Appendix A

Chairman’s Report 2017/2018

Brookthorpe-with-Whaddon Parish Council

First, I would like to thank you all and the Parish Council for your attendance this evening.

Some special thanks past and present goes to Anne Rigelsford (our clerk) for her continued support and expertise in many subjects related to the Parish Councils wellbeing.

Thank you to the following for their past and continued support.

• Village Hall Committee.

• County Councillor.

• District Councillors,

Special thanks to David Mossman for his continue support.

• Village Wardens.

• Local Police for their support.

• Eric Hibbert Website.

• Paul Gaze for all that he gives back to the village.

• The small number of the Parish who attend meetings and have contributed whenever possible.

The last year has been a challenging year for the Parish Council and I personally would like to thank them all for joining this great parish we all live in and love.

Steve Betts (Chairman).

Gordon Simpson (Vice Chairman).

Lynda King.

Dave Kasper

 John Hendry

Vacant (Any Volunteers)

It has been a big and challenging year for the council members. However, in the past year we have dealt with the following:

**Grants**

St Margaret’s PCC £500

Samaritans £100

Stroud Valleys Project £100

Winstones wish £100

Village Hall £950.

Village Events - Summer Fair £1000, Christmas Fair £1500

BT Phone Box £1.00

Precept £ 13,250.00

**PLANNING**

Several applications were passed although several objections were made and many rejected. And some referred to DCC. I strongly believe that SDC need to be more supportive and understanding when dealing with planning applications that are affecting residents within Brookthorpe-with-Whaddon Parish.

**Traveller’s site**

We have not had any reported issues but have been advised that Stroud District Council are still monitoring the site closely.

**Burglarys.**

There’s been a massive increase over the past twelve months in break-ins affecting house

Dwellings, out buildings, farms, and agriculture businesses. The focus this year will be to continue finding ways to improve and protect the Parish. With closest working relationship with the Police.

**APPROVAL OF GATED VILLAGE SCHEME FOR HARESFIELD AND UPTON LANES**

Councillors voted to go ahead with the scheme at a cost to the Council of approximately £5,000 for three gates. The rest of the cost will be divided between Gloucestershire Highways and Cllr Jason Burlingham from his fund for local parishes. This I can now confirm plans have been approved and the gates have now been fitted with just the road marking to be completed.

Subject to the feedback and success of this scheme other areas of concerns will also be considered to ensure road safety within the parish. This will also include solar power speed signs that will hopefully be fitted this year.

**Verge Cutting**

One extra cut per year will be carried out after raised concerns were made by the public

In relations to safety and visibility. This was implemented and the feedback was positive.

This will be on going.

**Defibrillators for Brookthorpe with Whaddon**

Contract have now been signed the units will be installed shortly.

BT Red phone Box Village Hall and outside St Margaret Church

I will continue to do my best in serving the parish and thank you all for your time this evening.

Kind regards

Steve Betts

Chairman Brookthorpe-with-Whaddon Parish Council.