

BROOKTHORPE WITH WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6th SEPTEMBER, 2016

PRESENT

Messrs Stephen Betts [Chairman], Gordon Simpson, David Kaspar, Mrs Lynda King, Joanne Cooke, Katherine Murphy, Mr Neil Christopher [Cotswold Warden], Mrs Anne Rigelsford [Parish Clerk] and 3 members of the public.

16/064 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Dave Mossman and Tom Skinner [District Councillors]. There were no other apologies given for absence.

16/065 CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR TO FILL CASUAL VACANCY

Katherine Murphy was co-opted on to the Council and welcomed by the Chairman.

16/066 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 5th July were agreed and signed as true record.

16/067 MATTERS ARISING

a) Highways matters – Daniel Tiffany has now been in touch and is working to resolve the issues of the gateway project, mini roundabouts and the footpath up Horsepools Hill. He has been reminded about the need for a meeting to discuss the kerbing outside St Margaret's Church and the clearing of vegetation from road signs.

b) Stroud District Council matters – The Clerk informed the Council that the Housing Department insist that Andrews Close residents can park at Hillmead. The situation of the grass and weed cutting between the Village Hall and Andrews Close is being dealt with but the resident concerned does not want the weeds sprayed and a suitable solution is being sought. This land is the Severn Trent access. As to the hedge on the corner of Upton Hill, it appears to be unclear as to the ownership at the moment. This is being looked into as it is up to the owner to arrange cutting.

16/068 MEMBERS' DECLARATION TO PECUNIARY INTERESTS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

a) Cheques for agreement and signature

£	Mrs A Rigelsford	Clerk's wages plus £24 home office allowance Aug/Sept and £333.66 expenses June/July/Aug
£140.00	HMRC	PAYE (August and September)
£2191.29	Brookthorpe Village Hall	Queen's Birthday Celebrations

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

16/069 PLANNING

a) New applications for discussion

S.16/1784/FUL Naas Farm Four bedroomed Detached House and Single Garage
Naas Lane
Brookthorpe Councillors felt that they needed more information on

the materials to be used before they could make a decision on this application.

b) Decisions from Stroud District Council

S.16/1509/COU Selfwood Cottage **CONSENT**

c) Results of Planning Meeting held on 23rd August.

S.16/1509/COU Selfwood Cottage
S.16/1540/HHOLD Kingfishers
S.16/1552/FUL Land Adjacent to the Old Coach House
S.16/1677/HHOLD Daniels Cottage

This meeting was attended by Cllrs Gordon Simpson, Lynda King, official representatives on behalf of applications S.16/1509/COU and S.16/1552/FUL, 5 members of the public and Anne Rigelsford the Parish Clerk. Unfortunately, the Council was not quorate and so no official response to Stroud District Council could be made regarding these applications. However, the applications were discussed and members of the public aired their views.

16/070 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The County Councillor's report had been circulated by the Clerk. Please see attached.

16/071 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Dave Mossman's report had been forwarded to Councillors.

16/072 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Mr Neil Christopher outlined the aim of the Cotswold Wardens. With the help of Nigel Bone, two stiles, one in Gilberts Lane and one at Daniels Brook Cottage, have been identified as being in need of repair and updating. Councillors agreed to fund this at a cost of £100 each.

16/073 VILLAGE HALL FEASIBILITY STUDY

After a discussion it was agreed to match fund this study with £500 in order that the Village Hall Committee can develop an extension plan and apply for funding.

16/074 PARISH CHRISTMAS TREE

It was reported that there would be no need to buy new lights this year.

16/075 INFORMATION EXCHANGE FOR COUNCILLORS

There were no further information for Councillors.

16/076 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

It was reported that the hedges at the junction to Upton Lane and the A4173 were in need of cutting back. The Clerk was asked to pass this on to Stroud District Council for action.

16/077 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 4th October 2016.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.26 pm

Chairman

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