

TO ALL ELECTORS OF THE PARISH OF BROOKLAND

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING MAY 2022

16th May 2022 @ 7pm in the Village Hall

MINUTES

Present: KCC Cllr Hills, Cllr Wallington, A Lawson, 3 members of the public

1. Introductions

Cllr Wallington invited those present to introduce themselves.

2. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Gillies (Working), Cllr Roberts (Illness), Cllr Goddard (Prior meeting)

3. Acceptance of Minutes of 2021 Meeting

Cllr Wallington proposed acceptance of the 2021 meeting minutes, seconded by a member of the public and unanimously agreed as a true record of the meeting.

4. Matters Arising

None

5. Parish Council Chairman's Report

Cllr Wallington presented a summary of the Chairman's report - Please see appendix A

6. Parish Council Financial Statement

The Clerk outlined the Parish council's income and expenditure for the last year and the current bank position – Please see appendix B

7. County Councillors Report

Cllr Hills Summarised his annual statement – Please see appendix C

8. District Councilor's Report

The Clerk read out Cllr Goddard's annual report – Please see appendix D

9. Questions and Comments from the Floor

Cllr Hills was asked about use of the bus stop and school busses parking on the zigzag lining.

General conversations were held on migrant arrivals, Hammonds corner and the local flood risk for Brookland.

The meeting closed at 7.25pm.

Appendix A - Chairman's report

Dear all residents of Brookland, we have been lucky to have a lovely start to spring, with the glorious weather over Easter. We have been extremely busy, and I would like to express my gratitude to our Councillors, and our amazing clerk (both past and present) who have put in the time and effort to achieve what we have; our notable achievements include: -

- New fencing has been erected around the cemetery
- Our community MUGA has had a refurbishment and tidy-up
- New posts have been fitted around the green area outside the church
- A new village sign has been agreed, more details will follow!
- A new village noticeboard has been erected by the Telephone box opposite the school
- The telephone box has had a lick of paint and looking very smart
- We are looking at providing and maintaining Dog waste bins around the Village together with waste bins
- We have supported other community groups in the village with various projects and costs
- The parish council, together with other community groups, have been actively planning our very own Queens Jubilee event which is being held on the 2nd June. Please see the Harrier, Brookland Parish Website for more details (leaflets will be dropped in the next few weeks to each household in Brookland)

As a Parish Council we are very much focusing on village improvement and development, we are very proud of our village and want to reflect our fondness by actioning various plans to serve our community and improve the quality of life for residents of Brookland Village.

We currently have two vacancies for councillors, within our council and would welcome anyone that requires further information to get in touch.

Appendix B – Parish Council Income & expenditure

BROOKLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Income & Expenditure 2021/22 - Actual & Budget

as at 31/03/22

ACTUAL 2020/2021		BUDGET 2021/2022	ACT TO DATE 2021/2022	ACT v BUD 2021/2022	Forecast 2021/22
RECEIPTS					
12,000.00	Precept	12,870.00	12,870.00	-	12,870.00
1.33	Interest			-	
2,698.00	Cemetery		850.00	850.00	850.00
	Grant		340.00		340.00
325.00	Grave Digger			-	
1,529.94	VAT Recovered		1,992.49	1,992.49	1,992.49
16,554.27	TOTAL	12,870.00	16,052.49	3,182.49	16,052.49

ACTUAL 2020/2021		BUDGET 2021/2022	ACTUAL 2021/2022	ACT v BUD 2021/2022	Forecast 2021/22
EXPENDITURE					
3,662.03	Clerk's Salary	3,800.00	3,719.04	80.96	3,719.04
197.60	Clerk's Expenses	180.00	180.00	-	180.00
22.00	General Admin	350.00	72.00	278.00	72.00
75.00	Internal Audit	100.00	90.00	10.00	90.00
35.00	ICO	35.00	35.00	-	35.00
129.14	Computer Maintenance	180.00	140.88	39.12	140.88
300.00	Training	500.00	150.00	350.00	150.00
-	Legal fees		257.00	- 257.00	257.00
78.06	Website	25.00	14.39	10.61	14.39
96.00	Village Hall Rent/Heat	300.00	48.00	252.00	48.00
191.72	KALC Subscription	200.00	193.70	6.30	193.70
75.00	SLCC Subscription	100.00	72.00	28.00	72.00
827.98	Insurance	850.00	851.32	- 1.32	851.32
1,560.00	Cemetery Grass Cutting	1,560.00	1,380.00	180.00	1,380.00
-	Cemetery Hedges	200.00	180.00	20.00	180.00
3,168.00	Cemetery Fencing		3,556.12	- 3,556.12	3,556.12
398.00	Cemetery Admin Fees	1,000.00	400.00	600.00	400.00
250.00	Clearance of Rubbish from Cemetery	150.00	300.00	- 150.00	300.00
-	Tree Inspection			-	
350.00	Removal/Maintenance of Trees	1,000.00	420.00	580.00	420.00
1,821.00	Youth Area		269.50	- 269.50	269.50
100.00	Youth Area Rent	100.00	120.00	- 20.00	120.00
-	Wreath for Remembrance	50.00	38.50	11.50	38.50
-	Contingency Fund	500.00		500.00	-
-	Contribution to Marsh Harrier	200.00	500.00	- 300.00	500.00
2,023.50	Village Hall Grass Cutting	1,000.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
60.00	Thank You Gift			-	
-	Clock Maintenance	150.00	147.00	3.00	147.00
	Telephone Kiosk Maintenance	-	750.00	- 750.00	750.00
315.00	Defib Maintenance	190.00	232.80	- 42.80	232.80
-	Brookland PCC		630.00	- 630.00	630.00
-	Refund of Cemetery Fees			-	
675.00	Grave Digger			-	
148.00	Contributions to Good Causes	150.00	-	150.00	-
1,992.49	VAT on Expenses	-	1,590.62	- 1,590.62	1,590.62
18,550.52	TOTAL	12,870.00	16,837.87	- 3,967.87	16,837.87

Tony Hills KCC member for the Romney Marsh Division Annual Report April 2022

Pandemic

As we enter the third year of this cruel pandemic. We all must find a way to live with covid 19. I'm proud of the way KCC has worked with our district council and local organisations. Strengthening our sense of community on the Romney Marsh. The success of the Romney Marsh Community Hub goes from strength to strength following the change of name last June. This has been a big success, which I'm happy to promote as well to support.

Ukraine

KCC is committed to help the tragic situation in Ukraine. The KCC website has lots of useful information on what you can do to help.

Highways

Following budget cuts from the government we will have had a difficult year for road maintenance. But KCC is committed to finding new and inventive ways to repair our highways making our budgets go further.

The Romney Marsh has highways like the rest of the County in poor condition.

Reporting problems online really helps, the more reports the better, it all helps.

Latest update on 'Hammonds Corner' (A259); As I said last year, we now have a design for the roundabout. But funding for the build continues to be a challenge.

Dungeness 'A' Station site reuse.

I have over this last year been campaigning for the existing 'A' site to be considered for 'hi speed' demolition. Making it available as a site for a new SMNR (small modular Nuclear Reactor). If the government decides to go down this route, it will have my support.

Climate Change

Is the biggest single long term threat to the Romney Marsh. But I'm happy to say the EA have been working hard over the last year to improve our defences. Following the new defences at the 'redoubt' in Hythe to protect the northern end of the Romney Marsh, I had a site visit to 'Jessons' outfall to see the successful conclusion of re-shingling to protect the east bay area. Work is continuing at Lydd Ranges to defend the western side of the Romney Marsh. This is all part of the FoCES plan (Folkestone to Cliff End Scheme) to defend the whole of the Romney Marsh. As I said last year, I get many enquiries concerning 'flood maps' showing the Romney

Appendix D – Cllr Goddard Annual Report

It has been another challenging year and like the past 2 years with the pandemic awful. But sound leadership and fine budgeting all services the council provide remain. Staying with the pandemic financial assistance for local businesses continues.

I remain chairman of the planning and licensing committee for a record 8th year, and I monitor local development in the village with interest.

Locally I remain on the airport consultative committee and am delighted of the exciting new plans that will be shared by the airport management team soon This I hope will bring more jobs for the marsh. Talking of jobs and the local Economy I continue to lobby all levels of government for Dungeness C as this is key to the area.

Unfortunately and again due to the pandemic the Romney marsh forum hasn't been able to meet, but I intend to call a meeting very soon so we can pick up on key issues affecting the parish including, policing, border control and health provision.

Each year I receive funds to distribute for local causes if you know of any groups within Brookland who would benefit please contact me

I work closely with the police and thank them for their work and support and my F&HDC colleague and KCC Cllr Tony hills for all his hard work and continued support.

I will continue to work for the good of all local people young and old and help to provide a safer, greener, cleaner and thriving place for all to live in finally I would like to thank the Parish Clerk, for his continued hard work assistance and support not only to myself but to the whole of Brookland.

Many thanks. Take care stay safe