

BROOKTHORPE WITH WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4th JULY, 2017

PRESENT

Messrs S Betts[Chairman], John Hendry, Mrs Lynda King, Mr Keith Rippington [County Councillor], Mrs Anne Rigelsford [Parish Clerk] and 1 member of the public.

17/074 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs G Simpson, David Kaspar and PCSO Debbie Collicot. There were no other apologies given for absence.

17/075 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Cllr John Hendry pointed out that the Council discussed increasing the village envelope, as item 11 on June's Agenda. This item was missing from the minutes. Councillors had decided not to request for a change at this point in time.

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

17/076 MATTERS ARISING

Highways – Daniel Tiffney has stated that the gateways are scheduled for the 2017/18 works and apologised for confusion over completion dates. He confirmed that all Gloucestershire County Council money for this was still in place. He had previously stated that all road signs were cleaned last year. He has since been informed that this is incorrect and that all the signs need cleaning and clearing of vegetation.

Verge Cutting – It was reported that all verges have now been cut. The Clerk was asked to request a litter pick.

17/077 MEMBERS' DECLARATION TO PECUNIARY INTERESTS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

17/078 FINANCE

a) Cheques for agreement and signature

£	Mrs A Rigelsford	Clerks wages plus £12 home office allowance and expenses £36.76.
£70.00	HMRC	PAYE
£22.50	PATA	Payroll

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

b) Village Hall Fees – It was confirmed that the fees are to increase from £8.00 to £9.00 per meeting

17/079 PLANNING

a) New applications for discussion.

There were no new applications for discussion.

b) To receive decisions from Stroud District Council.

There were no decisions received.

17/080 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

County Councillor Keith Rippington reported that although there had been discussions and protests against the way that the County Council had behaved during the whole building contract process, the construction of the incinerator would continue.

Following the damning Ofsted report regarding the way the County Council cares for vulnerable children, a cross party initiative has been set up to improve the whistle-blowing procedure within the council.

Following the Grenville Tower fire the Council are working to raise Fire Safety awareness.

17/081 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

There was no report from the District Council

17/082 VERGE CUTTING

It was agreed to use Tydee Contractors Limited to carry out a second cut on behalf of the Council at a cost of £360. This is the same as the last two years. The Clerk confirmed that she had copies of insurances. It was decided to ask for this cut to be carried out during late September.

17/083 PHONE BOX REFURBISHMENT

The Clerk reported that she had heard back from Carol Novoth who appeared not to know of the service that Andy Murray suggested, but advised that the Parish Council would have to provide all equipment. Councillors overturned the decision of last month and voted to investigate further a full refurbishment quote. The Clerk advised that due to the cost of the total refurbishment costing over £500 that three quotes would be required, but was advised that due to the specialization of the work this may be very difficult.

17/084 PARISH COUNCIL RESPONSE TO THE CONSULTATION REGARDING A REVIEW OF THE DOG CONTROL ORDERS FOR STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL

It was decided to take no action on this consultation.

17/085 WHEELIE BIN STICKERS

It was decided to start the distribution of stickers this week to areas within the 30 and 40 mph speed limits. The Clerk was asked to circulate information to parishioners through Nigel Bone.

17/086 INFORMATION EXCHANGE FOR COUNCILLORS

The Clerk was asked to include discussion for upgrading the fire alarm system at the village hall to the September agenda.

There was no further information to pass on to Councillors.

17/087 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr Eric Hibbert informed the Council that the Summer Fayre had been a great success and although not a fundraising event, raised £441. More events are planned for later in the year. The Clerk was asked to add donations to these events to the September Agenda.

There were no other questions or comments from the public.

17/088 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 5th September 2017.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Chairman

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