

# **BROOKLAND PARISH COUNCIL**

Members are summoned to a meeting of Brookland Parish Council to be held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 at 7.15pm at The Village Hall, Brookland.

## **MINUTES**

Present: Cllr Wallington, Cllr Bicknell, Cllr Gillies, Cllr Kennedy, A Lawson, 2 members of the public

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Tony Hills (KCC & F&HDC Councillor).

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- a. To declare any personal interest in items on the agenda and their nature - Cllr Gillies TPO.
- b. To declare any prejudicial interests in items on the agenda – any councillors with prejudicial interests must leave the room for the relevant item – None.

### **3. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022 were unanimously agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting.

Cllr Roberts announced her resignation from the Council in early January. Cllr Gillies was proposed as Vice Chair by Cllr Wallington, seconded by Cllr Bicknell and unanimously agreed.

### **4. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – Public Participation**

A member of the public requested assistance from the council with registering a TPO.

A local resident expressed their frustration with a lack of engagement from the planning dept and asked if the council were able to assist.

### **5. PLANNING**

22/1793/FH Apples Joy, Straight Lane – amendments to previous submission. No further comments to add.

### **6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT & REPORTS FROM OTHER OUTSIDE BODIES**

None

### **7. EV CHARGING POINTS**

Members discussed options for installing EV charging points in the village hall car park. It was reported that the village hall committee would be open to discuss a request. Cllr Bicknell agreed to follow up on evaluating options and possible funding opportunities.

### **8. FINANCE**

Members to review invoices paid and to be paid since the last meeting and forecast expenses to the end of the financial year. No queries raised. (Appendix attached) The clerk confirmed the Precept for 23/24 has been submitted at £12,870 (no change on 22/23). The Internal Audit has been booked for 24<sup>th</sup> April ready for the annual AGAR Submission.

## **9. CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS**

- a. Village Sign – Cllr Gillies advised socket for the foundations is in manufacture, target unveiling date - Kings coronation street party. Road closure request for street park to be submitted by clerk. Church Notice Board – Chase up installation of new posts.
- b. Email Correspondence regarding how council information is published noted.
- c. Village Salt Supplies & Storage Bin – Agreed to ask village hall if bin can be located in car park for residents to access – bin to be purchased if agreed.
- d. A259 Highways Improvement – Speed survey complete, awaiting feedback.
- e. 2023 Elections – With a vacancy on the council look for an additional member to stand in May.
- f. The Harrier request for funding – A donation of £500 to ensure the continued distribution of the magazine was unanimously agreed.
- g. Brookland Grove Development – Water safety to be raised as a concern with Quinn Homes.
- h. Sadlers Wall Lane – Request for additional clearance after spring growth.
- i. Kennards Lane – Request for road signs. (Cllr Bicknell left meeting 8.02pm).
- j. Badger Set – the Parish Council were included on correspondence relating to damage to local badger set.

## **10. CLERKS ANNUAL REVIEW**

Members discussed the clerks' role and performance and unanimously agreed to increase the clerks pay grade to SP22.

## **11. ANY FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

## **12. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be 20th March 2023 at 7.15pm in the Village Hall.