

BROOKTHORPE WITH WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE REMOTE MEETING HELD ON 1st DECEMBER 2020

PRESENT

Messrs J Hendry [Chairman], D Kaspar, Paul Gaze, Rhodri Rhys, Mrs Philippa Bishop, Mrs A Szabo [Parish Clerk] and 2 members of the public.

20/129 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no other apologies given for absence.

Concerns were raised regarding County Council attendance at meetings. The Clerk was asked to make contact with Keith Rippington.

20/130 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd November were agreed and signed as a true record.

20/131 MATTERS ARISING

Walled Garden at Wynstones School Farm – The Clerk confirmed that this had not been listed. Cllr Rhodri Rhys stated that the farm is now not due to be sold until at least November 2021.

Defibrillator at Fagin’s Public House – Cllr Philippa Bishop had notified the Clerk that a sign had been placed by the till to notify staff of its presence. The Clerk had told her that the provided sign must be placed so that members of the public are also aware. Cllr Philippa Bishop had also stated that she would place signs in the ‘bus shelter pointing to the defibrillators.

Casual Vacancy – The Clerk confirmed that the Council is now able to co-opt a new councillor.

20/132 MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations of interest to items on the agenda.

The Clerk reminded Cllrs Dave Kaspar and Philippa Bishop of the need to complete and submit the electronic version of the Declaration of Interest forms as this is a legal requirement.

20/133 FINANCE

a) Cheques for signature

£528.46	Mrs A Szabo	Clerks wages, £24.52 expenses, and home office allowance
£91.40	HMRC	PAYE
£240.00	PKF Littlejohn LLP	External Audit
£1000.00	Brookthorpe Village Hall	Grant
£750.00	St Swithun’s PCC	Grant
	Brookthorpe Village Hall	Meetings pre-COVID Jan-March 2020

b) Signing cheques in line with the Emergency Payment Schedule December – April due to COVID19 – These were agreed and will be signed as soon as is practical.

c) Six monthly budget review as circulated – These were agreed with the bank balance standing at £34,342.09 on 29/10/2020

d) Change in bank mandate form update – The Clerk reported that as she had not heard anything from Lloyds Bank it is assumed that this has now gone through and new Councillors have been added to the list of signatories.

e) External Auditor’s Report – The Clerk reported that there were no outstanding issues or action needed.

f) Precept for 2021/22 – After a discussion this was set at £17,350 a decrease of 5% in line with a 5% decrease in budgeted spend. Proposed by Cllr Paul Gaze and Seconded by Cllr Rhodri Rhys.

20/134 PLANNING

a) Planning Applications for consideration

S.20/2411/FUL	Chambers Farm	Erection of Agricultural Building
	Naas Lane	Brookthorpe

It was felt that being an agricultural building the Council had no power to object. However, strong concerns were raised as to its size and justification.

b) Developments at Winnycroft Lane.

The Clerk advised that after investigations only outline permission had been granted to the developments.

c) To report on meeting with Blackbox surrounding their plans for Whaddon Fields.

The results of the meeting held on 24th November were fully discussed with members of the public. Concerns were raised about reflective noise from bunds, the closure of public rights of way due to the potential build being over 15 years, bats and newts’ surveys and the use of Naas Lane. It was agreed that these would be addressed with Black Box and Taylor Wimpey at the next meeting.

d) Parish Council response to additional homes consultation as circulated – This was agreed, and the Clerk was asked to submit.

e) Additional response to consultation sent in February 2020 – It was agreed that an extra response should be submitted to Stroud District Council concerning wildlife protection. This to be completed by Cllr Dave Kaspar and the Clerk with urgency.

20/135 DONATIONS TO OTHER CHARITIES

It was decided to defer this item until the next meeting.

20/136 TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS

The Clerk confirmed that the request to preserve trees outlined had been submitted.

20/137 MEMORIAL TO ELIZABETH AND CHRIS BRENT-SMITH

The wording for a plaque was agreed and that it would be placed on the sundial at the village hall.

20/138 REPLACEMENT BENCH FOR ST SWITHUN’S CHURCHYARD

Cllr Rhodri Rhys stated that a bench would be temporarily placed in the churchyard to prompt comments as to its suitability.

20/139 INFORMATION FOR COUNCILLORS

There was no further information for Councillors.

20/140 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Concerns were raised about the significant amount of rubble that has been placed in the field adjacent to Ellis Crane Hire and Rose Cottage. The Clerk was asked to follow this up.

20/141 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 2nd February 2021 starting at 8pm remotely through zoom.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.11 pm.

Chairman

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