

BROOKTHORPE WITH WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 3rd MAY 2022

PRESENT

Messrs John Hendry [Chairman], Paul Gaze, Rhodri Stokes-Rhys, Dave Kaspar, Mr Martin Coles [Parish Council's Representative for Whaddon Fields], Mrs A Szabo [Parish Clerk] and 5 members of the public.

22/054 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

22/055 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th April 2022 were agreed and signed as a true record.

22/056 MATTERS ARISING

Drone evidence for St Barnabas Roundabout – Martin Coles reported that the video of the area as it stands has been completed. The traffic evidence is to be completed.

Outstanding Planning Enforcements – Cllr Paul Gaze stated that there was nothing to report on this subject and that he is still waiting for a meeting with Stroud District Council to take place.

Access to Kalisco Farm – Gloucester County Council Licencing Department have carried out a site visit and found no evidence of large amounts of rubble being dumped. The Clerk was asked to investigate the legality of the new access with County Highways.

Annual Parish Meeting – It was agreed that this meeting should follow the same format as in previous years. Refreshments this year to be cheese and cider or apple juice. Cllr Dave Kaspar agreed to provide the cider and apple juice on sale or return basis.

22/057 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The County Councillors report has been circulated.

22/058 STROUD DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

There was no report from the District Councillor as the Clerk was unable to admit Cllr Dave Mossman to the meeting via zoom.

22/059 WHADDON FIELDS

Martin Coles stated that Historic England are able to prevent building behind the church. He is now working with a new GCC member for housing. He is trying to get a meeting with the JCS. The traffic modelling has not been done yet. It will be about 2 years before the process has gone through and a report published.

21/060 MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

22/061 FINANCE

a) Cheque for signature

Cheque No	Amount	Payee	Reason
1181		Mrs A Szabo	Clerk's Wages, Home Office Allowance £12.00 plus £30.59 expenses
1182	£95.40	PATA	Payroll
1183	£80.30	GAPTC	Subscription

Powers used for Council's spending
General Power of Competence – Power of first resort

b) Internal Audit Report – Cllr Rhodri Stokes-Rhys stated that he had examined the financial records for January – April 2022 and all was fine.

22/062 PLANNING

a) Planning applications for consideration

S.22/0584/VAR Land at Wynstones Drive Variation of condition 15 – Removal of
Brookthorpe Permitted Development rights.

Councillors felt that they could not determine this application as the application letter is unclear and does not appear to link with the approval conditions 15. On the assumption that it is conditions 1, 16 and 22, the councillors wish to object.

S.22/0690/FUL Land at Grange Farm Conversion of existing agricultural
Upton Lane building into single dwelling.
No objections

S.22/0556/HHOLD Gardeners Cottage Rear single storey extension, new front
Church Lane porch and external alterations.

Whaddon

No objections

b) Decisions made by Stroud District Council

S.22/0031/LBC Yew Tree Farm **CONSENT**

22/063 PRESERVATION TREATMENT FOR BUS SHELTERS

It was proposed by Cllr John Hendry and seconded by Cllr Paul Gaze that Mr Eric Hibbert be asked to carry out the work for £270.

22/064 VERGE CUTTING AGREEMENT WITH GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

The Clerk advised the council that she is investigating the possibilities of incorporating an annual uplift into the contract. At present the County Council pay the Parish Council £411, for one cut, to carry out the verge cutting on the Parish’s B roads and lanes. With increasing costs, the benefit of this is being eroded. This year the Parish Council will pay £827.60 for two cuts plus around the pumping station.

22/065 PARISH COUNCIL STALL AT JUBILEE FAIR

It was agreed to hold an informal meeting Wednesday 11th 7.30pm at Fagin’s to discuss how the Council will develop their stall.

22/066 INFORMATION FOR COUNCILLORS

The Clerk informed the Council that the contract for ongoing defibrillator support is underway. SWAS have agreed to uphold free support for the defibrillator situated in Fagin’s.

The Clerk advised the Council that she had claimed this last CIL payment of from Stroud District Council. £1215.48. The Council will have 5 years to use this money to help with infrastructure.

The Council had been asked to pay towards a new gravel entrance to St Swithun’s Church. The Clerk advised the Council that as this was also to benefit a private residence, the Council was unable to do this.

Cllr Dave Kaspar notified the Council that Siobhan Baillie had visited the farm to gain knowledge of Environment and Food. Whilst there, she stated that she had also registered her opposition against proposed boundary changes.

22/067 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr Eric Hibbert suggested that there could be more Parish Council representation at Village Hall events. He also advised that the Village Hall Committee were expecting to receive up to £10,000 from the Build Back Better fund from Cllr Sue Williams.

A member of the public requested that the Parish Council write to the Chief Executive of Stroud District Council regarding the continued lack of enforcement at land adjacent to Rose Cottage. It was suggested that the Parish Council refer the matter to the Ombudsman re non action and maladministration over the last 18 months. It was explained that the Council had already registered a complaint and it was hoped to meet with the Enforcement Department in the near future. The Clerk was asked to add this item to the June Agenda.

22/068 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 7th June 2022.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.36.

Chairman

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