

BROOKTHORPE WITH WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4th JUNE 2019

PRESENT

Messrs J Hendry [Chairman], Cllr David Kaspar Mrs Lynda King, Cllr D Mossman [District Councillor], Mr Matt Jones [Neighbourhood Warden], Mr Chris Harmer, Mrs A Szabo [Parish Clerk] and 3 members of the public.

19/064 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Steve Betts, Cllr Colleen Summers, Cllr Keith Rippington [County Councillor].

There were no other apologies given for absence.

19/065 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and Parish Council Meetings held on 7th May were agreed and signed as true records.

19/066 MATTERS ARISING

Casual Vacancy – The Clerk reported that the Council can now go ahead and co-opt a new Councillor to fill the vacancy left by Gordon Simpson. Notices have gone up.

Chambers Farm – The Clerk reported that it appeared that the new building is being built in line with the approved application.

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

19/067 MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

19/068 FINANCE

a) Cheques for agreement and signature

	Mrs A Szabo	Clerk's wages plus £12 home office allowance and £114.97 expenses
£75.00	HMRC	PAYE
£430.87	Came and Company	Insurance
£100.00	Mr I Selkirk	Independent Audit
£1000.00	Brookthorpe Village Hall	Donation towards summer fayre
£1200.00	Brookthorpe Village Hall	Newsletter
£3000.00	Brookthorpe Village Hall	Donation towards proposed hall extension
£93.93	Mr Paul Gaze	Bench Installation

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

b) Independent Auditors Report – The Clerk reported that unfortunately, due to health issues, Mr Peter Newman was unable to carry out the Independent Audit at short notice. In order to be compliant with legislation she had arranged for Mr I Selkirk to carry this out on behalf of the Council. He reported that all was in good order and there were no matters to bring to the Council's attention.

c) Completion of Annual Return, including Council's Governance Statement.

The Annual Return was completed and signed including Council's Governance Statement.

19/069 PLANNING

a) New applications for discussion

There were no new applications for discussion.

b) Application S.19/0...HHOLD – The Clerk was asked to arrange a site meeting with the applicant. Councillors John Hendry, David Kaspar and Lynda King to attend.

19/070 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Dave Mossman reported that the governance review is now complete.

Local Plan Review – The District Council have recently received an email from Joint Core Strategy [Gloucester City Council, Tewkesbury and Cheltenham District Councils] regarding applications within Stroud District Council but on border with Gloucester, to be incorporated into their figures under the duty to co-operate. Stroud District Council are to seek legal clarification on this.

The Planning Review Panel has obtained political agreement across all parties regarding the duty to co-operate.

Service Station Gate – Following concerns raised at the various meetings with regard to the suitability of the security gates at Gloucester Services, the Chief Executive of Stroud District Council has requested that a meeting be set up to discuss this, as at the moment it appears that they are not fit for purpose. The Clerk reported that Cllr Steve Betts met with Sarah Dunning last week although she did not have the details of discussions.

19/071 INCINERATOR HOT FIRING

Cllr D Kaspar updated the Council on the last meeting of the Community Liaison Group and his concerns regarding the bottom ash disposal and air pollution.

Mr Chris Harmer outlined the pollution testing procedures and the hot firing testing due to start next week. Waste will begin arriving on site on 30th June and the furnace brought up to temperature and introduction of waste will begin after that.

Cllr Dave Mossman suggested that two representatives attend Community Liaison Group meetings to ensure continuity.

19/072 NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDEN

The new Neighbourhood Warden, Matt Jones introduced himself and explained that as he had only been in role about three weeks, he really did not have a report. He outlined his role and explained his desire to have a monthly drop in session at the village hall. Dates and times to be confirmed. He added that he had requested a litter pick and public spaces should be in contact with the Clerk regarding this. The Clerk asked if he could investigate the reports of fly tipping in Gilberts Lane.

19/073 WHADDON FIELDS

It was agreed to hold an information evening regarding the possible building on Whaddon Fields on 6th August 7.30 at the Village Hall. This is to be Chaired by Cllr. Steve Betts and advertised through the newsletter, website and village grapevine. A closed meeting to plan the Agenda to take place on 18th June 7.00 at Days Cottage.

19/074 UPDATE OF POSSIBLE EVENTS FOR THE MORE ELDERLY PARISHIONERS

Cllr Colleen Summers has reported that the arrangements are ongoing.

19/075 DONATION TOWARDS REPLACEMENT OF VILLAGE HALL KITCHEN FLOOR

It was agreed by all present to donate £500 towards the unexpected repair to the kitchen floor. This to come out of the Donations Budget.

19/076 PAYMENT OF GATES FOR ST SWITHUN'S CAR PARK DUE TO CRIME AND DISORDER ISSUES

It was agreed by all present that the Parish Council would cover the costs of new gates to the value of £2,180. This to come out of the contingency fund. Three quotes had been sought.

19/077 VERGE CUTTING

Councillors and Parishioners reported that they were happy with the recent verge cutting and that a good job had been done.

19/078 COMMUNITY REPORT FROM GLOUCESTERSHIRE CONSTABULARY

Cllr John Hendry outlined the latest information.

19/079 COUNCILLORS' INFORMATION

Defibrillator – Following the problems that were experienced when the two defibrillators were installed, South Western Ambulance Service have volunteered to supply the Parish with an extra unboxed defibrillator to be placed in an inside location. It was agreed to contact Fagins Public House to see if it could be placed there.

Whaddon Green – The Council had received a letter from a Tuffley resident concerning the destruction of wildlife habitat when the green is cut in June. It was decided that as Wynstones School are the custodial owners of the green to forward the letter onto them with a further letter supporting a later cut.

Motor Cross – Concerns were raised regarding the number of events being held at Range Farm. It is believed that their licence allows for 12 events annually. However, it appears that events are being held every weekend. The Clerk was asked to contact the Clerk of Upton St Leonards Parish Council with these concerns.

Gypsy site, Naas Lane – Following comments made at the Annual Parish Meeting regarding this site being a “no-go” area, the Clerk was asked to arrange a meeting with the Police to discuss a way forward. Councillors feel that no part of the Parish should be considered a no-go area.

19/080 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no further questions or comments from the public.

19/081 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 2nd July 2019 starting at 8pm.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.10.

Chairman

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