

BROOKTHORPE WITH WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5th APRIL, 2016

PRESENT

Messrs Gordon Simpson [Chairman], David Kaspar, Mrs Lynda King, Colleen Ferris, Joanne Cooke, Mrs Anne Rigelsford [Parish Clerk] and 4 members of the public.

16/027 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

16/028 MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 1st March were agreed and signed as a true record.

16/029 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising that did not appear elsewhere on the Agenda.

16/030 MEMBERS' DECLARATION TO PECUNIARY INTERESTS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

16/031 FINANCE

a) Cheques for agreement and signature

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| | Mrs A Rigelsford | Clerk's wages plus £12 home office allowance and £5.40 expenses |
| £70.00 | HMRC | PAYE |
| £6,886.80 | Greenfields Garden Services | Village Hall Fence |

b) Cheques Signed out of meeting

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| £88.70 | Mr E Hibbert | Website |
| | | <small>Powers used for Council's spending</small> |
| | <small>Administration</small> | <small>Local Government Act 1972 Section 11</small> |
| | <small>Village Hall</small> | <small>Local Government Act 1972 Section 133</small> |

16/032 PLANNING

a) New applications for discussion

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| S.16/0296/HHOLD (revised) | High Hedges Stroud Road Brookthorpe | Two storey and single storey extension with alterations to existing garage and window styles Councillors unanimously OBJECTED to |
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this application on the grounds of the adverse effect on neighbouring properties and highway safety. Councillors requested that the Clerk ask for this to be removed from delegated powers and be discussed by the Development Control Committee. It was also felt that given the scale of this proposed development that there was insufficient time given to consultation by Stroud District Council to meet its strategy requirements.

Street Trading Licence Request on A4173 Lay-by

Councillors OBJECTED to this request on the grounds that the lay-by was narrow and already congested. Also raised, was the unsuitability of the site near the farm entrance due to the size of the vehicles accessing the farm, the anti-social activities already taking place in the area, and its proximity to residential properties.

b) Decisions made by Stroud District

There were no decisions received.

16/033 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The County Councillor's report had been circulated by the Clerk.

16/034 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Keith Pearson informed the Council that Stroud District Council have now adopted Dementia Friendly status and that staff are trained to recognise and help people with this condition.

He also advised the Council that the new boundary review will kick in on 4th March and that Brookthorpe with Whaddon will the come into the Hardwicke Ward.

Cllr Pearson stated that the District council had obtained a Heritage Lottery Grant towards the Canal regeneration at Brimpscombe Port.

The Chairman and Councillors thanked Keith for his work on the Parish’s behalf over the last 9 years.

16/035 POSSIBLE PROJECTS FOR FUNDING FROM MSA CONTRIBUTIONS

Mr E Hibbert put forward, on behalf of the Village Hall Committee that there are plans to build an extension to the Hall. It was agreed that this could be put forward to Sarah Dunning (Owner of MSA) as a possible project that they may fund. Keith Pearson agreed to act as an initial go between and Cllr Steve Betts would open negotiations. It was suggested that Section 106 money may also be available but the Council has been told in the past that none of this money would be available for Brookthorpe. It was also suggested by Mr B Wiggall (parishioner) that the Council has in the past investigated a footpath for pedestrian use along Upton Lane.

16/036 HIGHWAY GATEWAY PROPOSALS

The draft proposals were examined by Councillors. The clerk was asked to check the costings and also to request a second gateway for Upton Lane around the area of Days Cottage.

16/037 INFORMATION EXCHANGE FOR COUNCILLORS

Cllr Lynda King stated that Daniel Tiffney has agreed new markings for the roundabouts in the new financial year.

There was no other information to put to the Council.

16/038 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr Eric Hibbert stated that a date had been agreed for the Queen’s 90th Birthday Celebration as 12th June.

b) Mr Bruce Wiggall asked if the Council would look into providing a defibrillator for the Parish. Cllr Steve Betts informed those present that there was money set aside for this in the precept for the next financial year.

16/039 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 3rd May 2016.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.50 pm

Chairman

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