

BROOKTHORPE WITH WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 18th MAY 2021

PRESENT

Messrs J Hendry [Chairman], D Kaspar, Paul Gaze, Rhodri Rhys, Dave Mossman [District Councillor] [via zoom], Mr Max Turner [Acorn Care], Mrs A Szabo [Parish Clerk] and 3 members of the public.

21/025 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs Sue Williams [County Councillor]

Mr Martin Coles [Parish Council's Representative on Whaddon Fields]

There were no other apologies given for absence.

21/026 CHANGES TO BROOKTHORPE CARE HOME SCHOOL

Mr Max Turner gave a presentation to the Council regarding the proposed changes and answered any concerns.

It is proposed that the day school will cater for approximately 60 vulnerable, 7-14 years year olds when it is fully open, but this number may take time to achieve. Although children will be kept within the school grounds, it is hoped that over time links will be forged with the local community. It is hoped to open in January 2022 and will be funded by the Local Education Authority.

21/027 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6th April were agreed and signed as a true record.

21/028 MATTERS ARISING

Enforcement request regarding dumped rubble on land adjacent to Rose Cottage – The area has been almost cleared but a large amount of hard standing remains. The Clerk stated that she had asked Chris Sly to clarify the situation as to whether the area needed to be reinstated or planning permission sought. The owners have been strongly advised to apply for planning permission or a waste licence.

Flyers – These had been delivered, but there had been no response.

Kissing Gate – It was reported by Mr Bone that this was in hand. Cllr Dave Kaspar confirmed that he was not asking for the Parish Council to pay for this installation.

21/029 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

This had been circulated to Councillors and there were no comments.

21/030 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Dave Mossman reported via zoom.

He stated that the Parish Council will have a final chance to comment on the Local Plan with a consultation that will go to the inspector when the plan is presented and before it can be formally adopted. He urged the Council to take this opportunity to submit a response.

21/031 WHADDON FIELDS

The Chairman was acknowledged that Martin Coles and Ian Stewart have worked extremely hard on behalf of the Parish. A reply will be put to the inspector regarding this consultation. There is money in the budget if further professional assistance is required. However, this will then be out of our hands until the JCS determines if Whaddon Fields is required to meet the housing needs of Gloucester.

21/032 MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

21/033 FINANCE

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

It was proposed by Cllr Paul Gaze and seconded by the Chairman that cheques should be written in line with the schedule of essential payments April - June as circulated, due to COVID-19.

RESOLVED

b) Internal Audit Report – This had been circulated to Councillors. There were no comments or questions.

The end of year balance stands at £28,180.85.

21/034 PLANNING

a) Planning Applications for consideration

S.21/0887/FUL Brookthorpe Care Centre
Wynstones Drive
Stroud Road
Brookthorpe

Change of use from care home to day
Installation of access, vehicular access,
parking area, games area, new
landscaping and associated works

Councillors had no objections but felt that a condition should be raised to effect no vehicular access or exit via Wynstones drive onto Haresfield Lane.

S.21/1027/CPE Land at Wynstones Drive

Lawful Development Certificate
Brookthorpe confirming that the full
approval under hybrid consent reference
S.16/2202 OUT has commenced and is
extant.

Councillors confirmed that work has commenced.

S.21/1116/REM Land at Wynstones Drive
Brookthorpe
scale

Reserved Matters Approval is sought for
appearance, landscaping, layout, and
Pursuant to outline planning permission
S.16/2202/OUT

There was some confusion with Councillors as to Plot 11 and the removal of existing flats. Associated planning 21/1139 VAR states that existing flats are retained and remodelled. There were no other comments.

S.21/1139/VAR Land at Wynstones Drive
Brookthorpe

Variation of conditions 1.(approved plans)
16.(visibility splays) 20.(use of vehicular
access) 22.(vehicular access onto
Haresfield Lane) to application
S.16/2202/OUT

Councillors objected on visibility of access onto Haresfield Lane.

S.21/0429//FUL Chambers Farm
Naas Lane
Brookthorpe

Change of use from agricultural and
leisure to mixed use (retrospective)

Councillors had no objections.

S.21/1026/FUL Chambers Farm
Naas Lane
Brookthorpe

Construction of equestrian menage
(retrospective)

Councillors had no objections.

S.21/1114/FUL Chambers Farm
Naas Lane

Erection of stable building
(American Style Barn)

Councillors had objections to the height, and also made comments regarding the need to include a sustainable plan for dealing with the waste straw so that it is not burned on site or transported with the use of vehicles unsuitable for highways.

S.21/1046/HHOLD 3 Maitlands
Brookthorpe

Construction of single storey rear
extension (Amendment to
S.20/2155/HHOLD)

Councillors has no objections to these proposals.

b) Decisions received from Stroud District Council

S.21/0305/HHOLD Old Orchard, Gilberts Lane

Permission Granted

21/035 PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

It was proposed by The Chairman and seconded by Cllr Paul Gaze that the council use BlueTree at a cost of £395 for set up and £14 monthly ongoing support. In addition, it was also agreed to register the Domain Name through Fasthosts at a cost of £109 plus VAT for the first two years and then £61 plus VAT (currently) every two years ongoing.

RESOLVED

21/036 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

It was proposed by Cllr Dave Kaspar and seconded by the Chairman, that the meeting be postponed until the hall could be fully opened without restrictions. The financial statements and Chairman’s report to be included in the newsletter and on the website before the end of month. **RESOLVED**

21/037 EMERGENCY SCHEME OF DELEGATION TO CLERK

Due to safety consideration as a result of COVID 19 and the difficulty in holding fully social distanced meetings in the hall, it was proposed by Cllr Dave Kaspar and seconded by Cllr Paul Gaze that this be adopted. **RESOLVED.** It was agreed to use this scheme for the meeting due to be held on 1st June.

21/038 PURCHASING OF EQUIPMENT SO THAT MEETINGS CAN BE STREAMED ONLINE

It was Proposed by Cllr Paul Gaze and seconded by Cllr Rhodri Rhys that the Clerk purchase necessary equipment up to £150 with the use of the scheme of delegation, so that it is ready for the proposed meeting in July and onwards.

21/039 INFORMATION FOR COUNCILLORS

Cllr Paul Gaze reported that speed monitoring in the village had been carried out in the village and that the hedge at the junction of Haresfield lane and A4173 has been cut back increasing visibility. Cllr Dave Kaspar reported that the verges had been cut.

21/040 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

It was considered that the verges were looking good.

It was requested that the council write to Severn Trent to trim their hedges and generally tidy up the pumping station area.

21/041 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

It was decided to use the Emergency Schedule of delegation to the Clerk for the meeting due to take place on 1st June.

The date of the next meeting was set as July 6th in Brookthorpe Village Hall. It is hoped that restrictions as to social distancing will be eased by then, enabling more people to attend and take part in the meeting.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 21.50

Chairman

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