

BROOKTHORPE WITH WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3rd DECEMBER 2019

PRESENT

Messrs J Hendry [Chairman], D Kaspar, Mrs Lynda King, Cllr David Mossman [District Councillor], Mrs A Szabo [Parish Clerk] and 7 members of the public.

19/134 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Steve Betts, Matt Jones [Neighbourhood Warden]. There were no other apologies given for absence.

19/135 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5th November were agreed and signed as a true record.

19/136 MATTERS ARISING

Casual Vacancies – the Clerk reported that an article had gone out in the newsletter and is on the website but, at present, no one has shown interest.

Defibrillator Training – The Clerk reported that this has been arranged for January 14th at 7pm.

Defibrillator sign at Fagin’s Public House– Mr Hibbert reported that this had been delivered.

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

19/137 MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

19/138 FINANCE

a) Cheques for agreement and signature

	Mrs A Szabo	Clerk’s wages plus expenses £33.80 and £12 home office allowance
£116.60	HMRC	PAYE
£500.00	St Margaret’s PCC	Donation towards repair of porch
£750.00	St Swithun’s PCC	Donation to cover grass cutting of churchyard
£1,000.00	Brookthorpe Village Hall	Donation towards building regulation work in relation to the proposed extension
£1,000.00	Brookthorpe Village Hall	Christmas Fayre

b) Precept for financial year 2020/21

The proposed budget prepared by the finance committee was circulated to full Council. After a discussion and alterations, it was agreed to set the Precept at £18,300 meaning an increase of approximately 22%.

Proposed by Cllr John Hendry and Seconded by Cllr Lynda King.

c) To agree donations to local charities

It was decided to make donations to the Alzheimer’s Society of £100, Stroud Valleys project of £50.00 and Winston’s Wish of £100.

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

19/139 PLANNING

a) New applications for discussion

There were no new planning applications for discussion.

19/140 COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

No report had been submitted.

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No report had been submitted.

19/142 WHADDON FIELDS

The Clerk reported that Paul Fong of Hunter Page is unable to assist in an impact statement due to conflict of interests. However, three more quotes have been requested from other firms. To date none have been received.

19/143 LOCAL PLAN

The Clerk reported that providing the Parish Council gets an outlined response to the District Council by 22nd January, we could agree and finalise the response at the meeting on 4th February. A meeting to formulate a response was agreed for 7th January at 7pm.

19/144 COMMUNITY REPORT FROM GLOUCESTERSHIRE CONSTABULARY

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

19/145 COUNCILLORS’ INFORMATION

Cllr Dave Kaspar asked that the Local Electricity Bill be put on the Agenda for February. Councillors raised concerns regarding the lack of gritting in the Parish following the recent adverse weather conditions.

19/146 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Eric Hibbert notified all present of a Police drop in session on 21st December. Time to be confirmed. Concerns were raised at the state of the pedestrian footpath outside Gardner’s Cottage. The hedge is overgrown preventing the progress of pushchairs and wheelchairs. The Clerk was asked to request that it is cut back to original position.

Concerns were also raised regarding the footpaths crossing to Hillmead. The Clerk was asked to pursue with Stroud District Council as this has been reported in the past with no action.

It was reported that Tuffley Matters is liaising with Dave Simmons [Highways Principal Planning Officer] regarding solutions to St Barnabas roundabout and surrounding area.

There were no further questions or comments from the public.

19/147 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 4th Feb 2019 starting at 8pm, with a Local Plan response meeting Tuesday 7th January 7pm.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.00 pm

Chairman

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