

# BROOKTHORPE WITH WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2019

### PRESENT

Messrs Steve Betts [Chairman], David Kaspar, John Henry, Gordon Simpson, Mrs Lynda King, Mrs Colleen Summers, Mrs A Szabo [Parish Clerk] and 5 members of the public.

### 19/016 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr D Mossman [District Councillor].

There were no other apologies given for absence.

### 19/017 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> February were agreed and signed as a true record.

### 19/018 MATTERS ARISING

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

### 19/019 MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

### 19/020 FINANCE

a) Cheques for agreement and signature

	Mrs A Szabo	Clerk's wages plus £12 home office allowance and £766.66 expenses (Dec-Feb)
£75.00	HMRC	PAYE
£295.00	Mr Hibbert	Bus Shelters

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

b) Internal Audit Report

a) Budget review – The Clerk circulated the budget review for the year 2018/19 and explained the areas of overspend. The review was accepted and agreed by Councillors.

### 19/021 PLANNING

b) New applications for discussion.

There were no new applications for discussion.

c) Westmoreland Hotel

Meeting between Westmoreland and Chairman to be arranged concerns were raised regarding the logistics of the build. Councillors will insist that motorway access will be the only way to access the build site and not Upton Lane. It will be requested that a couple of Council members be invited to sit on the panel dealing with build. Concerns were also raised regarding security gates.

### 19/022 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The Council had been informed that Cllr Keith Rippington has been ill since the end of 2018. He is back working restricted hours only until further notice. The Council wished Keith a speedy recovery. Meanwhile, Cllr Stephen Davies has offered to help where he can. The Clerk was asked to write to Chief Executive Gloucestershire County Council with regard to the constant lack of response from the local Highways Manager.

### 19/023 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Dave Mossman had reported to the Clerk that Council Tax will rise by 5.53% overall. This is made up of Stroud District Council rise 2.99%, Gloucestershire County Council rise 6.99% including 2% for adult social care and Police 10.6%.

There is no further information with regard to the Emerging Local Plan, although a meeting is due to take place on 12<sup>th</sup> March to discuss the outcome of the recent consultation.

### 19/024 VERGE CUTTING CONTRACTS

The contracts between Brookthorpe-with-Whaddon Parish council and Gloucestershire County Council to take on the verge cutting of B roads within the Parish was agreed and signed.

The contract between Brookthorpe-with-Whaddon Parish Council and the contractor to take on the cutting of the verges along B roads within the Parish was signed.

**19/025 CONTRACT FOR CUTTING BORDER OF PUMPING STATION WITH A4173**

The contract between Brookthorpe-with Whaddon Parish Council and the contractor to take on the cutting of the ground between the pumping station and the pedestrian footpath along the A1473 was signed.

**19/026 BUS SHELTERS**

The work to preserve the bus shelters has now been completed as agreed. In addition, cladding has been replaced, as well as rotten framework to the southern shelter at Whaddon; this being essential work in addition to that which was agreed. The Council has been advised that a new shelter would be needed in 2/3 years' time at a cost of £4,000 approx.

**19/027 BUS STOP PADS**

These have been found to be overgrown with moss and slippery when wet. It was agreed that Mr E Hibbert will scrape off and advise as to what needs to be done to make safe.

**19/028 PHONE BOX**

It was proposed by Cllr Steve Betts and seconded by Cllr John Hendry that the box be taken down and relocate to the village hall. The defibrillator to be placed inside with a May/June timescale. The electricity company to be contacted. Estimated cost £4500/£5000. All Councillors were in agreement.

**19/029 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

The date for the Annual Parish Meeting was set as 21<sup>st</sup> May 7pm. It was agreed to invite Barry Wyatt and Kathy O'Neal [Chief Executive of Stroud District Council] to the meeting to discuss the Emerging Local Plan.

**19/030 NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

After a discussion it was decided not to undertake a Neighbourhood Development Plan or design statement unless there is significant reason to revisit. Proposed by Cllr Gordon Simpson and seconded Cllr John Hendry all Councillors were in agreement.

**19/031 COMMUNITY REPORT FROM GLOUCESTERSHIRE CONSTABULARY**

Cllr John Hendry outlined the latest information.

**19/032 COUNCILLORS' INFORMATION**

Lights – Councillors raised concerns that new lighting at Gloucester Asbestos and Manor Farm were causing a distraction to Highway users. Chairman to address.

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.

April meeting – The Clerk notified the Council that she would be on annual leave for the next meeting.

Elderly representative – Councillor Colleen Summers agreed to be elderly representative for the Council.

Incinerator – Cllr David Kaspar gave a report on the lasts meeting – The Clerk was asked to circulate minutes.

**19/033 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

2<sup>nd</sup> Memorial Bench – Council confirmed that a second bench will be purchased to be placed at the village hall.

Pigeon bird scarer – It was reported that a new scarer was causing disturbance to parishioners. The Chairman agreed to contact the farmer concerned.

**19/034 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019

There being no other business the meeting closed at .9.55

Chairman .....

Date.....