

BROCKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the General Meeting of Brockham Parish Council held on Monday 7th February 2011 in the Pavilion, Middle Street, Brockham at 7.30 pm.

158. **PRESENT:** District Cllr Homewood (Vice-Chair in the Chair)
Cllrs Smith, Hamilton, Washtell, Muggeridge, Budd, Millward
Chairman of Mole Valley District Council – Cllr J Northcott
District Councillor Paul Potter
P C Dom Loraine – Surrey Police
Mr Ken Luff and Mr Gordon Luff
159. **APOLOGIES:** Apologies were received from Cllrs Hammond and Richards
160. **MINUTES:** Minutes of the meeting of the 4th January 2011 were approved and signed as a correct record.
161. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**
District Councillor Maurice Homewood declared an interest on the Development Control Committee at MVDC and would not take part in any voting on planning matters.
162. **PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR REPORT TO PARISH NEWS:**
District Cllr Homewood agreed to submit the February report to the Parish News.
163. **MATTERS ARISING:**
BW 52 – SCC have confirmed that this bridleway will have some remedial work undertaken to assist with the drainage problems.
Bus Shelter – junction with Nutwood Avenue and Kiln Lane – Clerk to follow up progress regarding its installation.
Ditch in Wheelers Lane – report the condition to SCC and also Cllr Budd to contact the School regarding a possible litter pick of the area as the school has an eco committee. Parish Council would supply litter pickers and sacks.
Guides – It was agreed that the Guides would also carry out litter inspections of the Recreation Ground as well as the bus shelters.
Spar Brockham Green – enquiries to be made regarding reinstating the white lines outside the convenience store.
164. **CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:**
District Cllr Homewood chaired the meeting as the Chairman was on holiday.
Flooding at Strood Green – the culvert was unable to cope with the volume of water but SCC attended and sand bags were used to prevent further damage to properties.
165. **FINANCIAL REPORT:**
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| Current Account | 2,322.94 |
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| Deposit Account | 12,726.61 |
| Reserve Account – web acc | 1,444.12 |
| War Memorial Acc/No2 | 1,224.14 |
| EBF Account | 1,197.16 |
| Youth Council Account | 397.00 |

Cheques drawn

1256	Dorking Stationers	Printer Cartridges	£26.60
1257	Mr C Long	Maintenance at EBF	£40.00
1258	Mrs C M Plumb	Clerks Wages	£415.00
1259	H M Revenue and Customs	Tax	£89.00
1260	Mrs Ritchie	Trip to Skateram – Youth Council	
		Transfer	£95.00
1261	Wicksteed	Equipment for EBF	£338.52
1262	Recreation Committee	Parish Meeting & Youth Council	£40.00

Clerk to chase up Allotment rents for 2010/11.

Letter received from local guide representing the Guides requesting tasks to undertake to earn money for forthcoming trip – agreed £200 for Bus Shelters to be paid in advance in June.

Big Field Committee asked for their contribution towards maintenance of ditch at £750. SCC contribution of £500 received.

Various Bank Forms and Statements signed by Bank re Lottery Grant etc - CLERK

Clerk to Claim VAT to the end of March 2011.

166. CLERK'S REPORT:

March Meeting – Cllr Richards to take Chair

Betchworth United Charities Cllr Hammond to replace Mr Luff confirmed

Standards Committee requested dates of meeting re forthcoming visit.

MVDC – Meeting 16th February – re Localism and Planning – 9.30 – 1.00 Martineau Halls

Re future direction of the Local Development Framework - District Cllr Homewood and Clerk to attend.

SCAPTC – General Meeting 2nd March at Cranleigh Village Hall at 7.00 pm

MVDC – Prospective Candidates' evening 3rd March Pippbrook at 7.00 pm

FULLERS - Village of Year Application form passed to Cllr Hammond

East Surrey Rural Transport Partnership – agreed to ask them to attend April meeting to discuss possible links and also to ask Wheels 4 U if they would like to attend meeting.

Queens Diamond Jubilee to be placed on an Agenda later in the year.

Items to be table:

The Playing Fields Newsletter

CPRE newsletter

Royal County Hospital - newsletter

The Surrey Assembly 22nd March 2011 at Denbies to represent the voluntary, community and faith sector VCFS – no Cllrs available to attend.

167. PARISH PLAN AND EMERGENCY PLAN:

Cllr Hammond organised meeting to discuss ways in which Brockham residents can deal with emergencies when the outside organisations are unable to help eg recent flooding at Strood Green and the snow problems. The mission statement is to help one another in critical situations when no one else can. Aim to provide safe, volunteer support and expertise within Brockham if emergency responders are unable to provide assistance. Parishioners urged to contact Clerk giving their name and relevant skills to enable a list to be created.

168. COMMUNITY ISSUES:

Parish Council hosting a visit by the Surrey Hills Society on the 26th March 2011. Visitors meet at Royal Oak – there will be a tour of the Green highlighting its features and a walk over the Chimney Pots to Betchworth in the morning. Following lunch there will be a walk to Betchworth Castle and history of the site. Clerk in contact with the Surrey Hills Society.

169. YOUTH COUNCIL:

The Web Team have agreed to purchase a camera for the use of the Youth Council and there was the suggestion that the Youth Council organise a photographic competition for the Victorian Village weekend.

There is a proposed visit to Skateram in March for which Poland Trust have made a donation of £250. The Bonfire Committee have donated £200. An application has been made for a Big Lottery Grant to enable a mobile skate park to visit the area once a month for 6 months. Mole Valley Housing Association are also considering a grant. It is hoped to come to an agreement with the Village Hall Club for youth council members to meet at the Club between 5.00 – 7.00 one night a month – await more news. It was suggested that the Youth Council attend the next Parish Council meeting in March to up date Cllrs on developments. District Councillor Potter agreed to make enquiries as to who owns a piece of land adjacent to MVDC recycling site in Wellhouse Lane.

170. RECREATIONAL FACILITIES including Elizabeth Bailey Field:

Confirmed delivery of seats for swings etc at a cost of £338.52. Following consultation the local residents are not in favour of any hard standing for a possible skate park. Cllr Millward assisting Friends of the EBF to apply for grants towards access paths. Cllr Millward reported that the drainage works appeared to be working well during the winter months. A donation of £175 was received from the Bonfire Committee.

171. BROCKHAM WEBSITE:

The Web Team confirmed their donation towards the Youth Council but declined funding to the Guides re Trip to Canada as the Parish Council was making a donation of £200 to the Guides for keeping the bus shelters clean. Reminder the Web Team has £50 re Surrey Community Action (Village of the Year) may use towards Victorian Weekend activities.

172. PLANNING MATTERS:

There were no objections to the undermentioned planning applications:

MO/2010/1580/PLAH	74 Brockham Lane	Ext and 1 st Floor infill ext
MO/2010/1582/TFC	9 Brew House Road	Tree Surgery
MO/2010/1584/CAT	Poland House, Kiln Lane	Tree Surgery
MO/2010/1587/PLAH	36 The Borough	Renewal of extant permission 2007/1849
MO//2010/1604/PLAH	Squirrels Croft Old Kiln Lane	Front ext and raise roof ridge to create 1 st Floor
MO/2010/1610/CC	1 Tynedale Road	Variation of Condition 9 MO/2009/0275
to allow development to be constructed in accordance with plans TR/P/01/002/B 003/B 005/B 06 and 1851		
MO/2011/0013/CAT	Brook House Old School Lane	Tree Surgery
MO/2011/0015/CAT	Brooklands, Brockham Green	Tree Surgery
MO/2011/0098/TFC	11 Brew House Road	Tree Surgery

The Parish Council had concerns over the undermentioned application -
MO/2011/0003/CU South Lodge Brockham Green Change of Use to kitchen, preparation area and commercial storage. (Letter to be written to MVDC pointing out the parking issues associated with a commercial use, vehicle access and a possible retrospective application)

DECISIONS:

MO/2010/1458/PLAH	Barryleigh Wheelers Lane	Two storey side ext and front porch	APPROVED
MO/2010/1516/PLAH	15 Castle Gardens	2 dormer windows front and rear and roof alterations	APPROVED
MO/2010/1504/PLAH	19 Castle Gardens	Certificate of Lawfulness re erection of garden room	REFUSED
MO/2010/1494/PLAH	3 Jubilee Terrace	Single storey rear extension	WITHDRAWN
MO/2010/1584/CAT	Poland House	Tree Surgery	NO OBJECTION
MO/2010/1580/PLAH	78 Brockham Lane	Rear ext and 1 st floor in fill following demolition of conservatory	APPROVED
MO/2010/1550/PLAH	Poland House	Renewal of extant planning permission re new porch ext to 1 & 2 Poland Wing with pitched roof and 3 rooflights	Refused

173. HIGHWAYS AND GENERAL PURPOSES:

Footpath from Strood Green to Brockham Park – Betchworth Parish Council clarifying the matter.

Bus Shelter at corner of Kiln Lane and Nutwood Avenue – clerk to contact MVDC again

Borough Bridge – SCC agree that the Parish Council can undertake minor repairs. DR

Little Borough to Brockham Lane – matter raised with SCC Highways Steward.

Still chasing up SLOW signs at Borough Bridge – County Councillor Helyn Clack

83103950	Brockham Green	Blocked drain
83103951	Borough Bridge	Safety repairs
83106426	Outside Long Cottage on the Green	Deep pothole
83107756	30 mph sign - out of ground	Brockham Lane

174. ALLOTMENTS:

Clerk explained to existing allotment holder that if they sold their house the allotment cannot automatically be handed over to the new owner – it is handed back to the Parish Council.

Date for the collection of rents – 12th April 2011 in the Pavilion at 7.30 pm.

175. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:

Date for Meeting 15th April 2011 in the Pavilion, Middle Street at 7.30 pm

Suggestion for speaker Mr David Hogg from Buckland Nurseries and it was agreed to invite the Horticultural Society members to the meeting.

176. REPORTS OF MEETING:

Local Parish Forum meeting at Newdigate – Topic Localism and how it will affect the Parish Council and Councillors – still in the early stages of becoming law.

SCC Highways Meeting – Buckland 2nd February 2011 – Minutes attached

Up date on winter arrangements. Localism and Delegated Funding – SCC needs to find out what they are actually responsible for in each parish before they can off-load work to Parish Councils. SCC reported that a new Highways Contract had been signed with May Gurney and hoped that works would improve.

Big Field Meeting – Brockham Big Field Community Sports Committee had now signed the Head Lease with the National Trust for a term of 50 years. MVDC in negotiation re signing and also in contact with Brockham Badgers re letting of the pitches. Committee are addressing parking issues. Redevelopment of the Club House to commence May 2012 following fund raising.

177. **ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS:**

None

PRESENTATION TO FORMER PARISH COUNCILLOR KEN LUFF

Cllr Homewood thanked Mr Luff for all the hard work he had given to the Village - first as a member of the Brockham Neighbourhood Council and then as the 1st Chairman of Brockham Parish Council a span of over 28 years.

Ken spoke fondly of his memories of village life and quoted that “Brockham was lucky to have the bonfire to fall back on” it gave a focus to the village with everyone able to take part. Cllr John Northcott - Chairman of MVDC – then presented Mr Luff with a montage of the village and thanked him again for his dedication to the village.

SURREY POLICE

Pc Dom Loraine gave a report on recent crime in the village. There was an exchange of Village matters. It was requested that perhaps when the crime figures are given for the Village that perhaps we could also have Betchworth and Buckland as they are neighbours – ie the 3 Bs

District Councillor Homewood thanked Cllr John Northcott for attending the meeting and informing the meeting of events in Mole Valley.

Meeting closed at 10.25 pm

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