

BROOKTHORPE WITH WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7th NOVEMBER, 2017

PRESENT

Messrs S Betts [Chairman], J Hendry, David Kaspar, Mrs Lynda King, Mr K Rippington [County Councillor], Mrs Anne Szabo [Parish Clerk] and 3 members of the public.

17/119 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Dave Mossman [District Councillor] PCSO Debbie Collicot

There were no other apologies given for absence.

17/120 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4th October were agreed and signed as a true record.

17/121 MATTERS ARISING

Highways – Dan Tiffney has confirmed by email that the work on the Gateways Scheme is due to begin on 18th December.

New Gateways in Naas Lane – It appears that County Highways have investigated and are happy with these gateways.

Pumping Station – It was reported that this work had not been completed yet. The Clerk was asked to contact Severn Trent.

Whaddon Garage – Cllr Gordon Simpson reported that this was work in progress. Councillors have become increasingly concerned with regard to this situation. There are reports that vehicles are now driving along the pavement as the road is continually blocked with parked cars.

Phone Box Refurbishment – Mr Eric Hibbert reported that this was work in progress

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

Defibrillator Installations – Cllr L King is to complete the contract forms and arrange delivery of defibrillators to Me Eric Hibbert who has agreed to make arrangements for installation.

17/122 MEMBERS' DECLARATION TO PECUNIARY INTERESTS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

17/123 FINANCE

a) Cheques for agreement and signature		
£	Mrs A Rigelsford	Clerk's wages plus £12 home office allowance
£75.00	HMRC	PAYE
£25.00	Mr B Wiggall	Spring bulbs
£1500.00	Brookthorpe Village Hall	Christmas Event
£360.00	Tydee Contractors Ltd	Verge Cutting
£3360.09	South Western Ambulance Service	Defibrillators
£120.00	Grant Thornton	External Audit
£72.00	Tydee Contractors Ltd	Verge Cutting
£25.00	Mr E Hibbert	Spring Bulbs

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

17/124 ALLOCATION OF GRANTS

St Margaret's PCC – It was agreed to allocate £500 towards the installation of new heating.

St Swithun's Churchyard – It was found that the Council could not make an allocation at this time as it appears from accounts supplied that the PCC holds over £200,000. The Clerk was asked to request justification for the 100% funding request for the grass cutting and invite the PCC to resubmit their application.

Village Hall – It was agreed to allocate £950 towards the installation of outside CCTV for extra security for the Hall.

17/125 PLANNING

a) New applications for discussion.

17/0008/STMAJW	Smiths Old Air Field Moreton Valence	Variations of Conditions 2,3,8,15,17 relating to planning consent 110017/STMAJW/ dated 27/9/11
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Councillors found that they objected to this application on the grounds that such significant changes to the original application should not be considered variations of conditions. Changes to the capacity of the unit cannot be a variation to condition. With Javelin Park being built in close proximity, the need for such a gasifier has been eliminated.

S.17/2167HHOLD	Kingfishers Upton Lane Brookthorpe	Single storey extension to rear of dwelling to provide accommodation for disabled person and carers.
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Councillors found that they fully supported this application on the grounds of needs for an established family in the parish and lack of impact on the street scene and neighbouring properties.

b) To receive decisions from Stroud District Council.

There had been no decisions received.

17/126 NAAS LANE/HARESFIELD LANE JUNCTION

Following recent communications from Harescombe Parish Council, Councillors found that although this junction was tricky, especially when towing trailers etc, that it did not require extra signage.

17/127 STROUD DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN REVIEW

Cllr John Hendry reported that he had attended a recent consultation event. It appeared that Brookthorpe-with-Whaddon was unlikely to be included for development, although not impossible at this time. Those attending the meeting all agreed that small local development was more acceptable than large new developments.

17/128 GLOUCESTERSHIRE CONSTABULARY COMMUNITY ALERT SCHEME

Cllr J Hendry agreed to join this scheme on behalf of the Council and feed back to Councillors when appropriate.

17/129 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Keith Pinnington reported that plans are underway for the funding of safety measures to the A417, by the Department of Transport, from A46/Pitchcombe junction to the city boundary. Preparatory work has begun.

He also reported that due to propose changes to the highways contracts, around 50 members of staff will be brought back "in house", including from Public Rights of Way and telephone answering. The final budget is due to be considered in February 2108.

17/130 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

There was no report submitted.

17/131 PRECEPT MEETING

It was agreed to meet on 21st November to set a draft precept for discussion at the December meeting.

17/132 COUNCILLORS' INFORMATION

It was reported that there had been a spate of local break-ins.

There was no further information pass on to Councillors.

17/133 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr Eric Hibbert reported that this year’s Christmas event will take place on 16th December and include fancy dress, grotto, carols, Punch and Judy, and a helter-skelter.

Questions were asked as to the footpath across Hill Mead. The Clerk to make enquiries.

There were no other questions or comments from the public.

17/134 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 5th December 2017.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.00pm

Chairman

Date