

BROCKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the Meeting of Brockham Parish Council held on Monday 4th January 2016, in the Pavilion Middle Street, Brockham at 7.30 pm.

- 171. PRESENT:** Cllrs Hammond in the Chair
Cllrs Homewood, Washtell, Millward, Songhurst, District and Parish Councillor J Muggeridge and Buckle
District Councillor Paul Potter
PCSO Dave Sadler – Surrey Police – attended for Community Police Report.
Mrs C Ritchie – Youth Council
Mr Short Brockham Village Hall Committee
4 Parishioners
- 172. APOLOGIES:** Apologies were received from Cllrs Budd and Hamilton
- 173. MINUTES:**
Minutes of the Meeting held on the 4th January 2016 were approved and signed as a true record.
- 174. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
There were no declarations.
- 175. PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR REPORT TO PARISH NEWS:**
Cllr Hammond agreed to submit the January report to the Parish News.
- 176. COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT:**
PCSO Sadler reported two Criminal Damage offences – garden gate broken and a smashed car window and one Road Related Offence where a driver was arrested for drink driving following a two vehicle collision. The meeting was informed that due to a re-organisation currently being implemented under the project name Policing in your Neighbourhood, 1st April 2016, the area would only have 10 PCSOs, 2 Sergeants and 1 Inspector. Cllrs were invited to attend a meeting ‘Policing in your Neighbourhood’ at Reigate and Banstead Town Hall on 11th January 6.00 – 8.00 pm. Clerk to forward PCSO Sadler meeting dates for 2016.
Concern was again expressed about vehicles parking in Brockham Lane close to The Borough and also on the corner of The Avenue with Brockham Lane. Police to monitor the position and the Council have agreed to seek the advice of the Traffic Commissioners.
Also concern expressed about parking at The Brockham Pet Stores. Police to again monitor the situation especially with regard to delivery vehicles and it was agreed to review the conditions placed on the planning application.
Police contact details – PC Lee Munday number 07967986355 and Sergeant Chris Law number 07967986382 PC Sadler number 07967987387.
- 177. MATTERS ARISING:**
BERT – no up to date report was available. The BERT team and Cllr Muggeridge were thanked for their support during the recent heavy rain.
Flooding issues relating to house insurance- Cllr Songhurst reported that he was still awaiting

a response from Sir Paul Beresford and more information from MVDC which he will then forward to SALC.

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Carol Singing at Christmas Corner – Cllr Buckle organised this event. 5 organisations were represented and the monies distributed accordingly. Thanks to Mrs Davidge and Cllr Buckle for arranging refreshments and to The Poland Trust for their support.

178. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Chairman opened the meeting by wishing everyone a Happy New Year.

Cllrs thanked The Chairman and Mrs Hammond for the most enjoyable Christmas drinks on 11th December.

It was reported to the Chairman that vehicles were obstructing the footpath adjacent to Kiln Lane when the Field was in use. It was suggested that small posts be erected along the boundary or marshalling of the parking during matches. Matter to be raised at the Big Field Meeting.

Clerk to check with contractor regarding clearance of the ditch adjacent to Kiln Lane.

179. BROCKHAM VILLAGE HALL:

Mr Jon Short from Brockham Village Hall and Club attended. At the December a request for an increase in the precept was made – Clerk spoken to SALC and as we have no involvement or responsibility for the Hall the only way anything could be raised would be by an annual request for a grant – (this is not an emergency issue or safety issue of the Club) When considering the precept for 2016/17 we could consider making a Heading – Grants – and raising a sum of money which any organisation could apply for. Solicitor to Association was adamant that we cannot give a sum of money for the requested time of 10 years (only reviewed on an annual basis).

Mr Short explained the Club was exploring ways of funding and seeking the advice of Surrey Community Buildings regarding grants. He explained there was a slight leak in the roof which was receiving attention.

180. FINANCIAL REPORT:

Current Acc	3,580.84	
Deposit Acc	11,751.17	
Reserve Acc Web	2,264.70	
War Memorial Acc	1,124.60	
BERT Acc	4,514.34	Less: £903.60 - £1,543.80 & £560.38
EBF Acc	284.33	
Youth Council	15,499.28	Plus: £20

Cheques:

1878	Mr D Holgate	CD Player transfer from War Memorial Acc	£99.99
1879	Mr C Long	Middle Street Hedge and Hillside Close	£470.00
1880	Recreation Committee	Hire of Hall x 2	50.00
1881	Dorking Stationers	Cartridges and paper	48.08
1882	Mr C Long	Big Field Ditch (to be divided Big Field	£2,150.00
1883	Mr C Long	EBF and £30 for Tynedale and Nutwood	327.50
1884	Mr C Plumb	Clerk's Wages	535.00
1885	H M Revenue & Customs	Tax	55.00
1886	** Petty Cash	Christmas gifts	50.00
1887	Mrs C Plumb	Internet – virus ware	89.99
1888	Recreation Committee	Hire of Hall x 2	50.00
1889	CPRE	Subscription	36.00

1890	Mrs C Plumb	Clerk's Salary	535.00
1891	H M Revenue & Customs	Tax	55.00

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BERT

Payments

0029	Potentem	Alarms etc	903.60
0030	A G C	Grille – Wheelers Lane	1,543.80
0031	Mr B Thomas	BERT items	560.38

Youth Council

Receipt

0002	Monies from Carol Singing		20.00
	Interim Account from Wellers (awaiting payment)	£469.20	
	27/07/15 – 21/08/15		
	Interim Account from Wellers (awaiting payment)	£248.40	
	25/08/15 – 26/08/15		

MVDC Precept Form signed for submission to MVDC

List of cheques for authorisation: ** Attached

SALC subscription for 2016/17 £667.31 plus NALC £151.93 = £819.24

Requested from SCC (County Councillor H Clack grant of £500 towards maintenance of Big Field Ditch no further action – after many requests – invoice now needs to be divided between Parish Council and Big Field Committee – equal amounts of £1,075. Request made to Big Field Committee for payment.

181. CLERK'S REPORT:

Heartstart Course – 12th January in the Pavilion. Postponed until March awaiting new date.

Christmas Gifts – distributed and thanks received.

Wheels 4 U – invitation to their AGM on 27th February at 2.30 in Community Church Hall.

182. PARISH PLAN AND EMERGENCY

Flood Forum – await Minutes – it was requested to remind residents how important it is that they maintain the ditches adjacent to their property.

183. COMMUNITY ISSUES:

Dog Bins await news from MVDC's Dog Warden.

MVDC – Infrastructure Needs Assessment Questionnaire – Councillors to complete forms.

BHF – Public Defibrillator – Council to apply for funding for another machine and Clerk to explore a site for the equipment.

MVDC – Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations – 4th, 5th and 6th March – Clean for the Queen more details in the New Year.

Village organising a Tea Dance 22nd May – Birthday Celebrations in the Village Hall. Await Details.

184. YOUTH COUNCIL FOR BROCKHAM:

Mrs Ritchie reported that she was still awaiting news from the Hamilton Estate. The Fund providers have been informed of the delay and are understanding and supportive of the situation. Clerk to find out the cost of replacement of the equipment for insurance purposes. Following correspondence between Mr Bartlett and Inspector Hamlin the contents were noted

but it was agreed no further action was necessary. High Sheriff of Surrey to attend the Youth Café on Wednesday 6th January between 5.45 and 6.15 this follows an Award of £600 towards the running of the Youth Café.

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185. RECREATIONAL FACILITIES INCLUDING THE EBF:

Cllr Millward estimated amount of hardwood chippings needed for the play area (100-80 litre bags) quotes obtained. Await until March to order. Mr Long to inspect the pond area and report if any maintenance is required. Weedkilling to be undertaken early Spring weather permitting.

Cllr Millward pursuing the possibility to getting a concrete table tennis table. Monthly inspection undertaken.

186. BROCKHAM WEBSITE:

Nothing to Report

187. PLANNING MATTERS:

MO/2015/1789/PLAH 21 Tanners Meadow Single storey extension
(written to MVDC as the date for response fell between meetings it was discussed with the Planning Committee). The matter was raised again – Cllr Homewood to clarify the situation. There was no objection to the undermentioned planning applications

MO/2015/1919/PLAH 111 Middle Street Single storey rear extension

MO/2015/1824/CAT Brook House, Old School Lane Tree Surgery

MO/2015/1975/PLAH Brooklands Cottage, Old School Lane Erection of single storey front and rear extension

DECISIONS:

MO/2015/0688/PLAH **35 The Borough** **REFUSED**

Erection of two storey side ext following demolition of garage and raise roof ridge height on existing dwelling to create a 1st floor including two rear dormer windows.

MO/2015/1725/PLAH **29 Brockham Lane** **APPROVED**

Two storey rear/side extension and changes to roof to include Juliette balcony and dormer window to rear to create rooms in loft space.

MO/2015/1824/CAT **Brook House, Old School Lane** Tree Surgery
NO OBJECTION

Brockham Pet Stores – still matters outstanding regarding the outstanding Conditions – Cllr Homewood and Mr Abbott to meet before the February meeting to discuss the issues.

188. HIGHWAYS AND GENERAL PURPOSES:

MVDC – Parish Council agreed to contribute £500 towards parking improvements on The Green – Cllr Hammond to contact MVDC

Await a reply from SCC regarding an overgrown hedge encroaching on the highway in Brockham Lane, the condition of the verge adjacent to Dogs R Us in Middle Street and the condition of the highway adjacent to the small bridge, near the Wood Yard, in Old School Lane.

Report to SCC Highways a collapsed drain at the entrance to Tweed Lane.

187. ALLOTMENTS:

Inspection of allotments on both sites being carried out in January, subject to weather and a review of the Rules undertaken.

Request for greenhouse on a plot in Middle Street – concerns regarding the condition of the plot. Chairman to write to Allotment Holder RH

188. REPORTS OF MEETINGS:

No meetings attended.

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189. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS:

None

PUBLIC TIME

Local farmer attended the meeting to put the record straight regarding a misleading email. He produced records of when spraying was undertaken on the The Common Field at Betchworth and said that there are strict regulations relating to treatment of fields and they are subject to regular inspections. The field was sprayed in October and in no way related to the incident in late December. Any treatment on the field would have certainly been nullified by the rain and the time factor.

Mr Ian Clinging wished to thank Cllr Muggeridge and Bob Thomas (BERT) for their efforts on behalf of the residents of Strood Green. Mr Clinging was thanked for his important input into the issues.

Mr Roger Abbott produced a very detailed work specification for SCC by Atkins regarding to flooding issues in the Strood Green area. Report to be circulated to Cllrs. Chairman suggested that Mr Abbott write to County Councillor Helyn Clack, as an individual, and request the opportunity to present the report to the next meeting of the Flood Forum. It is very important that Strood Green be considered as a Critical Drainage Area.

PART 2

Discussion regarding Flooding issues at Tanners Meadow and no response from Persimmon.

Meeting closed at 9.55 pm

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