

BROOKTHORPE WITH WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 7th DECEMBER 2021

PRESENT

Messrs J Hendry [Chairman], Paul Gaze, Mr Rhodri Rhys, Mr Martin Coles [Parish Council's Representative for Whaddon Fields], Mrs A Szabo [Parish Clerk] and 1 member of the public.

21/111 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Dave Kaspar, Cllr Dave Mossman [Stroud District Council], Sue Williams [Gloucestershire County Councillor].

21/112 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd November were agreed and signed as a true record.

21/113 MATTERS ARISING

Enforcement request regarding dumped rubble on land adjacent to Rose Cottage – The Clerk advised that application S.21/2490/FUL will have no bearing on any enforcement being carried out.

Councillors pointed out that we are now a year down the line of a request being put into enforcement to investigate activities taking place at this location and no action has been taken so far. Meanwhile the activities continue to cause disruption. It was suggested by Cllr Dave Mossman that this was unacceptable and that the Parish Council should consider a formal letter of complaint to Kathy O'Leary (Chief Executive, Stroud District Council) Councillors agreed this action and the Clerk together with Cllr Paul Gaze would draft a letter.

Weight restrictions for Upton Lane – The Clerk reported that there was nothing to report on this subject at present.

21/114 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The County Councillors Report had been circulated to Councillors.

21/115 STROUD DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The report from Cllr Dave Mossman was circulated to Councillors.

21/116 WHADDON FIELDS

Martin Coles reported that County Council state that the proposed development is unsustainable and therefore the inspectorate should return the plan for further alterations.

A planning application, by developers, will not be considered until the local plan is adopted. The Joint Core Strategy still want the use of Whaddon Fields to boost their available land supply, although no formal request has been received by Stroud District Council and highways is still a major issue.

21/117 MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

21/118 FINANCE

a) Cheques for signature

	Mrs A Szabo	Wages and £12 home office allowance
£116.60	HMRC	PAYE
£1250.00	Brookthorpe Village Hall	Grant
£750	St Swithun's Churchyard	Grant

b) Review of direct debits and standing order payments.

Gloucestershire Rural Community Council - £25.00 annually

Campaign For Rural England - £36.00 annually

BlueTree - £14.00 monthly. **ALL APPROVED** as necessary spend and to continue.

c) Precept for 2022/23.

The prepared draft budget was circulated to Councillors. It was proposed by Cllr John Hendry and seconded by Cllr Rhodri Rhys that this should be agreed, and the precept set for the next financial year be **£18,300**.

The Chairman added that although the budgeted spend would increase, in recognition of the difficult times this would mean a 0% increase for parishioners. The Clerk added that after doing the figures with the draft tax base supplied by Stroud District Council this would in fact mean a slight reduction for band D taxpayers. **RESOLVED**

21/119 PLANNING

a) Planning Applications for consideration

S.21/2490/FUL	Rose Cottage Stroud Road	Erection of replacement dwelling, garage and stable/ workshop. Change of use to enable extension of residential curtilage.
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Councillors felt that they Strongly objected to these proposals for the following reasons

Policy HC4 No local need

Policy HC5 Footprint over 50% larger than existing building. Design is out of context to what is there at present. Garage and stable/workshop much larger than what is there at present.

S.21/2509/HHOLD	2 Hill Mead Brookthorpe	Demolition of outbuildings, erection of two storey extension and replacement porch.
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No objections

21/120 SPEND ON DRONE TO ASSIST WITH TRAFFIC SURVEY

Mr Martin Coles advised that this would cost £240 and that there was no problems with legality.

It was proposed by Cllr John Hendry and seconded by Cllr Paul Gaze that the Council should agree in principal and the timing decided later. **RESOLVED**

21/121 SPEED TRAFFIC SURVEY REQUEST FOR UPTON AND HARESFIELD LANES

The Clerk advised that this would cost £185 for first site and £103 for second site. It was proposed by Cllr Paul Gaze and seconded by Cllr Rhodri Rhys that the Clerk should arrange for this to be carried out outside Withyrows Farm Haresfield Lane and Days Cottage, Upton Lane. Match Funding may be available. **RESOLVED**

21/122 DONATION TO CHRISTMAS FAIR

It was proposed by Cllr Paul Gaze and seconded Cllr Rhodri Rhys to donate £500 towards this community event. It was agreed to sign the cheque without delay. **RESOLVED**

21/123 REPLACEMENT TREE FOR WHADDON GREEN

Mr Eric Hibbert said that there is nothing to report.

21/124 DONATIONS TO CHARITIES

It was proposed by Cllr John Hendry and Seconded by Cllr Paul Gaze, that donations of £250 each be made to Longfield Hospice and Severn Area Rescue Association.

21/125 INFORMATION FOR COUNCILLORS

The Clerk reported that the bi-monthly asset and defibrillator checks had been carried out. All appeared in good order with nothing to report.

Cllr Paul Gaze reported that the memorial plaque was now in place on the sundial.

21/126 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no further comments or questions from the public

21/127 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 1st February 2022

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.30