

BROOKLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Members are summoned to a meeting of Brookland Parish Council to be held on Monday 27th January 2025 at 7.15pm at Brookland Primary School.

MINUTES

Present: Cllr Gillies, Cllr Bicknell, Cllr Rhys Jones, Cllr French, Cllr Kennedy, KCC Cllr Hills, A Lawson, 5 members of the public

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

F&HDC Cllr Martin – prior meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th November 2024 were agreed as a true record of that meeting. Proposed Cllr Gillies, seconded Cllr Bicknell and unanimously agreed and signed.

4. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – Public Participation

Councillors were asked to confirm legality of siting a caravan within a conservation area. Clerk to respond.

KCC Cllr Hills to pursue solution to streetlamp light pollution (shade required) on High St.

5. PLANNING

None

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

KCC – Cllr Hills spoke about his priorities for 2025, summarised from his Jan newsletter (copy on noticeboard) Flooding, water quality, highways funding, solar farm, employment & local democracy.

7. FINANCE

Members reviewed the invoices paid and to be paid since the last meeting and forecast expenses to the end of the financial year. No comments or issues raised.

8. HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Members discussed with the school head teacher and governors present, the response received from KCC on the HIP and solutions proposed by the County Council. The following actions were agreed on:

To extend the school keep clear road markings in front of properties adjacent to the school.

To replace the existing illegal village hall sign with a new sign incorporating a “P” Parking logo.

Not to pursue the introduction of a walking bus to and from school in the village.

Clerk to contact KCC to confirm actions and confirm if road markings can be included for the bus stop and if idling signage can be installed. Cllr Kennedy to confirm if the village hall could be used for staff parking during the day. Cllr Bicknell confirmed he is assisting a local resident to see if a disabled parking bay can be installed. Clerk to canvas feedback on potential for a one-way system in the village.

9. PLAYGROUND INSPECTION

Member confirmed they wish to book the 2025 annual inspection with the Play Inspection Company.

10. CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

Village Hall lease currently being reviewed by councillors – reinstatement clause needs looking at ?
Members discussed correspondence received on HGV use of Salters Lane. This is being looked into by KCC Cllr Hills
New bench installation delayed by inclement weather
Clerk to chase progress on play area agreement with F&HDC

11. ANY FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Solar Panels
Emergency Planning

12. NEXT MEETING

To be held on Monday 17th March in the Village Hall.