

BROOKTHORPE WITH WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE REMOTE MEETING HELD ON 2nd FEBRUARY 2021

PRESENT

Messrs J Hendry [Chairman], D Kaspar, Paul Gaze, Rhodri Rhys, Mrs A Szabo [Parish Clerk] and 4 members of the public.

21/001 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr D Mossman [District Councillor]

There were no other apologies given for absence.

It was noted however, that Keith Rippington [County Councillor] is not working due to illness.

21/002 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1st December were agreed and signed as a true record. The minutes of the meeting with Black Box were amended to clarify that Naas Lane had clearly not been visited either by representatives of Black Box or Taylor Wimpey.

21/003 MATTERS ARISING

Casual Vacancies – The Clerk confirmed Mrs Philippa Bishop had resigned her position from the Council. As Philippa had failed to complete her paperwork and had only attended 2 meetings it was felt that the Council is now able to co-opt two new councillors.

Tree Preservation Orders – Stroud District Council had refused this application on a technicality.

Mr E Hibbert has agreed to look at this again.

Replacement Bench St Swithun's – It was reported that this is in hand.

21/004 MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

21/005 FINANCE

a) Cheques for signature in line with the Emergency Payment Schedule

Councillors confirmed that cheques should be written in line with the schedule of essential payments December – March as circulated, due to COVID-19.

b) Internal Auditor's Report – Cllr Paul Gaze reported that apart from a couple of minor discrepancies that have now been corrected the books appeared to be in good order. However, the Clerk had not been able to balance them, being out by £101. This has been tracked down to a cheque not submitted at the end of 2019/20 financial year that has now gone through. However, the Clerk was still unable to get the books to balance. It was suggested that the Clerk request if Linda King would take a look. Balance in the bank stood at £33,714.62 on 26th November.

21/006 PLANNING

a) Planning Applications for consideration

S.20/2784/HHOLD	Greenways Stroud Road Brookthorpe	Proposed first floor extension above garage and single storey rear extension Cllrs had no objections to these proposals
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b) To receive application decisions from Stroud District Council.

S.20/2293/FUL	The Bungalow Pinnolds Upton Lane Brookthorpe	Proposed replacement Dwelling Approved
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a) Results of planning meeting held on 15th December 2020 - S.20/2293/FUL, Pinnolds. Attended by Cllrs J Hendy, D Kaspar, P Gaze, R Rhys and the Clerk. Cllrs found that they had no objections to these proposals.

21/007 WHADDON FIELDS

a) Update – Mr Martin Coles updated the Council on the Atkins and Mott Mac Donald reports in relation to the capacity and options regarding St Barnabus roundabout. He reported that at present the model used regarding traffic movements at St Barnabus remains confidential, and until this is released, Blackbox and Taylor Wimpey will not be able to develop their final proposal for the roundabout.

b) It was agreed that Martin Coles would investigate matters on behalf of the Parish Council, by prior agreement only and as minuted, on matters surrounding Whaddon fields. He would liaise with the Clerk and Cllr Paul Gaze on these matters. This was proposed by Cllr Paul Gaze and seconded by Cllr Dave Kaspar. Mr Coles was asked to continue liaising on issues of the Joint Core Strategy (JCS) and the Modelling of St Barnabus roundabout at this time.

21/008 DONATIONS TO OTHER CHARITIES

It was agreed that the Council make donations of £200 each to Mind, Alzheimer’s Society and NHS Charities Together.

This action was proposed by Cllr John Hendry and seconded by Cllr David Kaspar.

21/009 INFORMATION FOR COUNCILLORS

Ash dieback – Cllr Dave Kaspar reported that there is a fund to replace Ash trees but for use on Parish Council owned land only.

There was no further information for Councillors.

21/010 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Parishioners reported that there had been several large bonfires recently. The Clerk was asked to contact Stroud District’s Environmental Department regarding this.

Questions were raised as to the need to change chairman details on Stroud District Council’s website. The Clerk reported that she had asked for this to be done on a couple of occasions but would request again.

Concerns were raised again about the significant amount of rubble that has been placed in the field adjacent to Ellis Crane Hire and Rose Cottage. Activities appear to be continuing. The Clerk was asked to follow this up with Chris Sly [Enforcement Officer] again.

The Council was asked if it was possible to provide new gates or a style into a field that borders Upton Lane due to change of use. The Council agreed that in principle this could be looked at once covid restrictions were lifted.

21/011 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

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

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.56 pm.

Chairman

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