

BROOKTHORPE WITH WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2nd APRIL 2019

PRESENT

Messrs Steve Betts [Chairman], David Kaspar, John Henry, Gordon Simpson, Mrs Lynda King, Mrs Colleen Summers, Cllr D Mossman [District Councillor], Cllr Keith Rippington [County Councillor] and 4 members of the public.

19/035 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs A Szabo [Parish Clerk]

There were no other apologies given for absence.

19/036 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5th March were agreed and signed as a true record.

19/037 MATTERS ARISING

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

19/038 MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

19/039 FINANCE

a) Cheques for agreement and signature

	Mrs A Szabo	Clerk's wages plus £12 home office allowance and £21.87 expenses
£70.00	HMRC	PAYE
£200.00	Stroud District Council	Neighbourhood Warden Scheme (2018/19)
£70.25	GAPTC	Subscription

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

19/040 PLANNING

a) New applications for discussion.

S19/0535/FUL – The erection of 74 bedroom motorway service area (MSA) hotel (Use Class C1) including ancillary restaurant and conference facilities with access, landscaping and associated works (384675-213298)

It appeared to Cllrs that there were no grounds to object to this application that would stand up. However, concerns were raised again that the services need to adhere to existing planning conditions relating to access from M5 only. Cllr Dave Mossman to check planning regulations regarding the curtilage of the service area as a commercial area, although the conference centre and extra restaurant would not normally be covered under the highways act.

19/041 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Keith Rippington offered to set up a meeting with Cllr Steve Betts, Daniel Tiffney and Giga Clear to help sort out the ongoing cable laying issues in the parish. The Clerk to be asked to forward other ongoing highway issues in order to check with the County Council as to what is scheduled to be completed. He also suggested that a joint meeting between this parish and other parish councils may be helpful.

Concerns were raised as to the services and ongoing issues of access in contravention of planning conditions. The Clerk to be asked to raise this through the website to Enforcement and copy Cllrs Dave Mossman and Keith Rippington for reference.

19/042 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Dave Mossman had reported the hot firing of the incinerator was due to begin in April/May and it should the begin service in July/August. All monitoring is live and can be view on www.gloslg.weebly.com. There is £25,000 of grants available for local projects with the first being awarded in September. Applications can be made online at www.Ubbgloucestershire.co.uk/community-fund.

Cllr Dave Mossman also reported that the emerging plan is underway. So far there has been no change to the housing numbers required and the District Council is trying to obtain a consensus to where these should be located. He raised his concern with the appointment of one person to oversee a number of local areas for development including both Stroud and Gloucester.

Concerns were raised by Cllr Dave Mossman regarding a released government plan for a number of garden cities which include 10,000 new homes for Tewkesbury. It was unclear as to whether these were additional to or included in the local housing plan numbers.

19/043 BUS STOP PADS

It was reported that the bus stop pads were now cleaned and no further action was needed at this time. Mr Eric Hibbert was thanked for this.

19/044 COMMUNITY REPORT FROM GLOUCESTERSHIRE CONSTABULARY

Cllr John Hendry outlined the latest information.

19/045 COUNCILLORS' INFORMATION

Whaddon Garage – The Chairman advised the Council that he had written to Whaddon Garage to clarify the situation of parked vehicles being worked on.

Bird Scarer – The Chairman thanked Mr Martin Coles for arranging the repositioning with Mr King.

Gloucester Asbestos Lights – Cllr Colleen Summers agreed to liaise to reduce the light pollution.

It was also raised that the new lights at Windrush were causing light pollution and having a negative effect on biodiversity in the area. The Clerk was asked to take this up with Environment at Stroud District Council.

Cllr Colleen Summers reported that it is planned to hold events in the village hall for local elderly residents such as art and craft sessions,

Incinerator – Cllr David Kaspar reported that he had raised questions with regard to various environmental issues and emissions testing, that were as yet to be answered. Cllr Dave Mossman had confirmed that these were awaiting response by UBB.

Cllr Linda King raised concern that she was not receiving emails due to her address being wrong.

Cllr Steve Betts gave his apologies for the next meeting.

19/046 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions or comments from the public.

19/047 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 7th May 2019 with Annual Meeting of the Parish Council (AGM) starting at 7.30 and the normal Monthly meeting starting at 8 pm.

Chairman

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