

BROOKTHORPE WITH WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 4th OCTOBER 2022

PRESENT

Messrs John Hendry [Chairman], Paul Gaze, Rhodri Stokes-Rhys, David Kaspar, Mr Martin Coles [Parish Council's Representative for Whaddon Fields], Mrs A Szabó [Parish Clerk] and 1 member of the public.

22/100 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence

22/101 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th September 2022 were agreed and signed as a true record.

22/102 MATTERS ARISING

Belong Learning, Whaddon – The Clerk reported that she had written, on behalf of the Council to the CEO but had had no response. The County Council response had been followed up by Cllr Sue Williams and circulated. She had also followed this up with the Police. Local residents reported that negotiations are ongoing and there should be more news next month. A couple of the young people have been removed from the school and banned from the area. Minor problems have continued. There is 18 months left to the lease and they are looking for alternative premises.

Excessive Noise Complaint – The Clerk reported that she had written to Detmar Blow but had had no response. She advised that Cllrs and members of the public should contact the Police while the offence is taking place and Stroud District Council's Environmental Department as soon as possible after the event.

Public Rights of Way, blocked footpaths – these have been reported to the Ramblers Association and information passed on regarding reporting to County Council.

22/103 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

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

It was suggested that Cllr Williams be contacted regarding the proposed new powers to improve road safety. Cllrs queried whether this would include weight restrictions.

22/104 STROUD DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

There was no report submitted from Cllr Dave Mossman.

22/105 WHADDON FIELDS

Mr Martin Coles reported that Taylor Wimpey is working on their traffic modelling for local junctions. It was reported that they still wish to put forward a planning application to Stroud District Council early next year. It was suggested that Black Box be invited to a public meeting to put forward their proposals.

21/106 MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

22/107 FINANCE

a) Cheque for signature

Cheque No	Amount	Payee	Reason
1198		Mrs A Szabo	Clerk's Wages, Home Office Allowance £12.00 (July and August) plus £19.79 expenses

b) Cheques signed out of meeting

1196	£796.56	Mr D Davies	Verge Cutting
1195	£270.00	Mr E Hibbert	Bus Shelter Maintenance

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

22/108 PLANNING

a) Planning applications for consideration
S.22/1977/VAR
White House
Stroud Road
Whaddon

Removal of Condition (c) (Agricultural
Occupancy) of application G.4066

Cllrs **objected** to this proposal as there is still need for agricultural dwellings in the parish and precedent for future development.

b) Council’s response to further consultation, from inspectorate, regarding additional technical documents relating to transport, infrastructure and viability and published background evidence on the accessibility of sites to services and facilities, put forward by Stroud District Council for the local plan.

Mr Martin Coles had already been in touch with Georgina Wood to help to draft a response. This consultation is for new information only. Mr Coles agreed to keep the Parish Council updated on progress.

22/109 HIGHWAYS

There were no new highways issues to report. However, the Clerk was asked to write to manager of Gloucester Services, in the first instance. The rear gate into services appears to be open more often than not, and people are using it for access.

22/110 INTERACTIVE SPEED SIGNS FOR UPTON LANE AND HARESFIELD LANE

Deferred to next meeting and in the meantime the Clerk to contact Yakub Mulla regarding legislation and positioning.

22/111 INFORMATION FOR COUNCILLORS

Precept – The Clerk reported that the final payment of £9,150 had been paid into the Council’s account by Stroud District Council.

The Clerk reminded Cllrs that a pre-precept meeting would need to be scheduled next month.

Defibrillator Training – The Clerk reminded Cllrs as part of the contract with Southwestern Ambulance Service we are requested to hold free training once a year. It was suggested that this takes place in March next year. The Clerk to book.

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) – The Clerk reported that she had claimed £2805.42 for April to September. This must be spent within 5 years for the benefit of local residents.

Registering of community assets to be put on the agenda for next month

Grants – The Clerk reminded everyone that the applications for grants are due in by 18th October.

St Swithun’s Church – Church Conservation Trust are now responsible and they are aware of the structural issues due to age and weather conditions. This has been surveyed and now is 3rd on list for allocation for money. A strong community interest and match funding would need to be proven in order to secure funding.

22/112 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no further questions from the public

22/113 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 1st November 2022.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.34.