

BROOKTHORPE WITH WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7th NOVEMBER, 2017

PRESENT

Messrs S Betts [Chairman], J Hendry, David Kaspar, Mrs Lynda King, Mr K Rippington [County Councillor], Mrs Anne Szabo [Parish Clerk] and 3 members of the public.

17/119 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Dave Mossman [District Councillor] PCSO Debbie Collicot

There were no other apologies given for absence.

17/120 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

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

17/121 MATTERS ARISING

Highways – Dan Tiffney has confirmed by email that the work on the Gateways Scheme is due to begin on 18th December.

New Gateways in Naas Lane – It appears that County Highways have investigated and are happy with these gateways.

Pumping Station – It was reported that this work had not been completed yet. The Clerk was asked to contact Severn Trent.

Whaddon Garage – Cllr Gordon Simpson reported that this was work in progress. Councillors have become increasingly concerned with regard to this situation. There are reports that vehicles are now driving along the pavement as the road is continually blocked with parked cars.

Phone Box Refurbishment – Mr Eric Hibbert reported that this was work in progress

Dangerous Building at Chambers Farm – Both Stroud District Council and Gloucestershire County Council are looking into this and we now have an incident number for tracking progress.

Defibrillator Installations – Cllr L King is to complete the contract forms and arrange delivery of defibrillators to Me Eric Hibbert who has agreed to make arrangements for installation.

17/122 MEMBERS' DECLARATION TO PECUNIARY INTERESTS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

17/123 FINANCE

a) Cheques for agreement and signature		
£	Mrs A Rigelsford	Clerk's wages plus £12 home office allowance
£75.00	HMRC	PAYE
£25.00	Mr B Wiggall	Spring bulbs
£1500.00	Brookthorpe Village Hall	Christmas Event
£360.00	Tydee Contractors Ltd	Verge Cutting
£3360.09	South Western Ambulance Service	Defibrillators
£120.00	Grant Thornton	External Audit
£72.00	Tydee Contractors Ltd	Verge Cutting
£25.00	Mr E Hibbert	Spring Bulbs

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

- b) Internal Audit Report – Cllr John Hendry reported that ...
- c) Half Year Budget Review – The Clerk was asked to redo this and circulate.
- d) Precept – The Precept proposal was circulated and discussed by the full council. As a result it was proposed by Cllr Linda King and seconded by Cllr J Hendry that the precept for the financial year 2018/19 be set at £13,750 this was agreed unanimously by all Councillors present.
- e) Grant to St Swithuns towards grass cutting – Following correspondence after the last Parish Council Meeting it was felt that the applicants have failed to provide evidence as to why the cost of grass cutting is so and why the Parish Council should provide funding when the PCC hold such reserves. The Clerk explained that if the Churchyard was closed ie no burials, the Council could take over its running. The Clerk was asked to contact the Church Conservation Trust to see if they could help in this matter

17/024 DONATIONS TO CHARITIES

It was decided unanimously that the Council should donate £100 each to Stroud Valleys Project, Samaritans and Wynstones Wish.

