

Chairman's Report 2016/2017

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 Council's wellbeing.

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

- Village Hall Committee.
- County Councillor.
- District Councillors, **Special thanks** to David Mossman & Tom Skinner
- 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.

We also have a new member who I would like to thank and welcome, John Hendry on to the parish Council, and would also like to thank both Jo Cook and Katie Murphy for the short time they gave and wish them both well for the future.

- 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 – Issued

Village Hall £1,000.00

St Margaret's, £1000.00 - £500.00 Was held from last year for roof

St Swithuns £300.00

Air Ambulance £150.00

CAB £50.00

Precept £13500.00

PLANNING –

Several applications were passed although several objections were made and many rejected. 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.

Travellers site – some improvement has been made. But Stroud District Council going forward need to take more of an active role in the management of the site and the safety to the Parish.

Burglary's.

There been a massive increase over the past twelve months in break-ins affecting house dwellings, out buildings, farms, and agriculture businesses. I myself was a victim of this last October.

The focus this year will be finding ways to improve and protect the Parish.

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 will be installed shortly. Subject to the feedback and success of this scheme other areas of concerns will also be considered to ensure road safety within the parish.

We now have full approval and these will be installed within the next couple of months.



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



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.