

BROOKTHORPE WITH WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5th NOVEMBER 2019

PRESENT

Messrs Steve Betts [Chairman], J Hendry, D Kaspar, Mrs Lynda King, Cllr David Mossman [District Councillor], Mrs A Szabo [Parish Clerk] and 4 members of the public.

19/116 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Keith Rippington [County Councillor].

There were no other apologies given for absence.

19/117 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

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

19/118 MATTERS ARISING

a) Motor Cross, Upton Lane – The Clerk reported that there was no planning permission in place for Motor Cross events at Range Farm. However, the landowner can hold up to 14 events without planning permission. The Clerk was asked to follow up regarding dates for events.

b) Weight Limit for Upton Lane – The Clerk reported that from the M5 bridge to Brookthorpe is 7.5 tonnes.

c) Allocated parking for Andrews Close residents – The Chairman reported that due to abuse and disrespect to present and past Parish Councillors, he was not prepared to give this item any more time.

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

19/119 MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

19/120 FINANCE

a) Cheques for agreement and signature

	Mrs A Szabo	Clerk's wages plus expenses £25.20 (Sept/Oct) and £24 home office allowance (Sept/Oct)
£233.60	HMRC	PAYE (Sept/Oct)
£30.95	PATA	Payroll
£200.00	Stroud District Council	Neighbourhood Warden

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

b) Internal Audit – Cllr Lynda King reported that she had found Clerk's expenses for July/May to be out by 40p, that there was no acknowledgement from Mr Hibbert for the receipt of £2500 for the telephone box refurbishment and the VAT was not recorded for cheque number 1040 on the spread sheet.

c) Date for agreeing draft precept for financial year 2020/21 – The date was set for 26th November 6pm to be attended by Cllrs Steve Betts, John Hendry and the Council's Financial Officer.

19/121 PLANNING

a) New applications for discussion

S.19/1679/HHOLD (revised)	Shiel House Stroud Road Brookthorpe	Conversion and extension of stables to create an annex with added stable and tack room Erection of detached garages
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Councillors found that they had no objection to this revised application.

19/122 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Keith Rippington reported via a telephone call to the Clerk that he was chasing the cleaning of the speed limit signs and requested that the Clerk email with an application for a grant towards Interactive Speed Warning signs.

A date for meeting with Dan Tiffney for early January 2020 to be arranged.

19/123 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Dave Mossman reported that Whaddon Fields have now been withdrawn from the draft local plan under the District's allocated numbers for new homes. It is considered that any development at that location could be rejected by County Highways. However, it will remain in the draft plan under duty to co-operate. The final draft plan for consultation will go out in the week beginning 18th Nov.

He also reported the resignation of John Longmuir.

19/124 GRANT ALLOCATIONS FOR YEAR 2019/20

The Clerk notified the Council that £2500 remained in the budget for allocations. Two applications had been received.

It was agreed to allocated

St Swithun's Church Yard – £750 towards upkeep of the Church Yard.

St Margaret's Church – £500 towards structural repair of porch

The Clerk notified the Council that a late application had been received from the Village Hall requesting £1000 as a contribution to building regulation work to be carried out at an estimated cost of £4000. This was allocated.

19/125 CASUAL VACANCIES

The Clerk reported that the Council really needs to fill its casual vacancies without delay and that perhaps a way of raising the Council's profile should be considered. It was agreed to look at this in the new year. The Clerk was asked to submit an article for inclusion in the next newsletter.

19/126 WHADDON FIELDS

- a) Investigate Parish Council Response to next consultation due in the autumn. - Paul Fong of Hunter Page to put a report together with the Council's objections. He will attend the next meeting. Costing to be confirmed. The final consultation will be out the week beginning 18th November with an information event at the village hall on December 2nd 1-7pm.

19/127 DOG FOULING SIGNS

There was no perceived issue and a decision was taken not to purchase signs at this point.

19/128 ASSET CHECKS

The Clerk reported that she had carried out a check of the Council's assets in respect of risk to the public for insurances purposes. The four 'bus shelters, sundial, flagpole, memorial benches, waste bins and grit bin all appear fine with no concerns. The telephone box although in need of refurbishment appears to pose no risk to the public and work is in hand to relocate and refurbish. The bench on Whaddon Green was found to be cleared and thought to be of no risk to public. Mr Hibbert reported that the two saplings next to the bench were to be cut down.

19/129 UPDATE OF POSSIBLE EVENTS FOR THE MORE ELDERLY PARISHIONERS

It was decided that due to lack of Councillor numbers, this project would have to be put on the back burner at present as there is no one to take this project on.

19/130 COMMUNITY REPORT FROM GLOUCESTERSHIRE CONSTABULARY

Cllr John Hendry outlined the latest information and agreed to send information through that could be added to the newsletter.

19/131 COUNCILLORS' INFORMATION

Defibrillators – The Clerk reported that she had checked these, and all appeared in order, However, the one at Fagin's has to be kept behind the bar due to safety issues. The Landlady suggested a plaque to inform people that there was one on the premises and to ask a member of staff. Mr Hibbert stated that he had a sign that he was willing to offer. The Clerk was asked to arrange a training session with the Ambulance Service.

19/132 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

The Council was asked if they had any information regarding the building of a Secondary School for 600 pupils on Whaddon Fields. The Clerk replied that although this had been reported there were no firm proposals in place that she was aware of.

There were no further questions or comments from the public.

19/133 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 3rd December 2019 starting at 8pm.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Chairman

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