

BROOKTHORPE WITH WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 1ST FEBRUARY 2022

PRESENT

Messrs J Hendry [Chairman], Paul Gaze, Mr Martin Coles [Parish Council's Representative for Whaddon Fields], Mrs A Szabo [Parish Clerk] and 4 members of the public.

22/001 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Rhodri Rhys, Dave Kaspar, Cllr Sue Williams [Gloucestershire County Council], Cllr Dave Mossman [Stroud District Council]

The Council was not quorate for this meeting and so no decisions could be made. Only items for updates and information could take place. Items for decision will be deferred until the meeting on 1st March.

22/002 MATTERS ARISING

Enforcement request regarding dumped rubble on land adjacent to Rose Cottage – The Clerk advised that application S.21/2490/FUL and S.21/2868/FUL had both been withdrawn. A formal letter of complaint as to the length of time lapsed and apparent lack of action regarding the ongoing activities had been sent to Kathy O'Leary and this had been forwarded to Griff Bunce for a reply to be received by 11th February.

Weight restrictions for Upton Lane – After conversations with Cllr Paul Gaze the Clerk has invited the Highways representative, Yakub Mulla to meet and tour the Parish to discuss all highway issues. As yet there has been no reply for Yakub.

22/003 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The County Councillors Report had been circulated to Councillors.

22/004 STROUD DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The report from Cllr Dave Mossman was circulated to Councillors.

22/005 WHADDON FIELDS

Martin Coles reported that he is waiting to hear from the Planning Inspectorate and also latest from Black Box later this month.

22/006 FINANCE

a) Cheques signed out of meeting

Mrs A Szabo

Clerk's Wages and Home Office Allowance

£12.00

HMRC

PAYE

b) To receive Internal Audit Report – Cllr Paul Gaze in the absence of Cllr Rhodri Rhys.

This report had been circulated to Councillors. There were no questions and the balance on 29th December stood at £33,449.44.

c) To receive latest Budget Control figures – The latest budget control figures had been circulated and there were no questions or comments.

22/007 PLANNING

a) Decisions received from Stroud District Council.

S.21/2490/FUL Rose Cottage

Withdrawn

S.21/2509/HHOLD 2 Hill Mead

Granted

S.21/2868/FUL Land adjacent to Rose Cottage

Withdrawn

22/008 SPEED TRAFFIC SURVEY REQUEST FOR UPTON AND HARESFIELD LANES

The Clerk advised that Cllr Sue Williams has agreed to fund these surveys and they are due to take place in April during school term time.

22/009 ASSET AND DEFIBRILLATOR REPORTS

The Clerk advised the Council that these had been completed and there were no issues to report.

22/010 INFORMATION FOR COUNCILLORS

Missing Link – Cllr Paul Gaze suggested that the Parish Council regularly submit articles for Missing Link Newssheet. The Clerk stated that she has no time allowance for this, and that the website is kept up to date. Cllr Paul Gaze volunteered to do this.

St Swithun's Churchyard – Cllr Paul Gaze stated that he had been working to clear up the entrance by the gates. This work was now completed but new fencing will now be needed. The Clerk suggested that this be put on the Agenda for 1st March and the Council could use money for village enhancement budget.

22/011 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Comments, by members of the public, were made as to the need for enforcement action on Sheil House and land adjacent to Rose Cottage. Discussion followed with insults and verbal threats made to Councillors and a member of the public by Mr Shane Bishop and son, and one other person. The Clerk was asked to contact the police with regard to threats and behaviour at a statutory public meeting.

A member of the public requested that the Parish Council find out how long the Ecological study on land adjacent to Rose Cottage by the District Council will take.

Comments were made by members of the public as to the lack of attendance by Stroud District and County Councillors. The Clerk was asked to request that they attend the next meeting.

The Clerk was asked to contact MP Siobhan Bailey's office for confirmation as to a possible surgery to take place at Brookthorpe Village Hall 11th March.

The Council took note of a complaint regarding the abusive and disruptive behaviour of children attending "Belong" (Wynstones School) and the lack of control by the adults in charge.

There were no further comments or questions from the public

22/012 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 1st March 2022

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.08

Chairman

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