

# BROOKTHORPE WITH WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2018

### PRESENT

Messrs S Betts [Chairman], David Kaspar, Gordon Simpson, Mr K Rippington [County Councillor], Dave Mossman [District Councillor], Mrs Anne Szabo [Parish Clerk] and 4 members of the public.

### 18/001 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Linda King and John Hendry and PCSO Debbie Collicot.

There were no other apologies given for absence.

### 18/002 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was noted that Cllr Keith Rippington's name appeared incorrectly and that there was a discussion surrounding the incinerator at Javelin Park and air quality testing.

Otherwise the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> December were agreed and signed as a true record.

### 18/003 MATTERS ARISING

**Highways** -The Chairman reported that although the gates were now in place that they were incomplete. The back of each sign were a blank grey and he thought that they should say "Brookthorpe", agreed posts were missing and the painted 30mph carriageway sign had worn off in Haresfield Lane. The Clerk was asked to forward copies of the agreed plans. In addition, carriageway signs had not been cleaned and gullies had not been cleared. This resulted in recent flooding on Upton Lane. Concerns were also raised as to mud and farm waste regularly being left on Upton Lane and Church Lane carriageways by local farmers. The Clerk advised that it is an offence to leave the road in a bad state for longer than 2 hours and that it is then a Police matter. The Clerk was asked to write to the farmers concerned. The speed and size of agricultural vehicles tearing up local verges was also brought to the Council's attention. The Clerk was also asked to highlight this with Gloucestershire Highways Dept. Cllr Keith Rippington would also ask Dan Tiffney to investigate.

**Pumping Station Grounds** – The Clerk reported that she had met with Malcolm Perry from Severn Trent Water. He stated that he would litter pick inside the boundary fence, but anything outside was not their responsibility and there was no way he could request that this be done. The hedge had been trimmed in order to encourage it to thicken up next year. The maintenance of the grounds is ongoing, but Gloucestershire Highways Department would be asked to maintain the areas outside the boundary fence.

**Defibrillators** – Ongoing.

**Parking at Whaddon Garage** – Mr Eric Hibbert reported that requirements to provide 17 parking spaces had been agreed and drawings are due to go out to tender within the next 7 -10 days.

**Phone box refurbishment** – Mr Eric Hibbert reported that he is due to meet with a possible contractor this week and would report back to the March meeting.

**Stile maintenance** – The dilapidated stile at Whaddon Garage has been reported and Gloucestershire County Council will write to the land owner demanding the problems be rectified.

### 18/004 MEMBERS' DECLARATION TO PECUNIARY INTERESTS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

### 18/005 FINANCE

a) Cheques for agreement and signature		
£	Mrs A Szabo	Clerks wages plus £12 home office allowance plus £34.80
£75.00	HMRC	PAYE (Jan 2018)
£100.00	Samaritans	Donation
£100.00	Stroud Valleys Project	Donation
£100.00	Winston's Wish	Donation

b) Cheques signed out of meeting  
 £85.00 Mr Hibbert Website hosting  
 £312.00 Mrs A Szabo Clerks wages plus £12 home/office allowance

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

**18/006 PLANNING**

a) New applications for discussion.  
 S.18/0058/HHOLD Court House Extension to existing two bay garage to  
 Brookthorpe Court form three bay garage  
 Stroud Road  
 Brookthorpe No objections

b) Decisions received from Stroud District Council

There were no decisions received

c) Decisions made at planning meeting on 12th February.  
 This meeting was attended by Cllrs Steve Betts, David Kaspar, Gordon Simpson, Linda King, the Clerk and no members of the public.

S.17/2544/FUL Chambers Farm Change of use for leisure uses and the formation  
 Naas Lane of ancillary facilities including fishing lakes  
 Brookthorpe camping ground and pet cemetery.

Councillors objected strongly to this application on the grounds of Highways, Loss of Habitat, Loss of ancient orchard, Effects on Daniel's Brook, Public access, and Pollution. It was requested that this application be moved out of delegated powers and be determined by the Development Control Committee.

S.17/2602/FUL Ellis Crane Hire Stationing of ancillary portable building  
 Stroud Road within existing crane hire depot.  
 Brookthorpe

It was felt that there was insufficient information to make an informed decision. More information is requested.

S.17/2690/HHOLD Naas Farm Proposed rear extension  
 Naas Lane  
 Brookthorpe

There were no objections to this application although concerns were raised as to the quality of materials to be used.

d) Update on application S.17/2544/FUL – It was reported by Cllrs David Kaspar and Gordon Simpson that work to dig out ponds had already started. Dave Mossman and the Clerk was asked to alert the enforcement team.

**18/007 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Cllr Keith Rippington reported he had £10,000 to spend on highways projects divided over his Parish's and a further £30,000 on Growing Communities projects over the next three years. It was suggested that a bid could be put in towards interactive speed signs. The deadlines are March and April for bids.

It was further reported that the County Council is due to set its budget on 14<sup>th</sup> February.

Parish Councillors raised concerns as to the number of potholes locally.

**18/008 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Cllr Dave Mossman reported that the District part of the Council Tax will probably increase by 2.99%. However, a final budget meeting is due. Changes to the Cross Keys roundabout, southbound, to incorporate alterations to make it into 3 lanes are planned with a further meeting due to take place on 8<sup>th</sup> March. Although there are no plans to instate traffic lights on the roundabout, the infrastructure

will be put in place should they be needed in the future. It is also planned to alter the M5 off ramp, southbound and make it into two lanes. It is hoped that these alterations will alleviate the problems being experienced at this junction. Cllr Dave Mossman also reported that the problems with the District Council's website were ongoing although measures were being taken to eliminate the IT problems being experienced.

**18/009 NEW DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS**

The Clerk reported that the new regulations come into effect from the end of May. It is unclear as to how this will affect the Parish Council, but there may be a financial implication if the Clerk is not able to be the Data Auditor. It was agreed that the Clerk attend the course run by GAPTC on 26<sup>th</sup> April at a cost of £40, to be shared equally with Moreton Valence Parish Council.

**18/010 OPTING OUT OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL'S GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT**

The Clerk reported that the relevant information had been requested from Daniel Tiffney [Gloucestershire Highways]. Once this becomes available the Chairman stated that he would go through this with the Clerk. It was agreed to look into possible contactors during February. It was hoped that the Parish Council would be able to make an informed decision at the meeting in March.

**18/011 ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEETING DUE TO BE HELD ON 3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL**

Due to the Clerk being unavailable for the meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> April it was decided to move this meeting to 17<sup>th</sup> April

**18/012 ASSET MAINTENANCE CHECKS**

Cllr Gordon Simpson agreed to carry this out and report to the March meeting.

**18/013 COUNCILLORS' INFORMATION**

Cllr Gordon Simpson reported that he had experienced problems with his waste collection in recent weeks. He was advised that this should be reported to Stroud District Council.

There was no further information to pass on to Councillors.

**18/014 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no other questions or comments from the public.

**18/015 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

Chairman .....

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