

BROOKLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Members are summoned to a meeting of Brookland Parish Council to be held on Monday 18th March 2024 at 7.15pm at The Village Hall, Brookland.

MINUTES

Present: Cllr Gillies, Cllr Bicknell, Cllr Rhys Jones, Cllr Kennedy, F&HDC Cllr Martin, KCC Cllr Hills, A Lawson

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. CO-OPTION OF MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO FILL A CASUAL VACANCY

Members voted to confirm the co-option of Vicky French on to the Council. Proposed Cllr Bicknell, Seconded Cllr Rhys Jones and unanimously agreed. Cllr French signed declaration of acceptance of office.

4. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting on 15th January 2024 were unanimously agreed to be a true record of that meeting. Proposed Cllr Gillies, Seconded Cllr Bicknell.

5. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – Public Participation

None

6. PLANNING

Members discussed current planning applications and had no comment to make.

Ref: 24/0198/FH/TDC

Proposal: Technical Details Consent for 4-8 dwellings pursuant to permission in Principle (PIP) granted under 23/1497/FH

Location: Middle House Nursery, Brookland, Romney Marsh, TN29 9QU

Ref: 24/0164/FH & 24/0165/FH

Proposal: Demolition of existing conservatory and replacement single storey garden room & Variation of condition 2

Location: Old Rectory, Cuckolds Lane, Snargate, Romney Marsh, TN29 0EW

7. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT & REPORTS FROM OTHER OUTSIDE BODIES

F&HDC Cllr Martin has discussed fly tipping with the enforcement team and reported progress has been made with local landowners and the council on removing fly tipped waste. He also advised mobile CCTV can be installed at hot spots to help deter fly tippers. Cllr Martin continues to support the council with repairs at the playground and confirmed the local PC can be requested to patrol with a speed gun on the A259 if needed.

KCC Cllr Hills summarised his March report (copy on notice board) and updated the council on Ground water flooding, pot hoe repairs and Kent Plan Bee.

8. FINANCE

Members reviewed invoices paid and to be paid since the last meeting and forecast expenses to the end of the financial year. No queries raised. The Clerk advised that income and expenses will be below £25k for 23/24 allowing the annual return to be filed without an external audit.

9. HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Cllr Bicknell gave an update on the recent meeting with KCC and has spoken to the school about KCC help with a School Travel Plan. Clerk asked to include the option of a one-way system through Brookland High St for consideration on the HIP.

10. COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN

Cllr Bicknell and Cllr Kennedy gave an update on progress on the village emergency plan. More work to be done but good progress made.
Clerk to add Cllr Kennedy to Parish News

11. CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

Clean Rivers – correspondence noted

Right of Way – need concerted effort to complete evidence forms to submit to KCC

Request for Donation – Marsh Harrier, agreed in principle, Clerk to confirm if any specific amount or equipment is required.

D-Day celebration – clerk to confirm if road can be closed

Bunker – Clerk to contact F&HDC

Roadside advertising clerk to contact F&HDC

12. ANY FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Grants for Village Broadband

Youth Club

Play Area

13. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be 13th May 2024 at 7.15pm in the Village Hall.