

BROOKTHORPE WITH WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4th FEBRUARY 2020

PRESENT

Messrs J Hendry [Chairman], D Kaspar, Paul Gaze, Rhodri Rhys, Mrs A Szabo [Parish Clerk] and one member of the public.

20/003 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Lynda King

There were no other apologies given for absence.

20/004 WELCOME

Cllr John Hendry welcomed Paul Gaze and Rhodri Rhys onto the Council. Both Councillors signed their acceptance to office.

20/005 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr John Hendry was proposed by Cllr Paul Gaze and seconded by Cllr Dave Kaspar. Cllr John Hendry was duly elected as Chairman.

20/006 POWER OF COMPETENCE

The Clerk notified the Council that the Council no longer qualified to spend monies under the General Power of Competence and would have to revert to using other powers to spend. This is due to the number of elected Councillors being less than two thirds of the total.

20/007 CASUAL VACANCY

The Clerk notified the Council that they could now co-opt to fill the vacancy or wait until the elections due to be held in May.

20/008 POLICE REPORT

No report was submitted

20/009 NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDEN REPORT

No report was submitted

20/010 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AND EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 28TH JANUARY

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd December and 28th January were agreed and signed as a true records.

20/011 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising that were not on the agenda.

20/012 MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

20/013 FINANCE

a) Cheques for agreement and signature

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| | Mrs A Szabo | Clerk's wages plus expenses £27.45 and £24 home office allowance (Dec 2019/Jan 2020) |
| £203.60 | HMRC | PAYE |
| £23.25 | PATA | Payroll |
| £255.75 | Brookthorpe Village Hall | Meetings |
| £100.00 | Alzheimer's Society | Donation |
| £50.00 | Stroud Valleys Project | Donation |
| £100.00 | Winston's Wish | Donation |
| £55.00 | GAPCT | Clerks Training |
| £91.20 | Mr E Hibbert | Website |

Administration
Donations

Powers used for Council's spending
Local Government Act 1972, section 11
Local Government Act 1972, section 137

b) Independent Internal Audit arrangements

Councillors agreed to use Iain Selkirk to carry out the Independent Audit for the financial year 2019/20

20/014 PLANNING

a) New applications for discussion

S.19/2742/FUL Land southeast of Chambers Farm Construction of new field access
Between Longacre and Colthorp

Councillors had no objections to this application

S.19/2597/HHOLD Gardeners Cottage Creation of new vehicle access
Stroud Road
Brookthorpe

Councillors found that they objected to this application on highway safety grounds and felt that the cottage had satisfactory access to the rear and onto Haresfield Lane

20/015 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

No report had been submitted.

20/016 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

No report had been submitted.

20/017 LOCAL PLAN

Councillors agreed the draft letter as circulated with the addition of one item, as the formal response to the Local Plan consultation from the District Council.

20/018 FOOTPATH FROM ST MARGARET'S CHURCHYARD TO COURT FARM

After reports of a broken kissing gate the Clerk informed the Council that it is the landowner's responsibility to maintain. However, it was felt that it would probably be timelier and more cost effective for the Council to find another local alternative.

20/019 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY FROM A4173 TO HILLMEAD

Cllr Paul Gaze informed the Council that these paths have been found to come under Gloucestershire Highways Department. The Clerk was asked to consult Daniel Tiffney up on this matter.

20/020 CLOSURE OF NAAS LANE FOR ROAD RACE

The Council found that they had no objections to the road being closed on March 15th for the Gloucester 20 2020 road race.

20/021 ASSET AND DEFIBRILATOR CHECK

The Clerk had carried out a check for insurance and public safety reasons and found there to be no issues. All defibrillators are present and ready to use.

20/022 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

It was decided to hold this meeting on 19th May at 7.30 pm, in order to meet legislation after an election. The normal monthly meeting of the Parish Council to follow.

20/023 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

It was decided to hold this meeting on 5th May with guest speakers to give information regarding the incinerator and fighting climate change. Cllr Dave Kaspar to action this.

20/024 FIRST AID COURSE FOR CHILDREN

It was agreed to arrange a course run by the South Western Ambulance Service, the only cost being the hire of the hall.

20/025 GLOUCESTER CITY'S LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION

Councillors felt that there was nothing for this Council to say to this plan. However, it was noted that the shortfall for housing is 1000. The Plan for the Joint Core Strategy should be ready for consultation within the next 12 months.

20/026 COMMUNITY REPORT FROM GLOUCESTERSHIRE CONSTABULARY

Cllr John Hendry outlined the latest information received from Gloucestershire Constabulary.

20/027 COUNCILLORS' INFORMATION

Cllr Dave Kaspar asked that the Local Electricity Bill be put on the Agenda for March.

20/028 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no further questions or comments from the public.

20/029 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 3rd March starting at 8pm

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.50 pm

Chairman

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