implemented at the same time as the Emergency Plan.	
A member of the public presented the proposed information boards for the museum. A planning application will be submitted but the Parish Council agreed unanimously it would be very supportive of the boards.	
Any Other Business	
Cllr Mrs Jessop reported that the bridge is now in situ, it has wooden hand rails with a gate at the end to keep the livestock safe. A new path has also been placed.	
Cllr Betty apologised for the lack of a Tree Warden's Report but explained that nothing has happened of late.	
Cllr Tomkins is to have a discussion with Alan Joynson regarding the rubble that has been put in the Mill Pond by the Village Hall extension builders. It was suggested that the Clerk contact KCC to obtain a flytipping sign.	JT TB
The Clerk reported that the Brook sign behind the Telegraph pole cannot be moved.	
The next meeting was confirmed as Thursday, 22 nd October 2015, the Clerk would like any items for the agenda by Monday 12 th October, please. The following meeting which will include the Emergency Plan will be on 12 th November in the Museum.	All
There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 8.05 PM.	+
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