

BROOKTHORPE WITH WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 1ST MARCH 2022

PRESENT

Paul Gaze [Chairman], Rhodri Rhys, Dave Kaspar, Cllr Dave Mossman [Stroud District Council] [via zoom], Cllr Sue Williams [Gloucestershire County Council], Mr Martin Coles [Parish Council's Representative for Whaddon Fields], Mrs A Szabo [Parish Clerk] and 8 members of the public.

22/013 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Messrs J Hendry.

22/014 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th December 2021 and 1st February 2022 were agreed and signed as a true records.

22/015 MATTERS ARISING

Meeting with County Highways – The Chairman informed the Council that he is due to meet Yakub Muller on 29th March and a list is being compiled for inclusion.

22/016 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The County Councillor's Report had been circulated to Councillors. Cllr Sue Williams outlined particular points that she felt were particularly relevant to Brookthorpe-with-Whaddon.

22/017 STROUD DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Dave Mossman reported that the Inspector is due to report early 2022 on the Draft Local Plan, and that the impact on Highways remains crucial to the acceptance of Whaddon Fields. A consultant report is due to be received by Stroud District Council later this weekend, then consultations will take place with Gloucestershire County Council.

Speaking with regard to Planning Enforcement, he recognised that Covid has had its impact and fully supported the need for all officers to return to the office where they are available during normal working hours.

22/018 WHADDON FIELDS

Martin Coles stated that he was waiting for an update from Black Box. He questioned the report being compiled by Stroud District Council and suggested that Black Box were unlikely to accept it. It was however, pointed out by Cllr Dave Mossman that Black Box were not the planning authority and it was not up to them to accept it.

21/019 MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

22/020 FINANCE

a) Cheques for signature

Mrs A Szabo		Clerk's Wages and Home Office Allowance £12.00 and £92.79 expenses
£116.60	HMRC	PAYE
£150.00	Brookthorpe Village Hall	Internet and Telephone Line
£126.00	Brookthorpe Village Hall	Meetings
£250.00	Longfield Hospice	Grant
£250.00	Severn Area Rescue Association	Grant

b) Cheques signed out of meeting

Mrs A Szabo	Clerk's Wages and Home Office Allowance £12.00 plus £26.80 expenses
HMRC	PAYE

c) Independent Auditor – It was proposed by Cllr Dave Kaspar and Seconded by Cllr Paul Gaze that GAPTC should be asked to carry out the Independent Audit for the financial year 2021/22 at a cost of £75.00.

22/021 PLANNING

a) Planning applications for consideration

S.22/0272/HHOLD	Broad Acres Upton Lane Brookthorpe	Demolish storeroom and car port and extend Kitchen and first floor bedroom with en-suite. Demolish existing garage and construct and relocate proposed garage.
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Cllrs had no objections to these proposals.

S.22/0329/LBC	Brookthorpe Court Farmhouse Stroud Road Brookthorpe	Replacement windows
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Cllrs had no objections to these proposals.

b) Decisions received from Stroud District Council.

S21/3051/HHOLD	Replacement Entrance Lobby	APPROVED
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22/022 DRONE TO ASSIST TRAFIC SURVEY

It was agreed that the test footage was excellent. It was suggested by Cllr Dave Mossman that this should be approved by the District and County Councils first so that it can be ensured that this can be used as evidence. Martin Coles agreed to make contact in this regard.

22/023 REPLACEMENT STILES ON LAND ADJACENT TO ROSE COTTAGE

It was proposed by Cllr Paul Gaze and Seconded by Rhodri Rhys that in principle the Parish Council would donate £500 towards the predicted cost of £1200 to replace stiles with metal kissing gates should the landowner be ordered to do so by Public Rights of Way. **RESOLVED**

22/024 FURTHER ACTION FOLLOWING COMPLAINT TO STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL REGARDING ENFORCEMENT COMPLAINT

Cllr Dave Mossman stated that planning enforcement was extremely difficult as perpetrators of illegal developments often played an extremely frustrating game and knew how to delay matters. However, the amount of lapsed time has no bearing on the final outcome.

Dave volunteered to escalate this complaint on behalf of the Parish Council. This to include all historical outstanding enforcement issues. Cllr Paul Gaze to attend any meetings on behalf of the Parish Council. The Clerk to draw up a list of outstanding issues.

22/025 ZOOM MEETING REGISTRATION

It was proposed by Cllr Rhodri Rhys and seconded by Cllr Paul Gaze that the Council should continue to subscribe to Zoom meetings at a cost of £14.39 per month so that Cllr Dave Mossman can join meetings. **RESOLVED**

22/026 ENTRANCE FENCE TO ST SWITHUNS CHURCHYARD

Deferred until April's meeting.

22/027 PROPOSED PARLIAMENTARY BOUNDARY CHANGES

It was Proposed by Cllr Paul Gaze and Seconded by Cllr Dave Kaspar, that the Parish Council should strongly object on geographical grounds, that there would be no recognisable centre to the huge area and that proposed new developments would ensure that the figures would be out of date by the time this came into force. **RESOLVED**

22/028 20 MPH SPEED LIMIT FOR RESIDENTIAL AREAS

It was Proposed by Cllr Paul Gaz and Seconded by Cllr Dave Kaspar that the Parish Council support the New Policy from Gloucester County Council whereby Local Councils can request the introduction of 20mph speed limit in residential areas. The time and cost of this would be substantially reduced. It would be anticipated that this could be used for Upton Lane. **RESOLVED**

22/029 BUILD BACK BETTER GRANT

It was suggested that the Village Hall could use this grant towards new heating for the hall. Information was passed onto the Chairman of the Village Hall committee.

22/030 REPLACEMENT TREE FOR WHADDON GREEN

After a discussion it was Proposed by Cllr Dave Kaspar that he donate an Ashmead Colonel Apple tree at a cost of £50 for stake and protector. Seconded by Cllr Rhodri Rhys. **RESOLVED**

22/031 QUEEN’S JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

It was proposed by Cllr Rhodri Rhys and Seconded by Cllr Dave Kaspar that the Parish Council donate £1000 towards this event that would be free for Parishioners to attend. **RESOLVED**

22/032 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting take place on 24th May and that the Severn Area Rescue Association be asked to give a presentation.

22/033 INFORMATION FOR COUNCILLORS

The Clerk informed Cllrs that a planning application has been received and that there may be need of a planning meeting.

There was no other information to pass on to Cllrs.

22/034 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

It was asked if the Parish Council had heard anything more from the Police after the antisocial behaviour by members of the public at last month’s meeting. The Clerk informed him that nothing more had been heard.

There were no further comments or questions from the public.

22/035 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 5th April 2022

The meeting was suspended at this point and public was asked to leave.

22/036 CONDUCT OF COUNCILLORS

Following a complaint by a Parishioner regarding misuse of power and bullying by Cllrs. The Clerk reported that this had been passed to the Monitoring Officer at Stroud District Council and that at this stage it appeared that there was no case to answer.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.15

Chairman

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