

# BROOKTHORPE WITH WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2017

### PRESENT

Messrs Stephen Betts [Chairman], David Kaspar, Gordon Simpson, John Hendry, Mrs Lynda King, Cllr Dave Mossman [District Councillor], Mrs Anne Rigelsford [Parish Clerk] and 3 members of the public.

### 17/019 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs Katherine Murphy. There were no other apologies given for absence.

### 17/020 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> February were agreed and signed as true record.

### 17/021 MATTERS ARISING

Highways – Daniel Tiffney reported via email that the speed limit signs on Horsepools Hill could not be changed and that countdown markers for the roundabouts were not an option because of latest guidance and advice. He confirmed that the gateway works should be completed by the end of March 2017 although the centre line removal and carriageway edge lining may take longer. The sign cleaning and clearing of the footpath is on the list for the next financial year. He also reported that gullies and drains should be cleared once a year and he would look into why Church Lane had not been done.

Defibrillators – Cllr Lynda King reported that she had met with a South Western Ambulance representative. As a result, it was agreed that the telephone kiosk opposite Fagin's would be a suitable place. The kiosk is in need of some work once the Parish Council has formally adopted it. The estimated electricity bill should be between £5 - £6 annually.

In Whaddon, two sites were deemed suitable 1. Outside Wynstones School reception. This site would need the agreement of the school and alterations would need to be carried out to the kerbing. 2. The Parish Council's preferred choice, on the wall outside The Old Rectory. The Council already has agreement for this. Installation of a power supply would be needed. The Clerk was asked to obtain three quotes for installing the power supply to this location.

Transparency Code – The Clerk reported that she had not investigated the .gov email addresses for the Council at this time.

### 17/022 MEMBERS' DECLARATION TO PECUNIARY INTERESTS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

### 17/023 FINANCE

#### a) Cheques for agreement and signature

£	Mrs A Rigelsford	Clerk's wages plus £12 home office allowance and £21.18 expenses (Sept 16 – March 17)
£70.00	HMRC	PAYE
£150.00	The Great Western Air Ambulance	Donation
£50.00	CAB	Donation

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

### 17/024 PLANNING

#### a) New applications for discussion

S.17/0355/LBC	Brookthorpe Court Stroud Road Brookthorpe	Proposed side extension  For technical reasons the Council was unable to comment on this application
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S.17/0102/HHOLD      Brookthorpe Court      Conversion of existing stable block to form an annex and demolition of timber garage and erection of a replacement.

Councillors supported this application on the grounds that the proposed development would enhance the setting of the listed building.

b) Decisions received from Stroud District Council

S.16/2764/LBC      Brookthorpe Court      Refused

c) Wynstones Drive development – Cllr Gordon Simpson reported that he had met with the planning officers regarding this application. He had put forward the Parish Council’s concerns regarding access and so on. The Parish Council has now been asked to formally respond to this application. The Clerk was asked to respond.

#### **17/025 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

No report had been submitted.

#### **17/026 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Cllr Dave Mossman reported that the SDC’s portion of the Council Tax will rise by 2.62% and that when the County Council’s, Police and Parish portions are taken into account, the average tax for a band D dwelling will go up by 3.6%.

It was also reported that the Joint Core Strategy (Gloucester, Cheltenham and Tewkesbury) was now short of their 5 year land supply. They plan to resubmit to the inspector as it is in the hope that it will be passed and then they can go straight into a 5 year review. If this happens, it will take the pressure off Stroud District to find the shortfall.

#### **17/027 QUOTATION FOR STAINING AND TREATMENT OF TIMBER 'BUS SHELTERS**

Mr E Hibbert provided a quotation for £360 to carry out the necessary works. This was agreed to by Councillors.

#### **17/028 SPEED AWARENESS STICKERS**

As part of the Council’s efforts to reduce the speeding in the Parish it was agreed to purchase three hundred *30 mph Please Drive Carefully*, and one hundred *40 mph* stickers at a cost of £320. These would be distributed for households to put on their waste and recycle bins.

#### **17/029 TV LICENSE FOR VILLAGE HALL**

It was agreed by Councillors to contribute 50% of this cost.

#### **17/030 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 7.00pm was set for this meeting. To include refreshment of cheese and wine etc.

#### **17/031 RISK ASSESSMENT FOR COUNCIL'S FIXED ASSETS**

Cllr Gordon Simpson had carried this out and found that the timber shelters need treatment and some repairs required to the shelters at Whaddon. This had already been completed. He found that the concrete shelter had no cause for concern. He found that the sundial was in need of cleaning and treating. This is already in hand. The waste bins at Old Forge Green were serviced by Whaddon Garage. The bench on Whaddon Green would benefit from a coat of paint.

#### **17/032 INFORMATION EXCHANGE FOR COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Gordon Simpson reported a perceived conifer bough that could be a danger should it fall due to strong winds. It was suggested that he contact Daniel Tiffney directly as he was in the best position to give precise location, and if necessary meet on site.

The Chairman reported that following his correspondence regarding the MSA employees walking along Upton Lane in the dark with no hi-vis protection, Sarah Dunning is following this up to rectify. He also reported that there is a planned meeting between Village Hall, Parish Council and Sarah Dunning with regard to financing a feasibility study to extend the Village Hall.

The Clerk was asked to contact Martin Surl with regard to the continued lack of Police attendance at the Parish Council meetings.

**17/033 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

It was reported that the Gypsy Site at Naas Lane was filling up again after the winter. Concerns were raised with regard to the type of screening and planting on the southbound site of the MSA. Planning conditions dictated that these should be mature evergreens. However the planting is not of this nature. The Chairman said that he would bring this up when he meets Sarah. There were no other comments for Parish Council business.

**17/034 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.40 pm

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