

BROOKTHORPE WITH WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3rd OCTOBER, 2017

PRESENT

Messrs G Simpson [Chairman], David Kaspar, Mrs Lynda King, Cllr Dave Mossman [District Councillor], Mrs Anne Szabo [Parish Clerk] and 3 members of the public.

17/104 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

PCSO Debbie Collicot, Cllrs S Betts and John Hendry.

There were no other apologies given for absence.

17/105 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5th September were agreed and signed as a true record.

17/106 MATTERS ARISING

Highways – The plans for the gateways project were confirmed as correct. The clerk was asked to confirm with Dan Tiffney a due date for starting work.

Pumping Station – The Clerk confirmed that she had emailed Severn Trent with regard to clearing up around the site but as yet no action had been taken.

Whaddon Garage – Cllr Gordon Simpson and the owner of the garage will follow up with Dan Tiffney.

‘Phone Box Refurbishment – Mr Eric Hibbert reported that this was work in hand.

Dangerous Building at Chambers Farm – Both Stroud District Council and Gloucester County Council are looking into this and we now have an incident number for tracking.

Defibrillator Installations – Mr Eric Hibbert agreed to make arrangements for the installation of the Brookthorpe defibrillator to be installed at the Village Hall. It was agreed that Cllr Linda King should now sign the contract with South Western Ambulance Service, on behalf of the Council, and ask them to liaise with Eric Hibbert with regard to both installations.

17/107 MEMBERS' DECLARATION TO PECUNIARY INTERESTS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

17/108 FINANCE

a) Cheques for agreement and signature

£	Mrs A Rigelsford	Clerk's wages plus £12 home office allowance and expenses £13.50.
£100.00	HMRC	PAYE
£30.00	PATA	Payroll

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

b) External Auditors Report –The Clerk reported that Grant Thornton found all to be in order and that there were no grounds for concern.

c) Payment to Cllr David Mossman – It was confirmed that the payment to Dave Mossman was not subject to NI payment by PATA. Cllr Lynda King requested details of this advice as she believed that this information may be incorrect.

17/109 PLANNING

a) New applications for discussion.

There were no new applications for discussion.

b)	To receive decisions from Stroud District Council.		
	S.17/1842/DISCON	Brookthorpe Court	Permission
	S.17/0386/HHOLD	Brookthorpe Court	Permission
	S.162202/OUT	Wynstones Drive	Permission

There were no other decisions received.

17/110 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

There was no report submitted.

17/111 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

District Councillor Dave Mossman reported the removal of bulky items can now be booked on line only at a cost of £20 for 3 items. Parking charges in Stroud and the surrounding area are due to increase on 26th October. £8m of the Council's reserve funds are to be used for affordable housing and sites are in the process of being investigated. Staff cuts of up to 25% over the next 5 years will take place. The consultation into the Local Plan 5 year review into more housing is due to begin. Cllr Mossman also outlined the proposed plans for a new gasifier at Smiths based in Moreton Valence.

17/012 CONTRACT FOR CLERK

The pre-circulated contract was agreed and signed by both parties.

17/113 SPRING BULBS

It was agreed to spend £50 on bulbs to be planted in the parish. The Clerk was asked to liaise with Gloria Wiggall with regard to the purchase.

17/114 SOCIAL EVENTS BEING ARRANGED BY THE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Eric Hibbert reported that the Village Hall Committee are organising three social events to take place before the end of the year. A ukulele evening and children's Halloween party will be self-funding. A Dickensian Christmas party will be a fund raising event with monies going towards the extension fund. It was proposed by Cllr Gordon Simpson and Seconded by Cllr Dave Kaspar that the Parish Council donate £1500 to cover costs for this event. This was unanimously agreed to on the understanding that Parish Children, under 16, should have free entry to include grotto, drink and cake or biscuits

17/115 KISSING GATE ST MARGARET'S CHURCH YARD

It was reported that one of the hanging posts had rotted at the base. It was decided that it would be quicker to get this replaced by the Council rather than go through the County Council. Eric Hibbert was asked to quote for this job.

17/116 INFORMATION EXCHANGE FOR COUNCILLORS

It was reported that a new gateway has been opened up onto Naas Lane. The Clerk was asked to investigate its legality.

It was reported that copper from St Margaret's Church roof and a break in at a barn at Brentlands had taken place.

There was no further information to pass on to Councillors.

17/117 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

The Council was questioned as to the verge cutting arrangements. It was decided to look into opting out of the arrangements from the County Council and providing our own grass cutting contracts. The Clerk to look into this and put it on the Agenda for next month.

There were no other questions or comments from the public.

17/118 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 7th November 2017.

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