

# BROOKTHORPE WITH WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2017

### PRESENT

Messrs S Betts [Chairman], J Hendry, David Kaspar, Mrs Lynda King, Mr K Pinnington [County Councillor], Dave Mossman [District Councillor], Mrs Anne Szabo [Parish Clerk] and 5 members of the public.

### 17/135 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

PCSO Debbie Collicot.

There were no other apologies given for absence.

### 17/136 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> December were agreed and signed as a true record.

### 17/137 MATTERS ARISING

Pumping Station –Although a lot of the work had now been completed the Clerk was asked to contact Severn Trent again and ask that the hedges be cut before 28<sup>th</sup> February and request that the area outside the fence be cut back and cleared up.

Phone Box Refurbishment – Ongoing

Defibrillators - Ongoing

### 17/138 MEMBERS' DECLARATION TO PECUNIARY INTERESTS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

### 17/139 FINANCE

a) Cheques for agreement and signature		
£	Mrs A Szabo	Clerk's wages plus £12 home office allowance
£75.00	HMRC	PAYE
£295.00	Mr E Hibbert	Bus Shelter Repair
£200.00	Stroud District Council	Neighbourhood Warden Scheme
£950.00	Brookthorpe Village Hall	Donation
£500.00	St Margaret's PCC	Donation

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

b) Internal Audit Report – Cllr John Hendry reported that he had concerns that : -

- the cheques for Clerks wages do not show the amount in the minutes – The Clerk explained that this was not necessary under the Data Protection Act 1998.
- S. W. Ambulance payment on spreadsheet needs the VAT split. – The Clerk explained that this was because we had not received the invoice. (Cheque will not be issued until invoice is received)
- Some invoices missing – The Clerk explained that her Home/Office expenses were not claimed separately each month as the Council have agreed this payment on an ongoing basis. Invoice for Mr E Hibbert had now been received and can be added and invoice for SW Ambulance had not been received.
- Values of unrepresented cheques incorrect – Clerk to correct.
- Overdue invoice for SDC – This was on Schedule of payment just signed.

Otherwise all appears in order and the balance stood at £43,912.67

Half Year Budget Review was circulated to Councillors

a) Precept – The Precept proposal was circulated and discussed by the full council. As a result, it was proposed by Cllr Linda King and seconded by Cllr J Hendry that the precept for the financial year 2018/19 be set at £13,750 this was agreed unanimously by all Councillors present.

b) Grant to St Swithun’s towards grass cutting – Following correspondence after the last Parish Council Meeting it was felt that the applicants have failed to provide evidence as to why the cost of grass cutting is so high and why the Parish Council should provide 100% funding when the PCC holds such large reserves. The Clerk explained that if the churchyard was closed (no burials), the Council could take over its running. The Clerk was asked to contact the Church Conservation Trust to see if they could help in this matter

**17/140 DONATIONS TO CHARITIES**

It was decided unanimously that the Council should donate £100 each to Stroud Valleys Project, Samaritans and Winston’s Wish.

**17/141 PLANNING**

a) New applications for discussion.

S.17/2544/FUL	Chambers Farm Naas Lane Brookthorpe	Change of use for leisure uses and the formation of ancillary facilities including fishing lakes, camping ground and pet cemetery.
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Due to problems with the Stroud District Website, Councillors and public had not been able to access this application. A hard copy had now been obtained. It was decided to delay discussing until the planning meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> December in order to give Councillors time to examine this application.

b) Decisions received from Stroud District Council.

No decisions received.

c) Decisions received from Planning Inspectorate

Application S.16/1552/FUL – Appeal dismissed.

**17/142 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Cllr Keith Pinnington reported that plans are confirmed for the new gateways to be completed by 18th December and highway signs are due to be cleaned. Plans for the extra parking at the Whaddon Garage had been refused but new plans are expected. There will now be 3 separate Highways contracts favouring local suppliers when these are up for renewal.

**17/143 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Cllr Dave Mossman reported that the Stroud Sub Rooms meeting takes place tonight and it is expected that the decision will be to not sell but to put the building out on long term lease. He also reported that the Garden Waste Collection Scheme will go up from £36 to £39. Plans for a new school at Hunts Grove are due in and it is anticipated to open in Spring 2019. District Councillors will now get a full list of “Call Ins” and appeals. A meeting is due to take place in January with Smiths regarding the application to increase waste disposal with the use of a gasifier. A base reading for 6 months before the incinerator at Javelin Park is operational will take place.

**17/144 COUNCILLORS' INFORMATION**

There was no further information to pass on to Councillors.

**17/145 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no other questions or comments from the public.

**17/146 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.10 pm.