

BROOKTHORPE WITH WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3rd SEPTEMBER 2019

PRESENT

Messrs Steve Betts [Chairman], J Hendry, D Kaspar, Mrs Lynda King, Cllr Keith Rippington [County Councillor], PC Tom Coombs, Mrs A Szabo [Parish Clerk] and 8 members of the public.

19/098 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

District Cllr David Mossman.

There were no other apologies given for absence.

19/099 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2nd July and the Minutes from the awareness meeting on 6th August were agreed and signed as true records.

19/100 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising that were not on the agenda.

19/101 MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Cllr Linda King declared her personal interest in item 8a) on the agenda as Parish Council representative on the Village Hall Committee.

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

19/102 POLICE REPORT

PC Tom Coombs reported that this area has extremely few Crimes. The Chairman raised concerns about the amount of known crimes, speeding and lack of Police representation at meetings. PC Tom Coombs explained the changes in reporting crime and Neighbourhood Policing in recent months. Speed enforcement, and particularly speed on Upton and Harefield Lanes have been prioritised due to new equipment and a community led bidding system. Also prioritised is the traveller's site and a multi-agency meeting is being arranged. Concerns have been highlighted regarding the amount of resources being put into searching for missing people from Gilberts Lane, and he is encouraging the residents of Gilberts Lane to work together.

PC Tom Coombs encouraged everyone to report all intimidation and crimes using 999 if appropriate and 101 or online for non-urgent situations.

The Chairman thanked PC Tom Coombs for attending.

19/103 FINANCE

a) Cheques for agreement and signature

	Mrs A Szabo	Clerk's wages plus £24 home office allowance July/August and £19.80 expenses
£116.60	HMRC	PAYE
£324.92	D J Davies	Verge Cutting
£300.00	D J Davies	Verge cutting of pumping Station X2
£5.00	Mr P Gaze	underpayment
£2500.00	Mr E Hibbert	Phone Box

b) Cheques signed out of meeting

£1,200.00	Cllr D Mossman	Community Liaison Group
£300.00	HMRC	PAYE (D Mossman)
£907.84	Mrs A Szabo	Clerk's wages (increase backdated to April)
£368.28	HMRC	PAYE

Powers used for Council's spending
General Power of Competence – Power of first resort

c) Internal Audit – Cllr Lynda King reported that she had found one discrepancy on the spreadsheet, an overpayment for Clerks expenses and an underpayment to Mr P Gaze. Cheque 1034 to David Ogilvie Engineering £1030.20, agreed in June, had not been minuted. The Clerk reported that all corrections have been made.

19/104 PLANNING

a) New applications for discussion

S.19/1679/HHOLD

Shiel House
Stroud Road
Brookthorpe

Conversion and extension of stables to
create an annex with added stable and
tack room
Erection of detached garages

Councillors found that there was no information regarding the materials to be used and therefore could not comment.

S.19/1707/FUL

Village Hall
Stroud Road
Brookthorpe

Proposed extension to Village Hall

A letter of objection was recognised. The Chairman of the Village Hall put forward reasons for the extension and addressed the objections. The objectors then put forward their concerns including windows doors and parking.

Councillors voted to support this application.

The Chairman stated that the Parish Council would work to try to provide parking for Andrews Close residents and urged the Village Hall Committee and the residents of Andrews Close to find a suitable solution to the clear windows and doors solution.

19/105 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Keith Rippington reported that this had been a quiet time of year. He reported that work at the A46/ Pitchcombe junction is to start this month and will last for four months. Some road closures are expected.

19/106 WHADDON FIELDS

- a) Seek tree preservation orders – The Parish Council is to request that oak and perry pear trees in the locality obtain preservation orders. The Clerk to start the process and Cllr Dave Kaspar to identify exact locality of the trees.
- b) Seek professional advice re suitability of site, motorway junctions, capacity of the road system, flooding of the site. - The Parish Council obtain quotes for this advice.
- c) Investigate current land quality status. Cllr Dave Kaspar advised the Council that the agricultural land was not classed as 1 or 2 status.
- d) Make representation to Stroud District Council to request that they challenge the 40% increase in housing numbers. - This item was not discussed.
- e) Investigate Parish Council Response to next consultation due in the autumn. - This Item was not discussed.

19/107 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ABOUT THE DEFIBRILLATOR NOW SITUATED AT FAGIN'S PUBLIC HOUSE

This memorandum was signed.

19/108 ASSET CHECKS

The Clerk reported that she had carried out a check of the Council's assets in respect of risk to the public for insurances purposes. The four bus shelters, sundial, flagpole, memorial benches, waste bins and grit bin all appear fine with no concerns. The telephone box although in need of refurbishment appears to pose no risk to the public. The bench on Whaddon Green was found to be completely covered in vegetation and cannot be used and therefore, could not be checked. The entire area needs clearing. It was pointed out that this area was the responsibility of Wynstones School. Mr Eric Hibbert volunteered to clear the area.

19/109 AGREE SPENDING FOR REFURBISHMENT OF TELEPHONE BOX

The Chairman reported that although he had obtained three quotes to carry out this work, no one is willing to take it on at present due to pressure of work. A quote from Eric Hibbert to carry out this work for £5000 has now been accepted. Councillors agreed to pay £2500 up front so that this work can begin without delay. The Clerk pointed out that the Council had only precept £3000 for this work and that the balance would come from contingency or reserves. Councillors agreed to this.

19/110 UPDATE OF POSSIBLE EVENTS FOR THE MORE ELDERLY PARISHIONERS

These events are still work in progress due to the resignation of Collen Summers. However, both Fagin’s Public House and Gloucester Services have offered to provide Fish and Chips.

19/112 COMMUNITY REPORT FROM GLOUCESTERSHIRE CONSTABULARY

Cllr John Hendry outlined the latest information.

19/113 COUNCILLORS’ INFORMATION

The Clerk informed the Council that she now is requested to submit a monthly report on each defibrillator.

The Chairman informed the Council that he had had a very successful meeting with Dan Tiffney from Gloucester Highways. An email containing notes from that meeting had been circulated to Councillors. The Clerk was asked to look out relevant emails regarding the request for interactive speed signs.

The Clerk notified the Council that the Casual Vacancy caused by the resignation of Colleen Summers can not be filled by co-option. The Council now has two vacancies.

The Chairman notified the Council regarding noise nuisances, after midnight. He stated that he would follow this up with the perpetrator.

The Clerk was asked to obtain the dates that motor cross has taken place this year as noise and mud on the road continues to be a problem.

The Clerk was asked to obtain clarification on the weight limit for Upton Lane.

19/114 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no further questions or comments from the public.

19/115 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 1st October 2019 starting at 8pm.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.20.

Chairman

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