

BROOKTHORPE WITH WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1st NOVEMBER, 2016

PRESENT

Messrs Stephen Betts [Chairman], Gordon Simpson, David Kaspar, Mrs Lynda King, Mrs Katherine Murphy, Cllr Dave Mossman [District Councillor], Mrs Anne Rigelsford [Parish Clerk] and 5 members of the public.

16/093 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. Joanne Cooke. There were no other apologies given for absence.

16/094 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 4th October were agreed and signed as true record.

16/095 MATTERS ARISING

- a) Memorandum of Understanding – A meeting between representatives of Gloucester City Council, Stroud District Council and Brookthorpe Parish Council has been arranged for Wednesday 9th November, in order to discuss the setting up of a ‘no build’ buffer zone between Grange Road and Whaddon.
- b) Footpaths at Hillmead – Neighbourhood Warden Carol Novoth has agreed to make representation to the SDC Housing Department in order to obtain action on this outstanding issue.
- c) Overgrown Hedge at Upton Lane – This has now been cut.
- d) Dangerous Farm Building at Chambers Farm, Naas Lane – This is being investigated by Stroud District Council.
- e) Spring Bulbs – Cllr David Kaspar stated that these had been purchased at a cost of £30 and had been distributed to Mr Wiggall and Mr Hibbert.

16/096 MEMBERS' DECLARATION TO PECUNIARY INTERESTS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

16/097 FINANCE

a) Cheques for agreement and signature		
£	Mrs A Rigelsford	Clerk's wages plus £12 home office allowance and £5.40 expenses.
£70.00	HMRC	PAYE
£403.20	Tydee Contractors Ltd	Verge Cutting
£200.00	Stroud District Council	Neighbourhood Warden Scheme

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

- b) Allocation of Grants in line with the Council's Grant Awarding Policy
£500.00 to St Margaret's Church towards re-roof of the nave. This grant was allocated in 2014 and withheld until sufficient funding was in place. Councillors agreed payment.
There were also applications made for a noticeboard at St Margaret's Church and grass cutting costs for St Swithun's Churchyard. Councillors requested further evidence of costings for both of these applications and delayed allocations until next month.
- c) Donation towards the Children's Christmas Party – Councillors agreed a donation of £1000.00 towards this village event.
- d) Half Year Budget Review – The prepared review was circulated and agreed.
- e) The purchase of defibrillators – Cllr Lynda King agreed to look into the purchase and possible placement of two defibrillators within the Parish.
- f) Pre- precept meeting – It was agreed to hold this on 22nd November. Cllrs Steve Betts, Lynda King, Dave Kaspar and the Clerk to attend.

16/098 PLANNING

a) New applications for discussion

It was decided to hold a separate Planning meeting on 7th November to discuss the following applications:-

S.16/2016/HHOLD	6 Hill Mead Brookthorpe	Two storey extension to rear of the property
S.16/2124/HHOLD	Windrush Upton Lane Brookthorpe	Erection of two storey and alterations to roof including demolition of a single storey flat roofed side extension.
S.16/2202/OUT	Land at Wynstones Drive Brookthorpe	Hybrid application comprising of proposed demolition of 5 detached houses and 4 flats. Erection of 19 residential dwellings. Including detailed proposals of 3 residential dwellings (phase 1) with associated access, parking, amenity space and landscaping

b) Decisions received from Stroud District Council

S.16/1540/HHOLD	Kingfishers	Refused
S.16/1784/FUL	Naas Farm	Refused

16/099 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The report from Jason Bullingham had been circulated previously. Please see attached.

The Clerk was asked to formally invite Jason to our next meeting.

16/100 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Dave Mossman highlighted the advantages in developing a Neighbourhood Plan. He stated that he was investigating outstanding enforcement issues surrounding the Gypsy Site and Corner Site at Naas Lane. Cllr Mossman also warned that a cap of 2% may be introduced to Parish Council Precepts.

16/101 BROADBAND SPEEDS

Following correspondence from BT with the regard to faster Broadband for the Parish, the clerk was asked to arrange a meeting with their representative.

16/102 RISK ASSESSMENT FOR COUNCIL'S FIXED ASSETS

Cllr Gordon Simpson assured the Council that this was in progress.

16/103 INFORMATION EXCHANGE FOR COUNCILLORS

The Clerk informed the Council with regard to her meeting with Carol Novoth (Neighbourhood Warden) earlier in the day and the help she offered to try to get action with the outstanding issues from Stroud District Council.

Adoption of Telephone box opposite Fagin's Public House. BT has announced that they will no longer service this public phone and therefore the Parish can either adopt it or it will be removed. Councillors were in favour of adopting it in principle. The Clerk was asked to find out more information for the next meeting.

Cllr Lynda King stated that the Children's Halloween Party had been a great success bringing local families together.

16/104 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

It was reported that the sundial was in need of some maintenance. Cllr David Kaspar volunteered to carry out any required work.

16/105 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 6th December 2016.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.34 pm

Chairman

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