

BROOKTHORPE WITH WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6th NOVEMBER 2018

PRESENT

Messrs Steve Betts [Chairman] Gordon Simpson, David Kaspar, Mrs Lynda King, Cllr Keith Rippington [County Councillor], Mrs A Szabo [Parish Clerk] and 4 members of the public.

18/110 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr John Henry, PCSO Debbie Collicot, Cllr D Mossman [District Councillor].

There were no other apologies given for absence.

18/111 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2nd October were agreed and signed as a true record.

18/112 MATTERS ARISING

1st World War memorials – Flagpole is now installed. Memorial bench has been received and base is in place. The boulder has been cut and is due to be delivered next week. Fliers are out regarding the event on 1st December. Screen and projector has been purchased for event. Thirteen local fallen soldiers names have been investigated.

Horse Riding signs – The approval has now been granted and will be purchased in due course.

Overgrown Hedges – The Clerk reported that she is waiting for details with regard to which hedges are overgrown before she can write to the householders.

18/113 MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

18/114 FINANCE

a) Cheques for agreement and signature

£	Mrs A Szabo	Clerk's wages plus £12 home office allowance plus £129.99 expenses (Arnold Baker 11 th edition)
£75.00	HMRC	PAYE
£1124.00	Mr E Hibbert	Website/WW1 Commemorations
£105.46	Mr P Gaze	WW1 Commemorations
£1030.20	David Ogilvie Engineering	Memorial Bench

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

b) Internal Audit Report – The quarterly report had been circulated to Councillors and was agreed in meeting with the balance standing at £39,450.37

c) Six Monthly Budget review – The prepared statement was agreed by Councillors

d) Applications for grants

St Swinhun's – It was agreed by all Councillors to award £500 towards the maintaining of the Churchyard

St Margaret's – It was agreed by all Councillors to award £360 towards the clearing of a section of churchyard to enable burials

Village hall – It was agreed by all Councillors to award £1500 towards obtaining planning permission for an extension to the hall

e) Pre-precept Meeting – Cllr Steve Betts and Gordon Simpson to meet to discuss draft precept 2019/20 a date to be decided.

18/115 PLANNING

a) New applications for discussion.

There were no new plans for discussion.

18/116 COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

Reviewing budgets – Children’s Services overspend due to a chronic shortage of social workers.
Concerns over adult care in villages.

Roads repairs are well underway and improvements are being noticed.

Concerns over drains in villages still specialists needed.

Cleaning of signs.

Pitchcombe junction A46 plan out for consultation with local Parish Council. Work planned for early spring 2019 possible 3-month road closure.

18/117 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

Cllr Dave Mossman sent emailed report and this had been circulated to Councillors.

18/118 ROAD SAFETY

Cllr Betts reported on the meeting he attended on 18th October. The conclusion of which was that this Parish Council should work to achieve the best it can for road safety in the Parish without the help of the Road Safety Group.

18/119 DONATION TO CHRISTMAS EVENT

It was agreed by all Councillors to approve donation of £1500 for this event.

18/120 SECURITY FOLLOWING GDPR

The Clerk was asked to invite a cyber security expert to the following meeting to explain the advantages to the Council in signing up to Gsuite or any other secure provider.

18/121 COUNCILLORS’ INFORMATION

There was no additional information to pass on to Councillors.

18/122 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions or comments from the public although the proposed hotel by the Westmoreland group was discussed.

18/123 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 4th December.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.15

Chairman

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