

**Minutes of Brook Parish Council Meeting held in the  
Village Hall on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> June 2011**

<b>Present</b>	Peter Webb in the Chair	John Tomkins
	Erica Forbes	Tony Dunn
	Bob Scarfe	Jim Benson

To be actioned by

The meeting started at 7.00pm	
Cllr William Howard was in attendance, apologies had been received from Peter Wood, from Ashford Borough Council.	
<b>Declaration of interest in items on the agenda</b> Peter Webb declared an interest in the Hall and the School Jim Benson declared an interest in the School.	
<b>Minutes</b> of the Meeting on 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2011 were approved as a true record.	
<b>Matters Arising from the Minutes</b> An invoice had been received from The Honest Miller, the Parish Council agreed to cover the total costs incurred in decorating the area for the Royal Wedding Party held in April. The Parish Clerk is expecting to receive a quotation from Jason Harris regarding the bench repairs in the next couple of weeks and will contact Andrew Wickham about covering the costs of these out of his members' fund. The column number for the missing light has been received by the Clerk from Peter Webb and forwarded through to Ashford Borough Council. No action has yet been taken, William Howard offered to follow this up on the parishes behalf. The school/governing body have not been in touch with John Tomkins and Tony Dunn. Peter Webb will chase this with Teresa Redfern, Head of Governors. The village clean up will take place on 25 <sup>th</sup> June with those from the Parish Council and those from the Village Hall Committee who can make it. Meeting at 10.30am at the village hall. The playground also needs some maintenance and it was agreed this should take place at the same time. One of the swings is broken and needs replacing and some more chippings are required, the Clerk is to organise this. The Active Tour Project staff are proving hard to communicate with. There have been no further incidents with shot guns.	TB  WH  PW  All  TB
<b>Signing of the Code of Conduct</b> The Parish Councillors signed the Code of Conduct Forms and the Clerk witnessed these forms.	
<b>Donation to the Village Hall</b> £50 is presently given to the Village Hall for the use of the meeting room. It was noted that the Thomas Hill room at the museum could be used for meetings, this is a great asset for the village. A donation to both the village hall and the museum was discussed and it was agreed that an annual donation should be made to both of £100. This was proposed by Cllr Tomkins and seconded by Cllr Scarfe.	
<b>Donation to the School</b> It was agreed unanimously that a donation should be given to the school for something specific, the school will be asked to come up with an idea and the Parish Council will then consider an amount. Cllr Webb will follow this up.	PW
<b>Bus Service in Brook</b> Kent Karrier service is currently the only feasible bus service, KCC will be withdrawing bus subsidies over a period of time. Initially the discussion revolved around improving the Kent	

<p>Karrier service by increasing the number of buses on the road. Diverting the service that currently runs Canterbury – Wye – Ashford – Wye – Canterbury as then discussed. It was agreed that: Cllrs Dunn and Tomkins will visit a member of the public who is known to use the Kent Karrier Service at present.</p> <p>Cllr Dunn will also compile a questionnaire to prove there is a need for a service to run through Brook, asking the question of how often people would use a bus service.</p> <p>Once the need has been established via questionnaires delivered to every door, the Parish Council will write to Stagecoach, endorsed by ABC and obtaining Andrew Wickhams support if possible. William Howard is to provide an address for Stage Coach (East Kent)</p>	<p>AD/JT</p> <p>AD</p> <p>WH</p>
<p><b>Finances</b></p> <p>The Financial Statement was circulated</p> <p>The following cheques were signed:</p> <p>Lawncare – 2 x invoices - £256, Audrey MacCormack for internal audit - £60, Village Hall - £50, Brook Museum - £100, The Honest Miller - £104.88</p>	
<p><b>Tree Wardens Report</b></p> <p>The Tree Warden had not produced a report for this meeting as he had no further news to report.</p>	
<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>Cllr Scarfe reported that trees on Spelders Hill are to be cut.</p> <p>New signatories are required for the bank – the Clerk will obtain the relevant forms.</p> <p>AONB signs were discussed again, they will be considered at the next meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Webb is to ask about using the meeting room at the museum for some of the Parish council meetings.</p> <p>There are some items on the cricket field, Cllr Webb is to enquire whether these have been fly-tipped.</p> <p>A price for a sign indicating the Cricket Field is to be sought.</p> <p>The Parish Councillors names and addresses are to be published on the notice board and in the magazine.</p> <p>Cllr Webb is to apply weedkiller to the entrance to the Village Hall. Cllrs Dunn and Tomkins are to clear the playground up.</p> <p>Problems with the roads were discussed, William Howard promised to highlight the following with Kent Highways – Verges have eroded in Hinxhill and Brook, Troy Town Lane, general roads being damaged and speed limit to be reduced through Brook, 20 mph by the School and 30 mph through the village.</p> <p>William Howard reported to the Parish Council:</p> <p>There are plan for there to be a John Lewis on drovers’ roundabout by the end of 2012.</p> <p>Planning is to be re-programmed taking note of Parish Councils, Ward Councillors and Communities.</p> <p>Government is no longer pressing Ashford to grow and so the Borough will have its own vision. More emphasis will be placed on business and jobs rather than just housing.</p> <p>This Council will be listening more to communities with the aim of being more flexible yet realistic. Giving Parish Councils more decision making power and he ability to take control.</p>	<p>TB</p> <p>PW</p> <p>PW</p> <p>TB</p> <p>PW/JT/ AD WH</p>
<p><b>The next meeting</b> was confirmed as Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> July 2011, the Clerk would like any items for the agenda by Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July, please.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 8.45 PM.</p>	