

## BROOKTHORPE WITH WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2016

#### PRESENT

Messrs Stephen Betts [Chairman], David Kaspar, Mrs Lynda King, Mrs Katherine Murphy, Cllr. Dave Mossman [District Councillor], Mrs Anne Rigelsford [Parish Clerk] and 4 members of the public.

#### 16/106 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. Gordon Simpson, Cllr. Tom Skinner [District Councillor]. There were no other apologies given for absence.

#### 16/107 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> November were agreed and signed as true record.

#### 16/108 MATTERS ARISING

- a) Memorandum of Understanding – A meeting between representatives of Gloucester City Council, Stroud District Council and Brookthorpe Parish Council had taken place, and as a result it was agreed by all present that Policy CP15 of the Stroud District Adopted Local Plan gives the area of land between Grange Road and Whaddon all the protection that is possible at this time.
- b) Footpaths at Hillmead – This is still being investigated by Stroud District Council.
- c) Dangerous Farm Building at Chambers Farm, Naas Lane – There has been no news as to the outcome of Stroud District's investigations.

#### 16/109 MEMBERS' DECLARATION TO PECUNIARY INTERESTS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

#### 16/110 FINANCE

- a) Cheques for agreement and signature

£	Mrs A Rigelsford	Clerk's wages plus £12 home office allowance
£70.00	HMRC	PAYE
£120.00	Grant Thornton	External Audit
£25.00	Mr E Hibbert	Plan printing A3
£1,000.00	Brookthorpe Village Hall	Children's Christmas Party
£500.00	St Margaret's PCC	Donation

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

- b) Allocation of Grants in line with the Council's Grant Awarding Policy held over from November's meeting – Following further communications from St Swithun's PCC and St Margaret's PCC, Councillors agreed to award £300.00 to St Swithuns for the grass cutting (proposed by Cllr. Steve Betts and seconded by Cllr. Katherine Murphy) and £500 to St Margaret's towards the new noticeboard (proposed by Cllr. Steve Betts and seconded by Cllr. L King).
- c) Charities to be put forward for voting at the Christmas Event – After a discussion it was agreed to put forward The Great Western Air Ambulance, Southmead Intensive Care Unit and The Gloucestershire Chest Fund for parishioners to vote for a further grant from the Parish Council.
- d) Precept – The prepared budget figures were circulated to Councillors and Parishioners present. As a result, the precept for the financial year 2017/18 was set at **£13,250**.
- e) Sale of surplus tickets for Christmas event outside of Parish – It was reported that 70 tickets had been taken up. It was agreed by Councillors that any surplus tickets could be sold to people outside of the Parish but that all children in the parish must come first.

f) Independent Administer for GRCC and UBB fund – Cllr. Dave Mossman reported that as a result of his work as Chairman to the Community Liaison Group formed by UBB and Gloucestershire Rural Community Council, he had been awarded a grant of £1500 per year for the next four years by GRCC. He wishes for this to be used in the local community and proposed that small councils with very small precepts could bid for grants for good causes within their Parishes. This fund needs to be paid to an independent local council, not directly connected to the group, and then administered by a panel set up to distribute the funds. It was agreed that Brookthorpe-with-Whaddon Parish Council would act as administrator for these funds.

#### **16/111 PLANNING**

a) New applications for discussion.

There were no applications for discussion.

b) Decisions received from Stroud District Council

S.16/1540/HHOLD Kingfishers **Refused**

S.16/1784/FUL Naas Farm **Refused**

c) Results of planning meeting 8th November.

S.16/2016/HHOLD 6 Hill Mead Two storey extension to rear of the property  
Brookthorpe No objections

S.16/2124/HHOLD Windrush Erection of two storey and alterations to roof  
Upton Lane including demolition of a single storey flat roofed side  
Brookthorpe extension.boundary size, location on  
Objections on development size and location on plot.  
Clerk to request that this application is decided by the  
Development Control Committee.

S.16/2202/OUT Land at Wynstones Drive Hybrid application comprising of proposed  
Brookthorpe demolition of 5 detached houses and 4 flats. Erection of  
19 residential dwellings. Including detailed proposals of  
3 residential dwellings (phase 1) with associated access,  
parking, amenity space and landscaping.  
This application is still under investigation.

#### **16/112 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

No report had been submitted.

#### **16/113 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Cllr. Dave Mossman highlighted the possible negative effects of a forthcoming Judicial Review following the failure of an appeal by developers wanting to build 188+ homes in Berkley.

#### **16/114 ADOPTION OF BT PHONEBOX**

Councillors agreed that adoption of this could become an important asset to the village and may be a possible location for a defibrillator.

#### **16/115 DEFIBRILLATOR UPDATE**

Cllr. L King reported that as a result of enquiries there appeared to be three main ways of supplying the Parish with defibrillators:-

- (i) South West Ambulance – lease for 4 years at a cost of £1800 and £1000 for a second + installation possibly £200, and electricity in the region of £10 - £30. To include training, unlocked cabinet, replacement of equipment as needed, 999 automatic call out when equipment is used
- (ii) British Heart Foundation – £400 grant we replace as required. Buy outright and apply for SW Ambulance accreditation meet SW Ambulance regulations and organise an annual awareness course - £1249 + battery + pads + training.

It was agreed to put this item on the Agenda for February.

**16/116 RISK ASSESSMENT FOR COUNCIL'S FIXED ASSETS**

Cllr. Gordon Simpson was not present and therefore there was no further information for the Council.

**16/117 INFORMATION EXCHANGE FOR COUNCILLORS**

There was no further information to pass onto Councillors.

Cllr. Lynda King stated that the Children's Halloween Party had been a great success bringing local families together.

**16/118 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no questions or comments from the public regarding Parish Council business.

**16/119 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.40 pm

Chairman .....

Date.....