

Minutes of the Brockridge Committee 9th March 2009
Held at the Brockridge Centre, Woodend Road

Present: Mr T Clothier (Chairman), Mr D Broome, Mr D Hockey, Mrs J Rowan, Mr B Thomson (part), Mr R Underhill (Parish Councillors); Mrs F Brennen, (Volunteers' Representative) R Millard (Brockridge Infants School Representative).

Apologies: Cllr D Manfield and Mr K Powell, Mr B Thomson (part), (FCCG Representative) Mrs R Nicholson-Warn (Leader in Charge, Brockridge Youth Group).

Also Present Mrs J Stickland (FCCG Representative)

153 Emergency Evacuation Procedure

The Chairman drew attention to the emergency evacuation procedure.

154 Declarations of Interest Under the Local Government Act 1972

- Cllr D Hockey declared that the participation of those Parish Councillors who are also members of South Gloucestershire District Council in both the debate and any subsequent vote on matters contained in the agenda would be on the basis that the views expressed were preliminary views taking account of the information currently available to the Parish Council. Parish Council members who are also District Councillors reserved their final views until they were in full possession of all relevant information both for and against.
- Cllrs Clothier, Broome; and Mrs Stickland are members of Frampton Cotterell Over 50s Computer Group.
- Mr Millard is a Governor of Brockridge Infants School.

155 Confirmation of Minutes

Following a proposal from Cllr Mrs Rowan, seconded by Cllr Underhill it was:

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Brockridge Committee of 26th January 2009 be confirmed and signed subject to the following amendment:

- *Min147*, Should read *personal and prejudicial interest*.

156 Youth Group Report

Mrs Nicholson-Warn was unable to attend the meeting but submitted her report (*as attached*)

- The youth group are achieving the targets set out by SGC.
- The Committee assured Mrs Nicholson-Warn of the Council's continued support.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:

- That PC Barraclough be asked to check the footage of the CCTV camera outside Premier (*formally Patco*) to confirm that it is not young people from the Youth Group that are causing problems.

157 Co-opted Members

A vacancy for a representative of the near neighbours still remains.

This was noted.

158 Request for Internet Café

A local parishioner had put in a request for an internet café. The FC50sCG would be willing to organise this when the computer group is running

A Chairman's Committee decision (consisting of Cllrs Mrs Rowan, Broome and D Hockey) was taken to accept the proposal for an internet cafe.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:

- To confirm the action taken by the chairman's committee
- To use the computers in the Youth Room.
- To investigate grants to update the existing computers.
- The internet café to open on Monday morning from 9.30 until 12 noon.
- The cost of the use would be a donation
- An appointment system to be put in place (*depending on demand*).
- To advertise this in the next newsletter.

159 Update on Maintenance Issues

a Gates at the Brockridge Centre

The extensions to the gates and ground works in the Brockridge Centre car park have now been completed.

This was noted

b Redecoration of the Meeting Room

The handyman submitted a quotation to paint the meeting room up to the level of the lights. Following a proposal by Cllr Mrs Rowan seconded by Mr Millard it was:

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:

- To ask the handyman to check the colour difference for fading
- To obtain a quotation from the handyman to paint the back wall and touch up any other marks at his discretion only.
- To report the cost to the F&GP Meeting on the 18th March 2009.

c Fire Alarm

Mr Byrne of Advanced Security Systems Ltd had reported that the Centre was not connected to the fire station when the fire alarm sounds. The cost of this would be £155.25p.

Following a proposal by Cllr Mrs Rowan seconded by Cllr D Hockey it was:

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:

- To find out if there is an annual fee for this.
- To accept the quotation if this is the sole cost.
- That the insurance company be asked if this will be an advantage when renewing the policy.
- To ensure the fire service be contacted to confirm that this connection is acceptable.

d Servicing

It was reported that quotations had been obtained to service the gas boilers and the cooker.

The Brockridge Committee was waiting for a quotation for the servicing of the emergency lighting.

Following a proposal by Cllr Mrs Rowan seconded by Mr Millard it was

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:

- To accept the quotation 1. for the servicing of the gas boilers at a cost of £120 and the servicing of the cooker at the cost of £20.
- To report the quotation for the emergency lighting to the F&GP meeting on the 18th March 2009.

e Café Till

It was reported that the till in the café was not working properly. Three quotations had been obtained to replace the till.

Following a proposal by Cllr Mrs Rowan, seconded by Mr Millard it was:

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:

- To purchase a Casio 130 cash register at a cost of £44.99 plus VAT.

f Brockridge Centre Telephone.

It was reported that the power cut on Tuesday 3rd March 2009 had rendered the phones useless.

Following a proposal by Cllr Mrs Rowan seconded by Cllr D Hockey it was:

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:

- To purchase a phone system with answer machine and required cables at a cost of no more than £50.
- The phones are plugged into a surge protector.

160 Frampton Cotterell Over 50s Computer Group Report. (FCCG)

Mrs Stickland reported that:

- There are currently 18 people on the waiting list.
- The Group has 19 Volunteer helpers
- The Group has 48 trainees on the basic Course.
- 9 Trainees are on the advanced Course using laptop computers.
- Two grants had been awarded. One from Quartet, which would be used to update the software to Microsoft 2007.
- SGC had given the group a grant that would be used to replace the chairs, purchase a new monitor and the remainder of the grant would go to the TV screen.

The Brockeridge Committee congratulated the over 50s group on its continued success.

161 Ecovision Systems

Cllr Clothier had contacted Ecovision and managed to obtain a quotation for the work to the Brockeridge Centre. The cost of the installation of the heat pump would be £25,780.53p and the cost for design and supply of the ground source heat pump and specialist equipment would be £7,630.53p. Ecovision had advised that it would apply for the government grant for the Brockeridge Centre on behalf of the Parish Council. The Parish Council will have to pay the VAT on this project.

Following a proposal by Cllr Mrs Rowan, seconded by Cllr D Hockey it was:

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:

- Cllrs Clothier and D Hockey together with the Deputy Clerk go ahead with this project in line with the previous delegation.

Cllr Thomson entered the meeting.

162 Neighbourhood Issues

It was reported that the telephone substation boxes were covered in graffiti and could something be done about this, It was also reported that there was a lot of litter in the hedges around the Brockeridge Centre.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:

- To continue monitoring calls from near neighbours.
- That the Highways Committee investigate the graffiti issue
- That the Temporary Deputy Clerk ask the caretaker of the Brockeridge Centre to monitor the litter around the Centre.

Cllr Thomson gave his apology for being so late.

163 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 20th April 2009 at 12 noon at the Brockeridge Centre.