

BROOKTHORPE WITH WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5th SEPTEMBER, 2017

PRESENT

Messrs S Betts[Chairman], G Simpson, David Kaspar, John Hendry, Mrs Lynda King, Cllr Keith Rippington [County Councillor], Cllr Dave Mossman [District Councillor], Carol Novoth [Neighbourhood Warden], Mrs Anne Szabo [Parish Clerk] and 2 members of the public.

17/089 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

PCSO Debbie Collicot.

There were no other apologies given for absence.

17/090 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

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

17/091 MATTERS ARISING

Highways – The Clerk was asked to chase the clearing and cleaning of all road signs. Cllr Keith Rippington stated that he would also chase this with Dan Tiffney. The Clerk was asked to forward an up to date list of all outstanding Highway matters to him before 29th September.

Wheelie Bin Stickers – It was reported that most of these had gone out although use was patchy.

17/092 MEMBERS' DECLARATION TO PECUNIARY INTERESTS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

17/093 FINANCE

- a) Cheques for agreement and signature

£	Mrs A Rigelsford	Clerk's wages plus £12 home office allowance and expenses £21.60.
£140.00	HMRC	PAYE
£1200.00	Mr D Mossman	Incinerator Liaison
£300.00	HMRC	PAYE (D Mossman)

The clerk was asked to check the National Insurance Status for the payments to Dave Mossman.

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

b) Internal Auditors Report – Cllr Linda King reported that although the books were in good order she had found that:- Cheque Number 918 had been incorrectly recorded on the spreadsheet. The Clerk reported that this had already been corrected.

Cheque Number 922 had not been minuted.

The minutes for Cheque Number 913 were incorrectly minuted. This was corrected and the minutes duly signed.

Cllr. John Hendy will carry out the Internal Audits in the future.

17/094 PLANNING

- a) New applications for discussion.

There were no new applications for discussion.

- b) To receive decisions from Stroud District Council.

New gateway for Chambers Farm was permitted development.

S.17/0882/FUL Wynstones School Permission

There were no other decisions received.

- c) Results of Planning Meeting dated 16th August

S.171535/FUL Chambers Farm Demolition and replacement of a range of agricultural buildings
Naas Lane
Brookthorpe

There were no objections to these proposals although Councillors raised concerns with regard to the materials to be used, highway safety while demolition work was being carried out, and any future use of the development.

17/095 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

County Councillor Keith Rippington reported that he meets on the last Friday of each month with Dan Tiffney and requested that the Clerk forward all outstanding highway matters to him before that meeting so that he can discuss with Dan. He agreed to meet with the Cllr. S Betts in order to survey the area of Upton Lane in need of resurfacing again.

Keith also reported that the contract with AMEY will be reviewed in 2019. It has been suggested that Gloucestershire County Council may bring Public Rights of Way back in house and employ 2 or 3 contractors for different parts of the highway contract.

The allowance that County Councillors can use for projects in their areas is to be reduced from £30,000 to £20,000.

17/096 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

District Councillor Dave Mossman reported that following recent problems in the Planning Department that new staff have been recruited.

He also reported that two new supermarkets have been approved for Stroud. One being a new Aldi on the Bath Road. The other is an un-named operator.

17/097 PHONE BOX REFURBISHMENT

It was agreed that Mr E Hibbert would get in touch with his contact in Pershore on the Council's behalf. That this quote was in the region of £1000. Other quotes included £2,200 + X2 Connect and £3,500 + Vintage Restorations.

17/098 DEFIBRILLATORS

It was agreed to go ahead with the installation of the defibrillator at Church Lane Whaddon at a cost of £240 and to place the second defibrillator at the Village Hall until the phone box had been refurbished. Cost to be confirmed.

17/099 PRE-APPLICATION COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROTOCOL

Stroud District's Pre-Application Community Involvement Protocol and Addendum was adopted by the Council.

17/100 COMMISSIONER'S FUND

Councillors decided not to apply for a grant this year.

17/101 INFORMATION EXCHANGE FOR COUNCILLORS

The Clerk was asked to include discussion for upgrading the fire alarm system at the village hall to the October agenda along with a donation to social events planned for later in the year, and the purchase of spring bulbs.

Councillors Steve Betts and Gordon Simpson agreed to contact the owner of Whaddon Garage with regard to the increasing problem of parking of vehicles.

The Clerk was asked to contact Severn Trent with regard to the state of the grounds ad surrounding the Pumping Station.

The Clerk was asked to contact County Highways and Stroud District Council with regard to the building at Chambers Farm as it is in danger of falling into the road.

Possible prosecution is pending following fly tipping in the Parish.

There was no further information to pass on to Councillors.

17/102 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no other questions or comments from the public.

17/103 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 3rd October 2017.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

Chairman

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