

BROOKLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held at The Village Hall, Brookland on 15 June 2015 at 7.15 pm

PRESENT: Councillor, Mrs S Saxby (Chair), Councillor, Mrs K Coleman
Councillor Mr J Burgoyne and Councillor Mr C Hill

PARISH CLERK: Mrs J Batt

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS: Mr C Goddard and Mr L Laws

COUNTY COUNCILLOR: Mrs C Waters

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: There were 5 Members of the Public present.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An Apology for Absence was received from Mrs V Wallington (work commitment).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

There were no Declarations of Pecuniary Interest.

Declarations of Significant Interest

There were no Declarations of Significant Interest.

i) Updating of Declarations of Interest for the Code of Conduct

The Clerk reminded Councillors that they should update their Declarations of Interest with the Monitoring Officer if necessary.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Minutes 134 of the last ordinary meeting were accepted and it was unanimously agreed that Councillor Saxby should sign them.

Proposed Councillor Coleman Seconded Councillor Hill

4. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

Councillor Saxby asked councillors to look at both websites and decide whether they wish to continue with the Brookland Site or condense both onto the KCC site.

5. MATTERS FOR REPORT ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

There were no matters arising that were not covered on the agenda.

6. PUBLIC INTERVAL

The meeting was opened to Members of the Public present from 7.36 – 8.00 for questions and comment.

7. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Councillor Saxby reported that she had been to the Cheyne Court Open Day at which she had been shown round the site and told that on average 7 birds are killed per turbine each year.

Councillor Saxby asked for councillors' approval for her to attend a training day on 24 July. Councillors unanimously agreed.

8. CORRESPONDENCE, FINANCE AND OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS**Correspondence**

Councillor Clive Goddard

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England

Email Correspondence – all emails forwarded to councillors with email

Councillors did not bring any emails to the attention of the meeting.

Finance**Bank Reconciliation**

Balance per Cash Book		Balance at Bank	
Opening Balance	34203.13	Current Account	35936.09
Plus Receipts	<u>7719.08</u>	Plus u/c receipt	<u>1400.00</u>
	41922.21		37336.09
Less Payments	<u>3629.80</u>	Less u/c cheques	<u>2364.49</u>
	38292.41		34971.60
Less Earmarked funds	<u>17211.81</u>	Plus Reserve a/c	<u>3320.81</u>
Available Funds	21080.60		38292.41
		Less Earmarked Funds	<u>17211.81</u>
		Available Funds	21080.60

Received this month: Firmager Funeral Service Ltd £1400.00.

Accounts to be paid

PAYEE	CHQ NO	DESCRIPTION	NET £	VAT £	GROSS £
Mrs J Batt	754	Salary Expenses General Admin	183.18 8.01 25.24		216.43
The Post Office	755	Income Tax	137.20		137.20
M Coleman	756	Grass Cutting in Cemetery Spraying Weeds in Cemetery	150.00 80.00		230.00
Clive Stanley	757	Webmaster Services	138.00		138.00
KALC	758	Councillor Training Event	41.67	8.33	41.67
Mr R Velvick	759	Grave Digging	325.00		325.00

Proposed Councillor Hill

Seconded Councillor Saxby

Earmarked Funds

	Balance 18 May 2015	+/- June	Balance 15 June 2015
Youth Area Expenses	1883.38		1883.38
Youth Area Rent	NIL		NIL
War Memorial	28.00		28.00
Notice Board	735.43		735.43
Cemetery Maintenance			
Grass Cutting	9346.03	150.00	
Spraying		80.00	9116.03
Village Hall Grass	NIL		NIL
Tree Maintenance	2500.00		2500.00
Election Expenses	2948.97		2948.97
TOTAL	17441.81	-230.00	17211.81

Insurance

Nothing to report.

Village Risk Assessment/Risk Inspection

Mr Hill has not refurbished the benches as he does not believe they belong to the Parish Council. The Clerk will investigate.

Provision of Fire Proof Storage for Parish Council Documents

Nothing to report.

Safety on the A259

The proposed Public Meeting has been postponed until all the investigations into the recent accident have been completed.

Portable Speed Detectors

Councillors will investigate further and this will be discussed again next month.

9. RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE

The Clerk reported that the Council has achieved the requirements necessary under the Localism Act 2011, Chapter 1, Part 1, Sections 1-8 to enable members to exercise the General Power of Competence as follows:-

1. All Councillors were elected at the election held on 7 May 2015
2. The Clerk of the Council holds the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA)
3. The Clerk of the Council has passed the CiLCA module on the General Power Competence it is recommended that the members consider adopting the General Power of Competence.

RESOLUTION: Brookland Parish Council resolves from 15 June 2015 until the next relevant Annual Parish Council meeting, that having met the conditions of eligibility as defined in the Localism Act 2011. Chapter 1, Part 1, Sections 1-8 to adopt the General Power of Competence.

Proposed Mrs Saxby

Seconded Mr Burgoyne

Unanimous

10. CEMETERY**Cemetery Administration and Maintenance**

One funeral took place in June and one grave space has been reserved.

The wooden edging has been installed around a grave as requested last month.

11. YOUTH AREA

The Crown Estates has still not cashed the cheques for the rent.

12. PLANNING

Please see attached.

13. COMMUNITY SAFETY

Nothing to report.

14. VILLAGE RESPONSIBILITIES**Items to be reported to Kent Highway Services/PROW/IDB**

The Clerk was not asked to report any issues to KHS.

15. FORUM FOR EXCHANGE OF IDEAS BETWEEN COUNCILLORS

Defibrillators to be included on the next agenda.

16. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS TO ENABLE COUNCILLORS TO DISCUSS ITEMS OF A LEGAL AND PERSONAL MATTER

Resolution: Pursuant to section1 (2) of the public bodies (Admission to Meetings Act 1960), it was unanimously resolved that members of the public be excluded from the next agenda item as it concerns matters of a personal nature.

All those present left the meeting.

Councillors approved the letter to be sent by the solicitor and hope this matter can be successfully resolved.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

Signed Dated
Chairman

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PLANNING APPLICATION RECORD

2015

JUNE 2015

- Y15/0499/SH Land adjacent to Framlea, Rye Road, Brookland, Kent
Outline application for the erection of 8 residential dwellings with a Village Green and children's playground, associated access, parking and landscaping, with matters of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale reserved for future consideration
Parish Council: OBJECTS on the following grounds:-
The site is outside the defined settlement boundary
There are too many houses proposed for the size of the site
Councillors have serious concerns regarding the disposal of sewage
There are serious concerns regarding the traffic exiting onto Salters Lane and Rye Road
There is a turning circle for buses on this junction
Councillors are concerned about the increase in traffic on the A259 that this Development will cause.
- Y15/0008/PA West Unit, Pepperland Nursery, Straight Lane, Brookland Kent
Determination as to whether the prior approval of the Local Planning Authority is required under Class Q of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 for the change of use and conversion from Agricultural to 2 No Residential Units (Class C3)
Parish Council: Support 2:3 abstentions
- Y15/0009/PA Middle House Nursery, Straight Lane, Brookland Kent
Determination as to whether the prior approval of the Local Planning Authority is required under Class Q of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 for the change of use and conversion from Agricultural to 3 No Residential Retirement Units (Class C3)
Parish Council: Support 2:3 abstentions