

BROOKTHORPE WITH WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4th SEPTEMBER 2018

PRESENT

Messrs Steve Betts [Chairman], David Kaspar, John Hendry, Gordon Simpson, Mrs Lynda King, Amanda Hales [Severn Trent Water], Sarah Dunning and Clare Skivington [Gloucester Motorway Services] and 2 members of the public.

18/080 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

PCSO Liz Ward, Cllr D Mossman [District Councillor], and Mrs A Szabo [Parish Clerk]

There were no other apologies given for absence.

18/081 SEVERN TRENT PIPELINE – WHADDON TO MINCHINHAMPTON

Amanda Hales [Communications Manager, Severn Trent Water] gave the Council a presentation and information with regard to the new pipeline works due to begin on 24/9/18. Road closures are scheduled at Colethrope Road, Haresfield and Naas Lane on 3/12/18 and 7/5/19 respectively. The Chairman raised concerns regarding the effects to local school buses and businesses during the planned closures.

It was reported that the pipeline route had been altered to take into consideration the proposed planning application at Chambers Farm. Cllr Gordon Simpson requested that the Council write requesting that the original route be reinstated now that this application has been refused.

18/082 GLOUCESTER MOTORWAY SERVICES UPDATE

Sarah Dunning advised the Council of a possible forthcoming planning application for a 50-100 bedded hotel to be placed on existing land adjacent to the southbound services. Concerns were raised with regard to the existing crime issues associated with the service area, increase in traffic along Upton Lane as well as the ongoing issues of vehicles being parked on Upton Lane for shopping activities and staff safety along the lane. The Council will receive outline plans for review. The Chairman advised that at present this Parish Council could not support such an application.

18/083 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd July were agreed and signed as a true record.

18/084 MATTERS ARISING

Defibrillator – Both of the defibrillators are now working and installed. The Chairman thanked Eric Hibbert for all his work in getting them up and running. It was felt that issues encountered and extra cost incurred should be raised with the suppliers.

Defibrillator Awareness Course – This will take place on 10th September 7 pm.

Horse Riding signs – The work has now been done and wording on some signs redesigned. There is great interest county wide and are now waiting for County Highways so that this can move forward.

Extra verge cutting – The Clerk had reported that there had been problems getting hold of the requirements to be completed by the contractor. It is hoped that these will be obtained so that a local contractor can carry out the work for 2019.

Neighbourhood Warden – It was reported that Peter Tiley would attend the Parish Council meeting to be held on 2nd October.

Setting up of Gsuite – work in progress.

Overgrown Hedges – Letters have gone out and the situation will be monitored.

18/085 MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

18/086 FINANCE

a) Cheques for agreement and signature			
£	Mrs A Szabo		Clerk's wages plus £12 home office allowance and £29.64 expenses (August and September)
£150.00	HMRC		PAYE (August and September)
£225.00	Mr E Hibbert		Defibrillators

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

18/087 PLANNING

a) New applications for discussion.

There were no new plans for discussion.

b) Application S.17/1535/FUL at Chambers Farm - **Refused**

18/089 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Keith Rippington reported that speed monitoring is due to begin now schools have returned.

Confirmation with regard to the solutions regarding Pitchcombe junction will be made in December and it is planned to walk the parish with Daniel Tiffney, Steve Betts and Paul Gaze in order to identify problem areas with a highway connection.

Eric Hibbert asked if there was any news with regard to the parking situation at Whaddon Garage.

Cllr Rippington stated that he would look into this and report back.

18/090 BUS SHELTER REPAIRS

It was agreed the repairs as outlined by Eric Hibbert in his quote were necessary and the cost of £3100 total was acceptable for the works involved. Cllrs were advised that this spending was not budgeted for and therefore must come out of reserves. It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr. Gordon Simpson that these works should be carried out by Mr Hibbert. All Councillors were in agreement and the works, as agreed, would be carried out in October.

18/091 ENVIRONMENT STRATEGY CONSULTATION

It was agreed to take no action with regard to this consultation from Stroud District Council.

18/092 COMMUNITY REPORT FROM GLOUCESTERSHIRE CONSTABULARY

Cllr John Hendry outlined the latest crime awareness information that had been sent through from the Constabulary.

18/093 1ST WORLD WAR COMMEMORATION

It was agreed by all Councillors to go ahead with the memorials as circulated from Paul Gaze.

Memorial Stone - £1000 to include plaque containing 13 names of local fallen and located in the Village Hall grounds.

Bench - £1150 to be located close to Village Hall.

Flagpole - £868 to be located outside Village Hall.

18/000 CRIME FIGURES

The crime figures, as circulated by PCSO Liz Ward were noted. It was reported that two thefts (one of a trailer and one from a barn) were not included in the figures.

18/094 COUNCILLORS' INFORMATION

Cllr Linda King requested that the hub cap chained to the lamppost by the Village Hall be removed.

Cllr David Kaspar requested that the increase in traffic and accidents in Upton Lane be monitored.

There was no further information to pass on by Councillors.

18/095 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr Nigel Bone reported that a Remembrance Service is planned for St Swithun's Church and this may be a good opportunity to link in with the bench and stone memorial unveiling.

There were no questions from the public.

18/096 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 2nd October.

Chairman

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