

BROCKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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

PRESENT: Cllrs Hammond, Homewood, Millward, Songhurst, Budd, Buckle and District/Parish Councillor Muggeridge.
4 Parishioners

43. APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Cllrs Washtell and Hamilton, County Councillor Helyn Clack and Parish Clerk Mrs Celia Plumb

44. MINUTES:

Minutes of the Meeting held on the 6th June 2016 were approved and signed as a true record.

45. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations from Councillors and the Declaration Forms for signing were not available.

46. PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR REPORT TO PARISH NEWS:

Cllr Hammond agreed to submit the July report to the Parish News.

47. COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT:

There was no Police Report available. The Chairman read a response from Inspector Richard Hamlin to the Parish Council's letter regarding parked vehicles – if the large Surrey Recovery vehicle is legally parked, no action can be taken unless it is untaxed. If the vehicle is untaxed it can be parked in a private road and is not actionable unless it can be shown that the vehicle has been moved. Cllr Songhurst suggested a letter be sent to Surrey Chief Constable on this matter, asking him to take action.

48. MATTERS ARISING:

BERT update under Public Time

Tynedale Road – questionnaire Cllr Homewood read a draft version and embodied into it comments made. A new draft will be circulated.

Letter to be sent to Circle Housing regarding an obstruction on the footpath between the houses in Oakdene Road and Warrenne Road. Response from Circle Housing that the matter is under consideration.

49. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

The Chairman expressed the sorrow felt on hearing that Barbara Hawkins, who had so ably served with the Parish Council for many years, had passed away. She was remembered for her lively contributions to debate, insistence on good English in agendas and reports and – not least

- for the annual Parish Council BBQs in her garden. The Vice-Chairman, Cllr Homewood, reported that he had attended her funeral on behalf of the Council and had expressed our sense of loss.

The Chairman referred to the successful occasion, attended by several distinguished ex-staff of Beechams Ltd at which a National Chemical Landmark plaque commemorating the discoveries made at Brockham Park was installed at the Stroud Green Shop as this is the nearest publicly accessible site to that of the original invention.

Ex-Cllr Dave Richards was thanked for carrying out strimming work at Borough Bridge.

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50. BROCKHAM VILLAGE HALL:

There was no representative or report available from Brockham Village Hall or the Club.

A request had been received from the Village Hall for a Councillor to become involved in 'Carbon Smart' initiative – no volunteers from those Cllrs present – to be circulated to absent Councillors.

51. FINANCIAL REPORT:

Current Acc	5,322.24	
Deposit Acc	11,753.84	
Reserve Acc Web	2,264.70	
War Memorial Acc	1,124.87	
BERT Acc	5,669.50	
EBF Acc	285.40	
Youth Council	15,781.35	paid: Hedleys £883.20

Cheques:

1931	Mr C Long	EBF and village maintenance	270.00
1932	Willows of Reigate	Queens 90 th Celebration – Nadell	39.95
1933	Recreation Committee	Hire of Hall	25.00
1934	Mr C Long	EBF and village maintenance	190.00
1935	Mrs C M Plumb	Clerk's Salary	725.00
1936	MVDC	Two anchored dog bins	489.60

BERT

Receipt	Donation	£23.50
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Youth Council

Payment

Brockham Village Hall Club	Youth Café	£625.00
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Receipt

Donation from Betchworth United Charities	£1,000.00
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List of cheques for authorisation: ** Attached

The Chairman confirmed MVDC had completed the work on the Green – await invoice from MVDC.

52. CLERK'S REPORT:

Await news regarding another Heart Start Course – there have been changes with the South Coast Ambulance Service.

Clerks and Council Direct circulated

53. PARISH PLAN AND EMERGENCY PLAN (SCC)

Item carried forward to August.

54. COMMUNITY ISSUES:

MVDC confirmed they will shortly be installing the dog bins on the Island at Strood Green and on the footpath to the Chimney Pots (by Wheelers Lane Allotments).

Status of the Island at Strood Green carried forward to August meeting
Mr Budd gave a resume of the arrangements for the Village Weekend – it was reported that
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Grass on The Green needed cutting before the Fair arrived. Cllr Muggeridge agreed to ask the contractor to do this

55. YOUTH COUNCIL FOR BROCKHAM:

The future of the Youth Council was discussed following Mrs Ritchie's decision to stand down.

Awaiting news from the Hamilton Estate regarding the Land Registry – Weller/Hedleys sent a further reminder to the Estate Solicitors. Brockham Village Hall Club now sent invoice for hire of the Club for the Youth Café from January – July 2016 = £625. Agreed payment. SCC requesting information concerning the grant they have awarded – time lines and quotes for the project by the end of July. London Marathon Trust also require an update of the situation, Clerk spoken to Meg Rix explaining the position. MVDC have been asked for names of Skatepark Designers in order to obtain three quotes.

56. RECREATIONAL FACILITIES INCLUDING THE EBF:

Cllr Millward reported that the new chippings were settling down and that the path has had weedkiller. The proposed open-air table tennis table would need a concrete base, but he was awaiting a definite show of interest from users of the field before proceedings any further.

57. BROCKHAM WEBSITE:

No report given.

58. PLANNING MATTERS:

There was no action in respect of these planning applications

MO/2016/0871/PLAH	Brooklands The Green	Single storey rear extension
MO/2016/0569/PLAH	12 The Borough	Single storey rear extension
MO/2016/0570/LBC	12 The Borough	Single storey rear extension
MO/2016/0949/PLAH	8 Dodds Park	Replacing existing front bay window with new UPVC window, rebuild bay window roof structure including fitting of a new lead roof and supply new render to front and side external walls (Article 4 Direction Application)
MO/2016/0836/PLAH	Old School House, Old School Lane	Demolition of existing single storey rear addition and first floor flat roofed extension and erection of rear addition and rear roof alteration. Alteration to windows on front elevation.
MO/2016/0837/LBC	Old School Lane Old School Lane	- AS ABOVE
MO/2016/0933/PCL	The Meadows, The Green	Certificate of Lawfulness for the proposed development in respect of a single storey rear extension.
MO/2016/0409/PLAH	Lawnswood, Kiln Lane	Erection of outbuilding for storage/workshop

(MVDC – labelled 'No Further Action' by Planning Department – Cllr Homewood to request clarification from MVDC.

MO/2016/0009 – Building/demolition works proposed at rear of Anthony West House – Cllr Homewood to write to the Chief Planning Officer re apparent lack of consultation with tenants and lack of response to messages by Case Officer.

59. HIGHWAYS AND GENERAL PURPOSES:

MVDC – Grass cutting around Village including the Green – spoke to Paul Anderson and also request Cllr Muggeridge to liaise with MVDC over the issues as he is MVDC Councillor responsible for the contract...

Footpath to Chimney Pots – improvements by residents quote for £2616 - PC agreed to make contribution of £600 (Allotment Access etc)

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Issues Around the Green – MVDC – re extended kerbing/post issues relating to parking – the end post on The Green needs to be moved to prevent vehicles driving over the grass onto the road. Clerk spoken with MVDC re railings around the Pump and also H Lines at Tanners Hill. Speed of vehicles in Middle Street – resident – Await news Crime Reduction Officer and speed checks SCC contact - nigel.pond@surreycc.gov.uk Also noted that SCC had put down double wires to check the speed that vehicles were travelling – a report expected.

Cllr Budd reported that she had been asked by a resident if the high stile at The Green end of Footpath 89 (across the fields and onto Old School Lane) could be replaced by a wooden 'kissing gate'.

The roadside hedge opposite numbers 105-113 Middle Street in need of cutting – it is obstructing pedestrians on footpath.

Cllr Homewood mentioned the footpath between 72-74 Middle Street is frequently obstructed by a large, deep puddle, causing pedestrians to walk in the road to avoid it. SCC to be informed.

Cllr Buckle reported that the contractors at Kenward Court were now habitually parking vehicles on the pavement. She requested that Burleighs be informed of the situation.

60. Allotments

Plots available on both sites

No response from the allotment holders on Middle Street. Council to proceed with action.

61. REPORTS OF MEETINGS:

Dorking Rural Transport Meeting – date TBC

Flood Forum date TBC

62. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS:

No issues raised.

PART 2

PUBLIC TIME:

BERT - update

6th June working party cleared the footpath rear of Glenfield Road

Called to a house in Middle Street after severe rain in June. Water backing up and overflowing from sewer. Thames Water were called and jetted out pipe – problem solved.

Served refreshments at Derek Holgates's anniversary presentation on the Battle of the Somme.

Concern was drawn to the attention of the number 29 bus being taken off on school days. Since this bus had originally been laid on for children to reach their schools – how would they get to them now? Representation to be made to CC Helyn Clack, SCC and the Bus Company.

A parishioner raised a question about Anthony West House – was it safe from Government 'right to buy' rules if it was registered as a Housing Association. Also had residents been properly informed about the planning application for various works including two more bungalows in the rear quadrangle of the house? The Chairman responded that as a charitable

organisation Anthony West House was safe from the government legislation mentioned. As to all residents being informed, a letter would be sent to the Chief Planning Officer at MVDC. Fallen tree at Borough Bridge – representative from Brockham Nursery School Funding Committee reported on the Duck Race due to take place on the 17th July and their concerns regarding the tree currently blocking an arch on Borough Bridge. Chairman replied that the

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Environment Agency had stated that heavyweight lifting gear would be required, necessitating a road closure, and this would take some time to arrange and, unlikely that it could be done by the date of the Duck Race. The Duck Race organising committee was currently updating the risk assessment for the event.

A resident asked what the traffic priority was at the North end of Brockham Lane – traffic turning right out of the lane, or traffic turning in from the A25 (Both ‘stop’ lines have dotted lines).The Parish Council will consult the Traffic Superintendent at Burford.

Meeting closed at 10.20pm

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