

BROCKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the General Meeting of Brockham Parish Council held on Monday 3rd October 2016, in the Pavilion Middle Street, Brockham at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs Hammond, Homewood, Washtell, Songhurst, Hamilton, Buckle, Millward and District/Parish Councillor Muggeridge
District Councillor Paul Potter and 3 Parishioners

103. APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from County Councillor H Clack and Cllr Budd

104. MINUTES:

Minutes of the Meeting held on the 5th September 2016 were approved and signed as a true record.

105. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest by Councillors

106. PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR REPORT TO PARISH NEWS:

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

107. COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT:

Surrey Police supplied crime figures for the village. In summary there were 6 offences in August and 8 in September for police crime and a record log of police incidents 24 for August and 24 for September. See attached schedule. The Police confirm they will be attending the Remembrance Day Parade. Following the Parish Council's letter to the PCC - Mr David Munro and Chief Constable of Surrey an explanation was received from Inspector Richard Hamlin, Safer Neighbourhood Team for Mole Valley. He clarifies the position regarding parking issues and the licensing of vehicles and confirms that his officers have been patrolling the village on a regular basis and responding to emergency calls when they arise and again confirms his commitment to supporting the village. He has agreed to attend a Parish Council meeting in the near future. Watch the Agenda.

108. MATTERS ARISING:

BERT – no representative available to attend and give an update.

Tynedale Road questionnaire - Cllr Homewood prepared questionnaire regarding traffic issues and the island at Strood Green. Final copy with printers and will be delivered mid October. A ballot box will be placed in The Strood Green Store for responses – with a closing date for comment 12th November. Agenda item for December.

109. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

SCC have carried out a site inspection of BW52 following complaints regarding the way the laurel hedge had been cut adjacent to this busy brideway. The cuttings were left near or in the ditch against a neighbouring property making it difficult for owners to maintain their hedge. Concerns that these cuttings were blocking the ditch and could cause flooding were raised but unfortunately SCC are unable to clear the area as it is the landowners responsibility but said if flooding arose then it was the landowners duty to take the necessary action.

The Chairman to raise the problems of parking at the junction of Wheelers Lane with Middle Street with MVDC and SCC with a view to installing bollards to prevent more damage occurring to the verge.

110. BROCKHAM VILLAGE HALL:

No representative attended and no report was made available.

111. FINANCIAL REPORT:

Current Acc	9,632.53	precept received	£9,183.00
		this year we will receive	£18,366 requested £17,295
		£1071 grant from MVDC has been added to compensate	
		for the reduction in tax base following introduction of Council	
		Tax Support Scheme a couple of years ago	
Deposit Acc	11,755.33		
Reserve Acc Web	2,264.70		
War Memorial Acc	1,125.01		
BERT Acc	7,152.52		
EBF Acc	285.40		
Youth Council	15,156.35		

Cheques:

1949	Mr C Long	Village Maintenance EBF	£250.00
1950	Mrs C M Plumb	Clerk's Salary	£725.00
1951	H M Revenue and Customs	Tax	£97.00
1952	Recreation Committee	Meeting	£25.00
1953	Mrs C M Plumb re Denzil Printing	Cartridges	£59.95
1954	Mr C Long	Village Maintenance & EBF	£250.00
1955	BDO.LLP	External Audit	£276.00
1956	CPRE	Membership	£36.00
1957	SALC	Conference Fee	£24.00
1958	Mrs C M Plumb	Clerk's Salary	£725.00
1959	H M Revenue & Customs	Tax	£97.00

Receipt

MVDC ½ yearly precept	£9,183.00
Brockham Bonfire Committee re Toilets Village Weekend	£175.00

BERT

Payment	Brookes & Co	£1,880.49
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Youth Council

007	Brockham Village Hall Club	£175.00
	Hire of Hall for Youth Café – less £125 overpaid	

Conclusion of Audit 2015/16 BDO approved by the Council. Chairman signed the copy.
Introduction of a Grants policy to be discussed at the Budget meeting – Meeting 18th October
at Cllr Washtell's house – 7.30 pm
Grant for £1,000 from SCC towards Village Hall Roof to be applied for by Clerk.

112. CLERK'S REPORT:

Mole Valley Rural Strategy Workshop 7th September – Mickleham Village Hall
10.00 – 4.00 no Cllr available to attend.
SCC- Surrey Prepared conference for local resilience groups etc 27th September at
Leatherhead Leisure Centre 10 – 4 - no Cllr available to attend.

Gatwick tour community@gatwickairport.com Oct/Nov Cllrs Hammond, Homewood and Buckle expressed an interest to attend. **Await dates for Tour.**

Mole Valley Local Plan – Dene Street one-way trial Highways update and winter arrangements discussed – Ashted Peace Memorial Hall – 5th September – details of meeting on MVDC/SCC website. **Next meeting 16th November.**

Planning Meeting 9th November SALC – Dorking Halls at 6.30 pm £55 per delegate applied for Cllr Homewood to attend - await confirmation

Surrey Hills Society 16th October visit to Brockham Mr Bartlett and Mr Hines involved with the Visit.

SCC – Get On Line Week 17 – 23 October – 18th October Dorking Library 10.30-12.30 or 1.30 – 3.30 pm information to be placed at Strood Green Stores

SCC – Tip-Off poster to help promote Fly Tipping – to be placed on notice board

SCC - School Admissions apply between 31st October and 15th January 2017 – information circulated and also leaflets to be placed in the Strood Green Stores.

113. PARISH PLAN AND EMERGENCY PLAN (SCC)

Await date for next Flood Forum meeting from County Councillor H Clack.

114. COMMUNITY ISSUES:

Issues covered elsewhere on the Agenda.

115. YOUTH COUNCIL FOR BROCKHAM:

Skatepark meeting was postponed from the 6th September – no date set for further meeting.

Clerk emailed Hedleys, our Solicitors and the Hamilton Estate for up dates but no response from Hamilton Estate. Discussion and concern expressed regarding the lack of response from the Estate in obtaining Land Registry documentation for the said land in question. No Lease to hand at present. London Marathon Charitable Trust pressing for a progress report in order for us to still qualify for the grant. It was agreed that the Chairman would write to the Solicitors for the Estate, direct – with a copy to our Solicitors pointing out the urgency of the matter. Cllr Budd to submit dates to Cllr Hammond.

116. RECREATIONAL FACILITIES INCLUDING THE EBF:

Cllr Millward carried out an inspection of the Field including checking the ditches for possible blockages before the winter. Minor attention to the entrance gate to the play area carried out.

Clerk to request another weedkilling of the footpath if appropriate. Await date of a meeting with the Friends of the EBF. No further action regarding a table tennis table.

117. BROCKHAM WEBSITE:

No report received.

118. PLANNING MATTERS:

There were no objections in respect of these planning applications

MO/2016/1357/ADV The Arkle Manor Advertising consent for 2 fascia signs, an illuminated free standing post sign, car park entrance sign and various other signs around the site.

MO/2016/1414/CAT Church Cottage, Brockham Green Tree Surgery

MO/2016/1381/PLAH 38 Tynedale Road Single Storey front/side ext and conversion of garage to habitable accommodation

MO/206/1432/CAT Old Inn Lodge The Green Tree Surgery

MO/2016/1463/PLAH Brooklands Cottage, Old School Lane Single storey front and rear extension
Insertion of additional rooflights and associated landscaping

MO/2016/1512/CAT Riverdale House, Coach Road Tree Surgery

Letter from MVDC requesting Brown Field Sites to be forwarded to them for consideration in the preparation of the Local Plan currently under review.

DECISIONS:

MO/2016/1432/CAT	Old Inn Lodge	Tree Surgery	NO OBJECTION
MO/2016/1463/PLAH	Brooklands Cottage	Single storey front and rear extension	
	Insertion of additional rooflights and associated landscaping.		APPROVED
MO/2016/1512/CAT	Riverdale House Old Coach Road	Tree Surgery	NO OBJECTION
MO/2016/0153/CC	19 Castle Gardens	Variation of Condition 10 of approved planning permission MO/2015/1162 for the erection of a replacement dwelling to allow the construction of a basement in accordance with drawings no PO2A& PO5A	APPROVED
MO/2016/1161/PLAH	9 Kiln Lane	Single storey front extension	REFUSED
MO/2016/1118/PLAH	Greystones, Chalkpit Lane	Erection of detached double fronted garage following removal of existing detached single garage	APPROVED
MO/2016/0836/PLAH	Old School House, Old School Lane	Demolition of existing Single storey rear addition and 1 st floor roofed extension and erection of rear addition and rear roof alterations. Alterations to windows on front elevation	APPROVED
MO/2016/0837/LBC	Old School Lane	“	APPROVED
MO/2016/1414/CAT	Church Cottage, The Green	Tree Surgery	NO OBJECTION

119. HIGHWAYS AND GENERAL PURPOSES:

MVDC – Grass cutting around Village including the Green – MVDC in discussion with the contractors to ensure improved delivery of work.

MVDC – await news regarding repairs to the railings around the Village Pump and H lines on the road across Tanners Hill. Bonfire Committee considered making a donation towards the repairs to the railings around the Village Pump.

SCC – Speeding of vehicles in Middle Street – Highways Officer Anita Guy anita.guy@surreycc.gov.uk reported that Brockham had been selected for traffic calming discussions. Meeting took place with Ms Hannan, SCC Senior Engineer 19th September in the Pavilion at 11.00. County Councillor Clack said that SCC had some funding to look into designing traffic calming works, but none at the moment for implementing these. Any works agreed would have to go to SCC Cabinet and wait their turn for funding. Road humps and extra street lighting were ruled out as elements of schemes, although road tables might be possible. It was felt that the main issue in Brockham seemed to be traffic flow, especially at rush hours.

Agreed residents would be consulted following the meeting and any proposals employing highways intervention would be openly shared with residents and consulted with the Parish Council before any decision made by the Local Committee. Other issues raised – Mr Abbott had requested a safer crossing of the A25 at Puddenhole Cottages. This would be a major scheme (£150,000 plus) and the loss of slip roads could ensue. The scheme is being looked at by SCC Highways following Mr Abbott’s question at Local Committee. Cllr Potter asked if pedestrian bridge would be possible – with this structure, foundations etc it could cost up to £1m. Cllr Muggeridge’s suggestion of a roundabout at the top of Brockham Lane could cost very much more but these matters are not traffic calming.

Sutton and East Surrey Water contacted regarding a leak on the Green outside Vine Cottage. Concern raised regarding the footpath between the houses in Oakdene Road and Warrenne Road – situation to be monitored.

120. ALLOTMENTS:

There are plots available on both sites. It was agreed to review the Rules before the next Allotment Meeting in April 2017. North Downs School (Brockham) have expressed a wish to

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have an allotment as part of an educational environmental programme. North Downs School has its own insurance and risk assessment. Clerk to meet a Governor at the Wheelers Lane site.

121. REPORTS OF MEETINGS:

Clerk attended a Clerks Meeting at MVDC where issues regarding verge maintenance, Anti-Social Behaviour, Community Resilience events and the Mole Valley Local Plan which is under review were discussed. Minutes to follow.

Deepdene Trail Grand Opening – Cllr Homewood attended and was very impressed with the achievements of the project ‘Hope Springs Eternal’ which explores a fascinating landscape full of history, nature and hidden treasures of the Deepdene Estate once owned by Thomas Hope and his son Henry.

Big Field Community Sports Centre held a meeting where it was decided not to progress any further with purchasing the remaining part of the Big Field, at present, used for agricultural purposes.

122. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS:

It was confirmed by SCC Street Works that Flanchford Bridge would not reopen until February 2017.

PART 2

No issues raised

PUBLIC TIME:

Clarification was given that the Traffic Calming meeting was not an OPEN meeting. It was called by SCC to identify spots where problems occurred then they would return with suggestions.

Additional suggestions put forward – safer crossing by the Childrens Play Ground in Middle Street. Artificial road humps painted on the road.

Parishioner raised the question that there had been no activity on the Big Field on two consecutive weekends (Saturday afternoons).

It was confirmed that all the required conditions relating to the Anthony West development had been met with the Mole Valley Planning Department.

Meeting closed at 9.50pm

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