

BROOKTHORPE WITH WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2nd FEBRUARY, 2016

PRESENT

Messrs Stephen Betts [Chairman], David Kaspar, Gordon Simpson, Keith Pearson [District Councillor] Mrs A Rigelsford [Parish Clerk] and 2 members of the public.

16/001 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Lynda King, Debbie Campbell [Community Support Officer]

16/002 CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCLLORS

It was proposed by Cllr Steve Betts and seconded by Cllr Gordon Simpson that both Mrs Joanne Cooke and Miss Colleen Ferris were co-opted onto the Council. The Chairman welcomed them to the the Council and acceptance of offices were signed. The clerk stated that she would arrange training for March.

16/003 MINUTES OF THE MEETING

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

16/004 MATTERS ARISING

a) Grit Bin – It was confirmed that this was now in place and as yet seems to have solved the litter problem.

b) Multi-agency meeting regarding the Gypsy Site – Naas Lane – This meeting was attended by Cllrs Steve Betts and Gordon Simpson together with Mr Eric Hibbert. It was felt that this had been a productive meeting and all agencies were represented. The history of the site and facts surrounding police involvement at the site were outlined. Liaison from the Gypsy community suggested the need for the feeling of security and engagement with the wider community. It was hoped to set up a meeting between the Parish Council and the gypsies living at the site in the near future. Stroud District Council will develop a plan of action that may include a security gate for the site and report back to the Parish Council.

c) To report on meeting with Historic Church Trust regarding bringing St Swithun's Church into use for the Parish – A productive meeting had taken place between Mr Colin Shearer from Historic Church Trust and the Parish Council. It was confirmed by Mr Shearer that as far as the Trust is concerned the Church can be used for groups and activities by the community and encouraged the Council to do so. He will investigate the facilities that are now available, those that would need to be added to the building and how this could be done. The Clerk reminded the Council of the need to engage and consult with the Parish over this project but added that the Council's proposals had been advertised through newsletters, precept demand and minutes of meetings and so far, there had been no representation from parishioners.

16/005 MEMBERS' DECLARATION TO PECUNIARY INTERESTS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Cllr Joanne Cooke declared an interest in item 7c on the Agenda.

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

16/006 FINANCE

a) Cheques for agreement and signature

	Mrs A Rigelsford	Clerk's wages plus £12 home office allowance and £90.67 expenses
£70.00	HMRC	PAYE
£4.00	GAPTC	Good Councillors Guide
£192.00	Brookthorpe Village Hall	Meetings 2015
£2,398.80	Fitzpatrick Woolmer	Sign/Noticeboard (£1399.30 reclaimable)
£19.80	PATA	Payroll (Oct, Nov and Dec) £205.00

£205.00	Mr E Hibbert	Installation of Notice board and Christmas Lights
	b) Cheques signed out of Meeting Mrs A Rigelsford	Clerks Wages plus £12 home office allowance
£70.00	HMRC	PAYE
£172.80	Broxap	Grit Bin
	Powers used for Council's spending	
	Administration	Local Government Act 1972 Section 11
	Grants to Charities	Local Government Act 1972 Section 137
	Grit Bin	Local Government Act 1972 Section 137
	Noticeboard/sign	Local Government Act 1972 Section 137

b) Further Allocation of Grants to the British Heart Foundation and Victim Support. It was agreed to grant these charities £100 each and cheques were duly signed.

16/007 PLANNING

a) New applications for discussion

There were no new applications for discussion

b) Decisions made by Stroud District

S.15/2660/FUL	Whaddon Garage Stroud Road Whaddon	Extension to existing garage APPROVED
S.15/0316/FUL	Land Opposite Brookthorpe House	Appeal – REFUSAL UPHELD

c) To report on requested enforcement investigations for Wynstones School car park extension and Haven Cottage – It was reported that both sites need to apply retrospectively for work carried out that is not in line with the planning policy.

d) Pre-application consultation – Cllr Joanne Cooke outlined plans for the building of a new dwelling on the pony paddock opposite Saddlers Cottage. There are no designed plans at this time. Other Councillors said that they had no objections in principal but questioned where the settlement boundary ran as building outside this would be difficult.

16/008 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

In the absence of County Councillor Jason Burlingham, District Councillor Keith Pearson reported that the County Council had voted to put up their part of the Council Tax by 3.99%. 2% of which will be ring-fenced for Social Care.

16/009 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Keith Pearson reported that the Local Plan had been adopted by Stroud District Council, there being no appeals lodged. He reported that it was already being effective with appeals from developers being won or withdrawn.

An increase of 1.99% to the Stroud District's part of the Council Tax for 2016/17 had been agreed by Councillors.

The idea of devolution of the District has been put on hold for the time being.

16/010 COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO THE DRAFT TRANSPORT PLAN FROM GLOUCESTER COUNTY COUNCIL

There was no response to this consultation.

16/011 INFORMATION EXCHANGE FOR COUNCILLORS

Councillors expressed frustration over the Planning process in relation to application S.15/0316/FUL The Clerk stated that in fact the Council had not asked that this application be taken out of Delegated Powers and be discussed by the Development Control Committee as required. Cllr G Simpson stated that he would draft a letter to the Planning Department. There was no other information to put to the Council.

16/012 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

a) Mr Eric Hibbert gave a Parish Website, Village Hall and Queen’s 90th Birthday Celebration update.

b) Mr Bruce Wiggall stated that the footpath had been cleared from Fagin’s to the roundabout at Upton Lane.

16/013 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 2nd March 2016.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.20 pm

Chairman

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