

# BROCKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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## TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Your attendance is requested at the General Meeting of the Parish Council to be held in the Pavilion, Middle Street on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2008 at 7.30 pm. Committees will meet at 7.00 p.m.

Celia Plumb Clerk to the Council

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### AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2008 (already circulated)
3. Declaration of Interest
4. Person Responsible for Report to Parish News
5. Matters Arising
6. Chairman's Report
7. Financial Report
  - Budget Meeting/Precept 2009/2010
  - War Memorial up date
8. Clerk's Report
9. Parish Plan
10. Brockham School – Governor's Report
11. Youth Council for Brockham
12. Recreational Facilities including Elizabeth Bailey Field
  - MVDC – Agreement of Lottery Grant for EBF
13. Brockham Website
14. Planning Matters:
  - MO/2008/1390/PLA **29 Brockham Lane** demolish side ext/raise roof and erect 1st floor ext
  - MO/2008/1391/PLA **land to rear of 29 Brockham Lane** erection of dwelling with integral garage
  - MO/2008/1400/PLA **39 Oakdene Road** Conservatory
  - MO/2008/1414/PLA **76 Nutwood Avenue** Pt single/pt two storey side ext and new front porch
  - MO/2008/1419/PLA **Verge Borough/Brockham Lane** Kiosk for water level monitoring equipment
  - MO/2008/1377/PLA **Brockham Barns Brockham Court Farm** Amendments to permission re Hay Barn
  - MO/2008/1378/LBC **Brockham Barns** Amendments to permission re Hay Barn
  - MO/2008/1426/PLA **7 Bishops Cottages** Retention of log cabin in rear garden
15. Highways and General Purposes
16. Allotments
17. Reports of Meetings
18. Any Other Urgent Business

### PART 2

### PUBLIC TIME

Approximately 8.30 p.m.

**BROCKHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the General Meeting of Brockham Parish Council held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2008 at the Pavilion, Middle Street, Brockham at 7.30 p.m.**

96. **PRESENT:** Mr Hammond (in the Chair)  
Cllrs Homewood, Luff, Washtell, Richards and Millward  
Inspector John Tadman and PC John Reece (Surrey Police)  
Mr Martin Higgins  
One Parishioner
97. **APOLOGIES:** Apologies were received from Mrs Celia Plumb (Parish Clerk) and from Cllrs. Budd, Smith and Hamilton.
98. **MINUTES:**  
Minutes of the meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2008 were approved and signed.
99. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**  
Cllr Homewood declared an interest in any Planning decisions made, on the grounds of his being a member of the District Council's Development Control Committee.
100. **PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR REPORT TO PARISH NEWS:**  
Cllr Hammond agreed to submit the October report.

**STANDING ORDERS WERE SUSPENDED**

**Presentation by Inspector John Tadman (Neighbourhood Inspector, Surrey Police)**

Inspector Tadman gave an outline of the present system of development of police strength with its central pool of officers responsive to reported crimes. He pointed out that prioritisation was necessary when public demand was heavy and this could lead to criticism on the grounds of late response times when officers were not immediately available. He reported that the force available for Mole Valley as a whole was made up of 10 constables and 14 support officers (PC Dom Lorraine and Support Officer Ivor Williams being allocated to Rural East).

He went on to deal with an occasion when a Brockham resident asked for police support in dealing with vandals but received no help. Inquiry had revealed the lack of response was due to a 'handler' at the switchboard placing too low a priority on this incident. However, the Inspector laid stress on the fact that the public should not be deterred from reporting incidents on this score. Information was important.

**Questions** – In his responses the Inspector described the Dorking 'Action Group' made up of local councillors, emergency service and Housing Association representatives and police – this gathered information and helped to identify problem behaviour. Crime Reduction Partnerships with local Councils were also helpful in averting trouble.

On whether we could hope for a 20 mph restriction on Brockham Green, the Inspector was doubtful. His feeling was that as a first step drivers had to realise speeding was dangerous. He gave instances of drivers speeding on local lanes at 85mph, despite limit signs.

He was asked if it would be useful for the Countrywatch and other similar warnings of threatening or criminal behaviour in the rural area to be shown on the Brockham website – and so bring in more residents to check on suspicious car movements. He said that it would. (Note: Apparently this has now been done).

### **Presentation by Martin Higgins on the Betchworth Castle site**

Mr Higgins, who is likely to have had the site placed into his ownership by Mole Valley Council for a token payment, commented that it was a fortified manor rather than a castle, and had been mostly demolished in the 1830's to become a 'picturesque ruin'. However, there had been some sort of fortification there since the Iron Age.

The estimated cost of stabilising the ruins, clearing trees and making the site visitable was likely to be in the region of £400,000. A grant of £90,000 had been given with the site by the Council – this being money previously set aside for putting up permanent scaffolding. Mr Higgins hoped to use this sum as match-funding to attract grants from English Heritage and other organisations. On completion of the works he wished to see free public access.

Mr Higgins was thanked for his endeavours to bring the castle site (Mole Valley's best-kept secret?) back to public view.

### **101. MATTERS ARISING:**

**Village Pump Cross** – The Mole Valley officer responsible (Mr Hughes) had stated that action would be taken. Six weeks had now elapsed.

**Cutting of Big Field Hedge along Kiln Lane** – It was suggested using Brockham Website advertising fees for this. There was some possibility of doing so.

**Railing on Green by North View** – Cllr Homewood had received an e-mail from Victoria Houghton giving its history and stating that it should be retained. Cllr Homewood had communicated this to Mole Valley, and it would be properly replaced.

**Village Meeting re Rugby Club Expansion proposals** – This was now scheduled for the 26<sup>th</sup> November. Rugby Club officials had signified they could be present.

**Village Pond Clearance** – The pond in question appeared to be on Wheelers Lane, not that on Middle Street.

**Dodds Park Garages** – Mole Valley Housing wish to know who owns all of these – especially the derelict ones! Cllr Homewood to make enquiries.

### **102. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

Councillors were asked for their annual donations toward a wreath from the Parish Council for Remembrance Sunday.

The Chairman stated that he had attended the Village of the Year presentations at Ripley.

Brockham had not been successful this year. Hambledon, Claygate and Headley had been successful. He had noted that credit tended to be given to villages with new projects. He announced that Councillor Derrick Burt, the Chairman of Mole Valley Council, would visit our Brockham meeting in February 2009, that the Mole Valley Area Forum meeting would be at Ockley Village Hall on the 22<sup>nd</sup> October and that the Parish Forum would be held in Brockham on the 19<sup>th</sup> November.

**103. FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Current Account	3522.98
Deposit Account	20542.05
Reserve Account	490.35
War Memorial Acc/No2	3934.39
EBF Account	834.88

Cheques drawn –

022	BDO Stoy Hayward	Audit	£158.63
023	Mrs C M Plumb	Clerk's Wages	£310.33
024	Recreation Committee	Hire of Hall	£20.00
025	East Surrey Water	Middle Street	90.88
	East Surrey Water	Whealers Lane	16.80
			107.68

Lloyds TSB unpaid cheque PART 2

Date for Budget preparation meeting 29<sup>th</sup> October Cllr Washtell's house at 7.30 pm  
Annual Return for the EBF needs completing for 2008.

H M Revenue and Customs – up date on personal allowances

Clarify position on cutting of hedges before budget meeting.

**104. CLERK'S REPORT:**

MVDC – letter regarding new Rural Area Forum 22<sup>nd</sup> October at Ockley 7.00 pm

SCC Surrey Countryside Access Forum – Nominating candidate to join the Forum await news

An application had been made for vehicular access to the garden of a property in Ridge Close going off the access way to the Elizabeth Bailey Field. This was agreed, but Clerk to look into the granting of a wayleave. Any costs should be met by the householder.

SCC – Local Committee MVDC – 24<sup>th</sup> September – any feedback

SCAPCT & SCA AGM and Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> October 1.15pm

Woodyard on Old School Lane had been given a Certificate of Lawful Use by the County Council for wood and wood chip storage.

Surrey Community Action – Rural Affordable Housing 14<sup>th</sup> November - Shere 9.30 – 2.00

MVDC – Appeal – Betchworth Service Station – no further action

Items to be tabled

GACC News letter – already circulated

MVDC Arts Alive Brochure

Standards Board – September newsletter

Dorking and District Pres Society

Communities and Local Government  
Local Council Review  
Campaign to Protect Rural England  
Clerks and Councils Direct

**105. PARISH PLAN:**

No report

**106. BROCKHAM SCHOOL – GOVERNOR’S REPORT:**

No report in absence of Cllr Budd.

**107. YOUTH COUNCIL FOR BROCKHAM:**

Claire Ritchie, MVDC, to be contacted regarding appointing a village Youth Representative.

**108. RECREATIONAL FACILITIES INCLUDING THE EBF:**

Lottery Grant for play facilities on EBF and Recreation Ground – Cllr. Millward had taken these matters in hand with the help of Cllr Washtell and the advice of Cllr Budd. He was confident of eventual success in getting the much-needed facilities on the ground. Cllr Millward was thanked for his work in this respect.

**109. WEBSITE:**

No report – although noted that advertising revenue was coming in and that this would be put to good use in the village.

**110. PLANNING:**

**There were no objections to the undermentioned applications -**

MO/2008/1240/PLA	The Lodge, Castle Gardens	Erection of Conservatory
MO/2008/1251/PLA	8 Jubilee Terrace	Garage to replace shed
MO/2008/1281/PLA	21 Wheelers Lane	Extensions

**PLUS 3 to be added week ending 3.10.08**

**Decisions**

MO/2008/0529/PLA	Castle Field Lake	Erection of shed	Approved
MO/2008/1041/PLA	Bramblewood Lodge	Extensions	Approved
MO/2008/1134/PLA	28 Tynedale Road	Extension	Approved
MO/2008/1059/SCC	Feltons Farm	Certificate of Lawfulness	SCC Approved
MO/2008/1191/CAT	Riverbanks Kiln Lane	Tree Surgery	No objection
MO/2008/1198/PLA	43 Middle Street	Extensions	Approved
MO/2008/1206/CAT	35 Brockham Lane	Tree Surgery	No objection

**Appeal**

APP/C362/A/08/2082655/NWF Betchworth Service Station – Guy Pinney,  
The Planning Inspectorate, 0117 372 8869 3/21 Temple Quay House

**111. HIGHWAYS AND GENERAL PURPOSES:**

The possibility of a bus shelter at Nutwood Avenue is still being examined, but we await a report from residents who have stated a need.

Various highways jobs have been reported to SCC including Borough Bridge repairs, Tweed Lane light broken, eroded road surface near 87 Hillside Gardens and the overgrown hedge in Kiln Lane. The last is regarded by Highways as 'not urgent'.

There has been some concern over whether the amount of litter on The Green accumulating at weekends is connected with the removal (at the Village Hall's request) of the litter bin outside the Hall. Situation to be monitored.

**112. ALLOTMENTS:**

There is a waiting list now for allotment plots, and a review will be made of those plots which appear to be used for leisure rather than cultivation or are not being kept under cultivation. The use of some plots for chickens appears to be acceptable to allotment holders and residents at present.

**113. REPORTS OF MEETINGS:**

There were no reports from meetings.

**114. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS:**

The Chairman reported that a meeting was to be held on the 13<sup>th</sup> November under the auspices of GAAC when Dr. Caroline Lucas, Leader of the Green Party, would speak.

**PART 2**

A funding shortfall of £100 on the hire of the mobile toilets during the Village Weekend was considered. It was agreed to pay £50 towards this; the organisers to pay the remaining sum.

The meeting ended at 10.25 pm

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