

BROOKTHORPE WITH WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3rd MARCH 2020

PRESENT

Messrs J Hendry [Chairman], D Kaspar, Paul Gaze, Rhodri Rhys, Mrs Lynda King, Mrs A Szabo [Parish Clerk] and 1 member of the public.

20/030 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

PCSO Debbie Collicott

There were no other apologies given for absence.

20/031 POLICE REPORT

PCSO Debbie Collicott emailed the recent crime incidents stating that for February there were 31 reported incidents – 22 Related to Gloucester Services, 7 Highway related, 1 Assist other agencies and 1 suspicious vehicle.

20/032 NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDEN REPORT

The Council had been notified that this position is now vacant following the resignation of Matt Jones.

20/033 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

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

20/034 MATTERS ARISING

- Hillmead Footpaths – The Clerk informed the Council that Daniel Tiffney is investigating the patching and possible resurfacing of these paths.
- Annual Parish Meeting – The Clerk confirmed that invitations had gone out. Cllr Dave Kaspar confirmed that Transition Stroud would attend and give a presentation regarding sustainability.
- Children's First Aid course – The Clerk confirmed that this has been arranged for Saturday 25th April at 10am to 12 noon for school aged children. Cllr Paul Gaze stated that he would be available to attend and help out if needed being CRB checked for his voluntary work with the SkillZONE.

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

20/035 MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Cllr John Hendy declared his personal interest in item 7 (planning).

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

20/036 FINANCE

- Cheques for agreement and signature

£116.60	Mrs A Szabo	Clerk's wages
	HMRC	PAYE
£150.00	Brookthorpe Village Hall	50% of phone and internet costs

	Administration	Powers used for Council's spending
	Village Hall	Local Government Act 1972, section 11
		Local Government Act 1972, section 133

20/037 PLANNING

- New applications for discussion

S.20/0340/LBC	Brookthorpe Court Stroud Road	Demolition of garage, Conversion of stable and Construction of day room
S20/0341/HHOLD	Brookthorpe Court Stroud Road	Demolition of garage, Conversion of stable and Construction of day room

Councillors had no objections but requested clarification on drainage that we understand to be septic tank and not main drainage.

20/038 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

No report had been submitted.

20/039 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

The Council is aware that due to personal circumstances Dave Mossman has had to resign from the position of District Councillor. The Council would like to thank him for his work and dedication over the last 8 years.

20/040 LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN

It was noted that there was no mention of Taylor Wimpey’s plan at Whaddon Fields. St Barnabas roundabout has been identified as a problem area. There appears to be no solutions put forward to alleviate the problems of vehicles using the parish lanes as a rat run through to junction 12. It was felt that this needs to be addressed. Cllr John Hendy to attend information meeting if he can.

20/0041 VE DAY CELEBRATIONS

Village Hall is already planning an event on 9th May. It was agreed to donate £500 from this year’s budget towards this event.

20/042 LOCAL ELECTRICITY BILL (DRAFT)

It was agreed that Cllr Dave Kaspar write to the local MP in support of putting this draft bill before Parliament.

20/043 COMMUNITY REPORT FROM GLOUCESTERSHIRE CONSTABULARY

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

20/044 COUNCILLORS’ INFORMATION

Cllr Dave Kaspar reported that the surface edge by Days Cottage has completely broken away following floods. The Clerk was asked to report this to Gloucestershire Highways.

Cllr Dave Kaspar informed the Council that Gloucestershire Rural Community Council are offering £500 grants to counteract the effects Ash Dieback. It was suggested that 12 heritage fruit trees could be planted on Old Forge Green. The Clerk was asked to investigate this with County Highways.

Cllr Lynda King stated that she would be running a monthly craft day for dementia sufferers on 4th Wednesday of the month. To take place in the Village Hall.

Cllr Rhordri Rhys notified the Council that Wynstones School remains closed after an Ofsted report. They continue to work to reopen the school, but its future is in doubt.

20/045 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr Eric Hibbert reported that the trees around the bench at Whaddon have been cut down. The ‘bus shelters will be retreated this year and the telephone box is due to be relocated this month. Mr Hibbert was thanked for his work on behalf of the parish.

There were no further questions or comments from the public.

20/046 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 7th April starting at 8pm

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.40 pm

Chairman

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