

**Minutes of Brook Parish Council Meeting held in the  
Village Hall on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> November 2014**

<b>Present</b>	Peter Webb in the Chair Erica Forbes Janet Medhurst	Simon Betty Janet Jessop John Tomkins
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2 members of public were in attendance.

To be actioned by

The meeting started at 7.00pm	
There were no apologies for absence.	
<b>Declaration of interest in items on the agenda</b> There were no declarations of interest.	
<b>Minutes</b> of the Meeting on 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2014 were approved as a true record.	
<b>Matters Arising from the Minutes</b> Further correspondence had been received from a resident regarding her complaint about the excessive air traffic above Brook. The Parish Council are to respond saying, Chiddingstone PC responded as part of an open survey advertised in the National Press. As Chiddingstone is very close in proximity to Gatwick and is in controlled air space it is of interest to them. Here in Brook, the grounds of controlled air space do not apply until 3,500 feet and very few commercial aircraft travel below 8,000 feet. Nothing can be done unless there is a breach of legality in how low the aircraft is travelling. Cllr Webb is to discuss this with the complainant and will discuss with Cllr Betty if necessary.  Cllr Betty has reported the trees at the end of the driveway of the Village Hall to Ashford Borough Council.	TB
<b>Finances</b> The Financial Statement was circulated. There were 2 cheques to be signed, Lawncare for £260.00 and the Clerk for £104.79. A budget against expenditure was also circulated. The budget for next year was discussed, the draft budget was accepted and it was agreed that the Parish Council would precept for £5,000.00 again this year.	
<b>Caretaker Scheme</b> The way the caretaker scheme is not quite how the Parish Councillors envisaged it would work but the Parish Council agreed that they would be happy to continue the negotiations.	
<b>Playgrounds</b> Cllr Betty agreed to check the list of jobs to undertake and the Clerk supplied a book to complete the checks in. This is to be confirmed at the next meeting. The Clerk is to order a new swing seat at a cost of £47.	SB/ TB
<b>Planning Applications</b> An application for an extension to Kimberley had been received. The residents of Downsview and Cllr Howard have objected. Mrs Stewart from Kimberley explained that they needed new roofs and had, therefore, decided to add accommodation into the roof space. The neighbours had objected due to flooding and being over-looked. Mrs Stewart said that water is not a problem at Kimberley and obscured glass will be used on the nearest elevation to the neighbouring property. Flooding is a considerable issue for the owners of Downsview. It was suggested that the neighbours could discuss this together to reach a happy conclusion and could ask Environmental Health to become involved in the flooding issue.	
<b>Christmas Tree/Lights</b> It was agreed that the tree and lights would be erected at 10 am on 8 <sup>th</sup> December at Brook Church.	

<p><b>Correspondence</b> The Clerk had circulated all correspondence.</p>	
<p><b>Any Other Business</b> Plans of the village were circulated. Some Councillors had attended the Kent Highways Seminar, following this the Clerk was asked to find out who is responsible for the snow ploughing of the village. It was agreed that a contingency plan should be discussed at the next meeting for severe weather.  The school have contacted Highways because they are concerned about the parking on Spelders Hill.</p>	
<p><b>The next meeting</b> was confirmed as Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> December 2014, the Clerk would like any items for the agenda by Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December, please.</p>	All
<p>There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 8.50 PM.</p>	