

BROCKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the General Meeting of Brockham Parish Council held on Monday 7th March 2011 in the Pavilion, Middle Street, Brockham at 7.30 pm.

198. **PRESENT:** Cllr Dave Richards (in the Chair)
District Councillor Maurice Homewood (Vice-Chairman)
Cllrs Smith, Hamilton, Budd, Millward and Muggeridge
PC Dom Loraine, PCSOs Ivor Williams and Zuzana Sucha
Mrs C Ritchie, Mrs R Hamilton and representatives from the Youth Council
199. **APOLOGIES:** Apologies were received from Cllrs Hammond and Washtell.
County Councillor Helyn Clack
200. **MINUTES:** Minutes of the Meeting held on the 7th February were approved and signed as a correct record.
201. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**
District Councillor Maurice Homewood declared an interest on the Development Control Committee at MVDC and would not take part in any voting on planning matters.
202. **PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR REPORT TO PARISH NEWS:**
District Councillor Homewood agreed to submit the March report to the Parish News.
203. **MATTERS ARISING:**
Bus Shelter – junction of Kiln Lane and Nutwood Avenue – Clerk to contact MVDC for up date.
Wheeler's Lane – Cllr Budd to liaise with School with a view to the pupils who attend the eco club to undertake a litter pick of the area when the weather improves. Parish Council to supply litter pickers – Clerk to make enquiries as to cost of the equipment.
204. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**
Cllr Richards reported that the Strood Green Stores had won the regional final of the Countryside Alliance Award for Best Village Store in the South East 2010 and would attend the final at the House of Lords at the end of March.
205. **FINANCIAL REPORT:**
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| Current Account | 1,227.55 | |
| Deposit Account | 12,727.03 | |
| Web Account | 1,275.17 | |
| War Memorial Account | 1,224.14 | |
| EBF Account | 1,197.00 | (plus cheque from Bonfire Committee) |
| Youth Council Account | 7,067.01 | (includes Big Lottery Grant) |
- Confirm payment of £750 Big Field Committee towards the maintenance of the Big Field Ditch. Balance of allotment rents £327.50.
Clerk claiming the VAT – Aug 2010 to March 2011.
Recreation Committee have given notice of an increase in rent for the hire of the pavilion to £25 from 1st April 2011

Clerk to transfer £296.80 from Youth Council Account to Parish Council current account in respect of Public Liability Insurance for the Youth Council.

206. CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk reminded Cllrs of the Parish Council Elections on the 5th May and issued the necessary forms for completion and return to Clerk by the 29th March. The deadline for nomination is noon on the 4th April 2011.

Clerk to contact Environment Agency regarding the river bank up from Borough Bridge following the removal of a fallen tree and subsequent damage to the bank.

East Surrey Rural Transport and Wheels 4 U will be attending the April meeting.

The suggestion was raised to hold combined meetings with Betchworth and Buckland Parish Councils and share the police reports. Enquiries to be made with neighbouring Clerks.

Cllr Muggeridge suggested we invite SCC - Trading Standards to a meeting to update Cllrs on the required action to be taken with regard to Japanese Knotweed and Ragwort.

207. EMERGENCY PLAN:

A meeting has taken place to discuss issues relating to Brockham. Several parishioners have given their names as interested in becoming involved and offering help in the event of an emergency. Matter to be discussed at April meeting.

208. COMMUNITY ISSUES:

Brockham Parish Council hosting a day for the Surrey Hills Society. It will commence with welcome and coffee at 10.00am followed by tour/history of Green by Mr Bartlett and walk over the Chimney Pots to Betchworth by M Hines and Ms Duffy. Optional lunch at The Oak then walk to Betchworth Castle and talk by Mr Higgins.

209. YOUTH COUNCIL:

Mrs Ritchie attended the meeting with representatives from the Youth Council and gave an update on funding and the recent visit to Skateram. Notes attached.

210. RECREATIONAL FACILITIES including the Elizabeth Bailey Field:

Cllr Millward confirmed the completion of the refurbishment of the play facilities.

He confirmed he was obtaining a third quote for resurfacing of the entrances etc.

and he would be meeting with the Friends of the Elizabeth Bailey Field to discuss funding for the project. Cllr Millward would ask Mr Palmer if he could prepared a simple set of accounts for the Friends of the Elizabeth Bailey Field.

211. BROCKHAM WEBSITE:

Nothing to report.

212. PLANNING MATTERS:

There were no objections to the undermentioned planning applications:

MO/2011/0079/PLAH	39 – 41 Wheelers Lane	Single storey rear ext to 41 With kitchen ext to 39
MO/2011/0091/PLAH	84 Brockham Lane	pt single pt 2 storey ext
MO/2011/0095/CAT	26 The Borough	Tree Surgery
MO/2011/0096/CAT	Walnut Tree Cottage	Tree Surgery
MO/2011/0112/CAT	Brooklands Cottage	Tree Surgery
MO/2011/0123/PLAH	67 Middle Street	single side ext and rear exts

Results to appear in April's Minutes due to a problem with the computer.

213. HIGHWAYS AND GENERAL PURPOSES:

Following complaints the Clerk consulted with MVDC planning dept regarding recent advertising "Rooms to Rent" at number 6 Brockham Lane MVDC they say no action can be taken.

Clerk liaising with SCC regarding recent problems in Wheelers Lane. Cllr Homewood to contact MVDC regarding recent works at a property in Wheelers Lane. Another request for hatching at entrance to Wheelers Lane (corner adjacent to the Church) has been made to SCC.

Buckland Parish Council are having problems with a local BOAT (Byway Open to All Traffic) and it was agreed Brockham Parish Council would support any action to be taken. Village Pump – Clerk to chase MVDC regarding the necessary work and Cllr Budd to contact Mr Harding to request a quote to carry out the necessary repairs. Clerk to make enquiries with the Village Society to see if they have any funds which could be used towards the repairs.

Borough Bridge – Cllr Budd to contact Mr Harding regarding repairs to the footbridge. SCC to be contacted again regarding reinstating the SLOW sign on the road at Borough Bridge and numerous pot holes.

Concern was expressed as to the state of the Green and it was agreed to request a site meeting with MVDC – Parks Dept. Cllrs to be informed of the date when known. Cllr Homewood to make enquiries regarding recent works being carried out at Tweed Farm.

214. ALLOTMENTS:

Annual Allotment Meeting for the collection of rents is 12th April in the Pavilion at 7.30 pm. Clerk to send out bills by the end of March. Cllr Hamilton agreed to serve coffee. Request for a shed at Wheelers Lane was approved.

215. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:

Mr David Hogg of Buckland Nurseries has agreed to give the talk at the Meeting – Six Generations of the Buckland Nurseries. Date – 15th April in the Pavilion, Middle Street at 7.30 pm. Agreed to invite the Horticultural Society, neighbouring Parish Councils, the County Councillor and Surrey Police – Dorking's Inspector Teri Poulton.

216. REPORTS OF MEETINGS:

Cllr Homewood attended the Recreation Committee's meeting and suggested to the Youth Council to contact the Committee as they are refurbishing and relaunching the pavilion.

217. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS:

Cllr Muggeridge raised issues regarding Surrey Wildlife Trust and Cllr Homewood agreed to make enquiries with MVDC.

The meeting was asked to support the petition to keep free parking outside shops in Surrey. The Council agreed to write to SCC urging them not to close the Beare Green Depot which deals with many issues and in particular those relating to winter problems ie gritting especially in the west of the county.

SURREY POLICE:

P C Dom Loraine reported three offences from 7th February to 7th March
1 Communications Offence, 1 Theft Offence and 1 Theft from a Motor Vehicle.
The usual exchange of information and observations took place.

Meeting closed at 9.45 pm

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