

# BROOKTHORPE WITH WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 6<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022

### PRESENT

Messrs John Hendry [Chairman], Rhodri Stokes-Rhys, David Kaspar, Mr Martin Coles [Parish Council's Representative for Whaddon Fields], Mrs A Szabó [Parish Clerk] and 4 members of the public.

### 22/086 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

County Cllr Sue Williams [Gloucestershire County Councillor], Cllr Paul Gaze

### 22/087 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS

The minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022 and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, 3<sup>rd</sup> May were agreed and signed as a true records.

### 22/088 MATTERS ARISING

Drone evidence for St Barnabas Roundabout –It was agreed to delay the survey so to make it relevant when needed.

Uplift in Payment from Gloucestershire County Council for payment to opt-out of verge cutting for Parish B roads. The clerk reported that the Parish Council had not been granted an uplift for this payment.

### 22/089 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The County Councillor's report had been circulated to Councillors.

### 22/090 STROUD DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

There was no report submitted from Cllr Dave Mossman.

### 22/091 WHADDON FIELDS

Mr Coles reported that Adam Fuchs the Senior Planning Officer [Gloucester City Council] had reported that the Gloucester Urban Study Reports due in September would not be ready till November. Also, that Stroud will not allocate Whaddon Fields, unless requested by Gloucester, and he is waiting for confirmation from the legal department but believes Gloucester cannot request it without JSP agreement. The JSP plan will be issued in winter 2024 at the earliest and unless the plan includes Whaddon Fields, SDC cannot commit to agree the plans till 2025.

However, Conner from Black box, representing Taylor Wimpey, believes this can be shortened if they submit a planning application next summer, and if rejected, appeal, even if the SDC plan is not ready at this time.

It was commented by a member of the public that Liz Truss had committed in her manifesto to abolish the current housing targets so there is a little more hope this may not go ahead.

### 21/092 MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

### 22/093 FINANCE

#### a) Cheque for signature

Cheque No	Amount	Payee	Reason
1194		Mrs A Szabo	Clerk's Wages, Home Office Allowance £24.00 (July and August) plus £84.56 expenses
1195	£270.00	Mr E Hibbert	Bus Shelters
1196	£796.56	Mr D Davies	Verge Cutting

#### b) Cheques signed out of meeting

1188		Mrs A Szabo	Clerks Wages, £16.40 expenses and £12.00 home office
1189	£175.00	GAPTC	Independent Audit
1190	£547.46	Mr D Davies	Verge Cutting
1193	£583.34	Mrs A Szabo	Clerks Wages

c) Independent Audit Report

Councillors discussed and agreed that the report had no negative points to work on, but would act on the recommendations regarding the grants policy.

d) Internal Audit Report

Cllr John Hendry reported that all appeared to be in order and recorded correctly. The balance stood at £36580.29

**22/094 PLANNING**

a) Planning applications for consideration

S.22/1745/FUL	Cross Farm, Colthorp, Haresfield	Culverting stream, modification of land levels and landscaping <b>There were no objections to this proposal</b>
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b) Decisions received from Stroud District Council.

S.22/0896/FUL	Land Adjacent to Rose Cottage	Permission
S.21/1139/VAR	Wynstones Drive	Permission
S.22/0690/FUL	Grange Farm	Permission
S.22/0691/LBC	Grange Farm	Permission
S.22/1156/FUL	Rose Cottage	Permission
S.22/0556//HHOLD	Gardeners Cottage	Permission

**22/095 HIGHWAYS**

The Council were notified of the following items

Closure Naas Lane – 26<sup>th</sup> September 09.30-15.30

Speed restrictions – Brookthorpe, 19<sup>th</sup> September – 3<sup>rd</sup> October

Rolling closure of Stroud Road 9<sup>th</sup> September

Verge cutting contract – The Clerk explained that there had been a mix up with Gloucestershire County Council regarding the verge cutting of the Parish's B roads and their contractors had already carried out the work when Mr Davies arrived. Hopefully this has now been clarified with the County Council's contractors.

**22/096 ASSET AND DEFIBRILLATOR REPORTS**

The Clerk reported that she had checked the assets and defibrillators. The shelter on the north side of Stroud Road at Whaddon is in need of repair. Mr Hibbert is aware and will be asked to submit a quote for the work so that it can be added to the budget for next year. Wood preservative to the timber bus shelters has been completed.

The bench adjacent to this bus shelter appears to be redundant as any view had disappeared due to vegetation. The Clerk recommends its relocation. Cllrs agreed to investigate this. There was nothing else to add to last month's report.

**22/097 INFORMATION FOR COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Dave Kaspar reported excessive noise into the early hours of the morning at a property hosting what we believe was a wedding on the hill at Edge, owned by Detmar Blow. A member of the public reported hearing the music as far away as Whaddon. The PC has agreed to report this to the police as this is a public order / nuisance offence.

Cllr Dave Kaspar added that they were hosting a wedding at Days Cottage on 10/09/22 but there would be a curfew at 23:00. There is also an open day on 16/10/22 but this is between 13:00 and 16:00 so there should be no issues.

**22/098 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Belong Learning Whaddon – It was reported that there had recently been several incidents of intimidation, criminal damage and anti-social behaviour perpetrated by students of this unit. The Clerk was asked to contact Cllr Sue Williams and Belong Learning regarding this matter.

St Swithun’s Church – It was reported that St Swithun’s church, a listed building is in a poor state of repair with holes in the roof and missing masonry. Martin Coles has agreed to speak with a structural engineer regarding this matter.

Public Rights of Way – It was also reported that there are a number of footpath signs missing and large mounds of earth blocking footpaths on land owned by Chris Ratcliff. Martin Coles who is the chairman of the local rambler’s association has agreed to review this.

**22/099 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.40.

Chairman .....

Date.....