

# BROOKTHORPE WITH WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER 2018

### PRESENT

Messrs Gordon Simpson [Chairman], David Kaspar, John Hendry, Mrs Lynda King, Cllr D Mossman [District Councillor], Peter Tiley [Neighbourhood Warden], Mrs A Szabo [Parish Clerk] and 2 members of the public.

### 18/097 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Steve Betts, PCSO Liz Ward.

There were no other apologies given for absence.

### 18/098 NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDEN'S REPORT

Peter Tiley was welcomed and introduced himself giving a brief resume of his role and outlined the recent review of the Neighbourhood Warden Scheme.

Concerns raised with regard to a vulnerable adult living in the Parish. Concerns were also raised regarding abandoned vehicles and fly tipping in private gateways. Peter outlined the possible lines of action a landowner can legally take. A parishioner questioned the amount being paid for the service. It was considered that £200 per annum was reasonable but this would be re-examined when the budget for the next financial year was reviewed.

### 18/099 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> September were agreed and signed as a true record.

### 18/100 MATTERS ARISING

Defibrillator Awareness Course – This had taken place on 10<sup>th</sup> September and had been well attended and as a result the village hall committee are considering running a similar event for the children of the parish.

1<sup>st</sup> World War memorials – Mr Hibbert stated to enable all items to be in place, 1<sup>st</sup> December 6pm has been set for the unveiling and blessing. As numbers would need to be limited therefore, it is planned to be a ticketed event for charity. Chairman stated that as the Parish Council is providing the flagpole, bench and commemorative stone it appears unreasonable to charge for this event. He outlined other ways that collections for charity could be made. Mr Hibbert agreed to re-examine this.

Horse Riding signs – There was no further information to report.

Extra verge cutting – The Clerk had reported that this would not go ahead this year. She is, however, working towards obtaining a contractor with the correct certification to carry out all verge cutting in 2019.

Setting up of Gsuite – The Clerk reported that she was waiting for information regarding the Council's domain to be supplied. Mr Hibbert stated that the Chairman [Cllr Steve Betts] has questioned this course of action.

Overgrown Hedges at Maitlands – It was reported that these have been cut. Councillors raised concerns that other hedges were also causing problems. The Clerk requested Councillors to send detailed information so that actions can be taken.

### 18/101 MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

### 8/102 FINANCE

a) Cheques for agreement and signature

£

£75.00

HMRC

£30.00

PATA

Mrs A Szabo Clerk's wages plus £12 home office allowance plus £5.40 expenses

PAYE

Payroll

348

£1030.20 David Ogilvie Engineering Memorial Bench – this was not signed as the invoice had not arrived.

£868.10 Harrison Flagpoles Flagpole

- b) Purchase of the latest edition Charles Arnold Baker – This purchase at a cost of about £125 was agreed by Councillors

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

**18/103 PLANNING**

- a) New applications for discussion.
- b) There were no new plans for discussion.
- c) Proposed application by Westmorland for hotel.

It was decided that no actions were required at this point in time.

**18/104 COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT**

No report submitted

**18/105 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S REPORT**

Cllr Dave Mossman reported that he is no longer is a member of the DCC giving him more time to help Parish Councils with their planning issues. Stroud District Council Governance review is now out for consultation and he urged councillors and public to make comments. The new Chief Executive has been appointed; Kathy O’Leary and will start on 27<sup>th</sup> November.

Local Plan review – Due to a new Government directive an increase of 40% new homes are needed in addition to those already in the Local Plan, as evidenced by the average house price to average salary ratio. District Council’s legal responsibly to co-operate with other councils. Brookthorpe with Whaddon may well come under pressure if Gloucester City requests this land for their housing need although Stroud District Council does not have to agree.

**18/106 COMMUNITY REPORT FROM GLOUCESTERSHIRE CONSTABULARY**

Cllr John Hendry outlined the latest crime awareness information that had been sent through from the Constabulary including a link to Local Policing Survey.

[www.gloucestershireconstabulary/localpolicingsurvey](http://www.gloucestershireconstabulary/localpolicingsurvey)

**18/107 COUNCILLORS’ INFORMATION**

The Clerk reported that PCSO Debbie Collicot will be working our area again. She also thanked Liz Ward for her assistance over the last few months.

The Clerk drew the Cllrs attention to the Inaugural Meeting of Five Valleys Road Safety Partnership 12<sup>th</sup> October 4pm at St Pauls Church, Whiteshill.

The Clerk reminded Cllrs that Grant Applications are due in and will be determined next month. Cllrs Gordon Simpson and David Kaspar advised that the new lights at Windrush were causing a road safety issue.

Installers working on behalf of Gigaclear have been requested to make good verges and driveways.

**18/108 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

A Parishioner drew the Councillors attention to the possible outcome should the Police and Crime Commissioner gain the fire service into his remit.

The Clerk was asked to add the Christmas event to the agenda

**18/109 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.53