

BROOKTHORPE WITH WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1st DECEMBER, 2015

PRESENT

Messrs Stephen Betts [Chairman], David Kaspar, Gordon Simpson, Mrs Lynda King
Mrs A Rigelsford [Parish Clerk] and 5 members of the public.

15/016 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Keith Pearson [District Councillor], Debbie Campbell [Community Support Officer],

15/017 MINUTES OF THE MEETING

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

15/018 MATTERS ARISING

- a) Pumping Station – Severn Trent have reported that the requested work has now been completed with the exception of the disturbed ground which will be top soiled and seeded in the spring. Mr E Hibbert was thanked for his work in resolving the ongoing issues surrounding the pumping station.
- b) Police Cluster Meeting – Cllr Steve Betts apologised for not attending this meeting due to ill health on the day.
- c) Grit bin – The Clerk reported that the bin is due to be delivered to Mr E Hibbert on 8th December.
- d) Proposed multi-agency meeting regarding the Gypsy Site – The Clerk reported she had had no response to the request to Stroud District Council. It was requested that she forward the request on to David Hagg.

15/019 MEMBERS' DECLARATION TO PECUNIARY INTERESTS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations of interests to items on the agenda

15/020 FINANCE

- a) Cheques for agreement and signature

	Mrs A Rigelsford	Clerk's Wages plus home office allowance of £12.00 and £17.90 expenses
£70.00	Revenue and Customs	PAYE
£500.00	St Swithuns PCC	Grant
£500.00	Brookthorpe Village Hall	Grant
£100.00	Brookthorpe Village Hall	Donation to Christmas Event

Powers used for Council's spending

Administration	Local Government Act 1972 Section 11
St Swithuns	Local Government Act 1972 Section 137
Christmas Event	Local Government Act 1972 Section 137
Village Hall	

b) Allocation of Grants to Charities– It was decided to let parishioners vote on which charities that they wished the Council to support, in addition to Victim Support. This would be done at the Christmas Event on 13th December. It was agreed that parishioners would have a choice between the Alzheimers Society, Stroud Valleys Project, MacMillan Nurses and British Heart Foundation.

c) Precept – Councillors examined prepared spending predictions. It was proposed by Cllr Steve Betts and Seconded by Cllr Linda King to set a precept at £13,000. The Clerk informed Councillors that the Local Council Tax Support would no longer be paid by Government. This amounted to £539 last year. Therefore although the precept demand remains the same as the last three years, householders would notice a small increase in their Council Tax payments to account for this. The Precept was set at £13,000.

15/020 PLANNING

a) New applications for discussion

S.15/2660/FUL

Whaddon Garage
Stroud Road
Whaddon

Extension to existing garage

Councillors fully supported this application due to local employment opportunities

b) Decisions made by Stroud District

There were no decisions received.

15/021 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Jason Bullingham's report had been circulated by the Clerk.

15/022 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Keith Pearson reported via Email that the Local Plan had been accepted by Stroud District Council there would now be 5 weeks for appeals.

15/023 MEETING WITH HISTORIC CHURCH TRUST REGARDING BRINGING St SWITHUN'S CHURCH INTO USE FOR THE PARISH

The Clerk reported that this would now take place in the new year.

15/024 INFORMATION EXCHANGE FOR COUNCILLORS

15/025 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

15/026 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 2nd February 2016.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.10 pm

Chairman

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