

BROOKTHORPE WITH WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17th APRIL 2018

PRESENT

Messrs, Steve Betts [Chairman], Gordon Simpson, David Kaspar, John Hendry, Mrs Lynda King, Mrs Anne Szabo [Parish Clerk] and 1 member of the public.

18/036 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr K Rippington [County Councillor], Dave Mossman [District Councillor].

There were no other apologies given for absence.

18/037 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6th March were agreed and signed as a true record.

18/038 MATTERS ARISING

Highway Matters – The Chairman reported that after heavy rain, the drains that had recently been cleared by Gloucestershire Highways were overrun, causing flooding to Upton Lane, Haresfield Lane and erosion damage to the verges.

Whaddon Garage Parking – Mr E Hibbert advised that details of proposed work and contractors had been passed to Dan Tiffney and are now waiting for results of consultation. Cars being sold by a third party were reported, and the Clerk was asked to contact Carol Novoth with regard to this issue.

Phone box refurbishment – Mr E Hibbert reported that there had been no commitment from the proposed contractor. Therefore, this is on hold for the time being.

Defibrillator installations – The clerk reported that the defibrillators are on order and should be delivered in the next 4 - 6 weeks.

New Data Protection Regulations – The Clerk reported that there was nothing new to report and that more information would be available after 26th April.

18/039 MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

18/040 FINANCE

	a)	Cheques for agreement and signature	
£		Mrs A Szabo	Clerk's wages plus £12 home office allowance plus £36.00 expenses
£75.00		HMRC	PAYE
£22.50		PATA	Payroll
£500.00		Brookthorpe Village Hall	Feasibility Study as agreed in minute
£198.50		Brookthorpe Village Hall	Internet and TV licence.

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

b) To receive Internal Audit report – Cllr John Hendry reported that Cheque number 950 needed to be added to the minutes
Cheque number 946 the receipt was not present in file – Presented to Councillors
Cheques numbered 948 and 949 needed letters to be added to files – Presented to Councillors
There were no other concerns with the Audit and the balance of £39,935.76 was agreed.

18/041 PLANNING

a) New applications for discussion.

There were no new plans for discussion.

b) Decisions received from Stroud District Council

There were no decisions received.

18/042 EFFECTS ON LOCAL BUSINESSES DURING THE CLOSURE OF THE A4173

Mr Gerald Hyett from Pound Farm reported and outlined problems with customers being refused access to their business. Communications have been difficult between themselves and Amey. The Chairman offered to attend a meeting between Amey and themselves to try to elevate problems. The Clerk was asked to set up the meeting and include Keith Rippington. The Clerk was also asked to forward an email message from Vicky Smart.

18/043 PURCHASING 1ST WORLD WAR SILHOUETTES AS A MEMORIAL TO THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN THE “GREAT WAR”

After a discussion it was decided to purchase a silhouette for each person from the village who gave their lives at a cost of £750 each. Research being carried out by Mr P Gaze and Mr E Hibbert to make sure that all names are included. It was also agreed to work with the Village Hall Committee as they are also thinking of honouring the lives lost.

18/044 DONATION TOWARDS THE SUMMER FAIR

It was agreed by all Councillors to give £1000 towards this event due to take place at the end of June.

18/045 GRANT TO ST SWITHUN’S CHURCH YARD FUND IN LINE WITH APPLICATION MADE IN OCTOBER 2017

It was agreed to grant £500 towards the grass cutting of the Churchyard in line with the Council’s Grant Awarding Policy.

18/046 OPTING OUT OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL’S VERGE CUTTING CONTRACT

The Clerk reported that the contract for opting out of this year’s verge cutting contract with Gloucestershire County Council was ready to sign, but unfortunately it looks like the contractor that the Parish Council wishes to do the work is, at this point, unable to fulfil all the criteria needed by Gloucestershire Highways Dept to carry out works on the road network. The Clerk advised not signing until the Council has a contractor in place.

18/047 CONTRACT WITH CONTRACTOR FOR VERGE CUTTING

As Above.

18/048 CONTRACT TO PRINT QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

The Clerk circulated a proposed first draft of the first quarterly newsletter as outlined in the precept demand. She had obtained two quotes for printing a quarterly newsletter: Zeta Printing - £81.00 and Stroud Print - £94.90. Councillors agreed to revisit this again at a later date.

18/049 ASSET MAINTENANCE CHECKS

Cllr Gordon Simpson reported that this had still not been done.

18/050 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - 22nd May 7 pm

Cllr Lynda King gave her apologies for not being able to attend. Cllr Dave Kasper to provide apple juice and cider. All other refreshments as usual to be purchased by the Clerk.

18/051 COMMUNITY REPORT FROM GLOUCESTERSHIRE CONSTABULARY

Cllr John Hendry outlined the latest crime awareness information that had been sent through from the Constabulary.

18/052 COUNCILLORS’ INFORMATION

Standing Orders – The Clerk reported that although the Standing Orders have only just been reviewed legislation has just changed and they now need to be reviewed again.

Nass Lane – It had been reported that works appear to be continuing for the application for the fishing lakes. Large piles of scalplings are in place and trees have been scrubbed out. Cllr D Mossman is aware of the situation and the planning application is still going through its due process. Councillors are concerned with regard to contamination of land.

18/053 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no other questions or comments from the public.

18/054 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 1st May including Annual Meeting of the Parish Council (AGM) starting at 7.30.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.50 pm.

Chairman

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