

BROOKTHORPE WITH WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 6th DECEMBER 2022

PRESENT

Messrs John Hendry [Chairman], Paul Gaze, Rhodri Stokes-Rhys, Mrs A Szabó [Parish Clerk] and 3 members of the public.

22/135 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Dave Kaspar and Sue Williams [Gloucestershire County Councillor]

There were no other apologies for absence.

22/136 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st November 2022 were agreed and signed as a true record.

22/137 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising

22/138 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

No report had been submitted

22/139 STROUD DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

No report had been submitted

22/140 WHADDON FIELDS

Mr Martin Coles reported that he had been advised that the proposed abolition of housing targets will not affect the possible development at Whaddon Fields.

21/141 MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

22/142 FINANCE

a) Cheques for signature

Cheque No	Amount	Payee	Reason
1201		Mrs A Szabo	Clerk's Wages, Home Office Allowance £12.00 plus £27.00 expenses
1202	£1200	Brookthorpe Village Hall	Newsletter
1203	£750	St Swithun's Church	Grant – Churchyard upkeep
1204	£1750	Brookthorpe Village Hall	Grant – Hall refurbishment
1205	£1000	Brookthorpe Village Hall	Community Christmas Event

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

b) Precept

The Council agreed to set a precept of £18,300 for the financial year 2023/24.

The Chairman reported that the proposed budget indicates almost a 11% increase but given the financial situation at present, the proposed increase would be absorbed out of reserves. The proposal was proposed by Cllr Rhodri Stokes-Rhys and seconded by Cllr Paul Gaze. **RESOLVED**

22/143 PLANNING

a) Planning applications for consideration

There were no news applications for consideration.

b) Planning decisions received from Stroud District Council

S.22/1977/VAR White House Removal of agricultural occupancy **REFUSED**

22/144 INTERACTIVE SPEED SIGNS FOR UPTON LANE AND HARESFIELD LANE

It was agreed to go ahead with a bid to the County Council Safer Communities fund for mobile signs. Proposed Cllr Hendry seconded by Cllr Gaze, to be actioned by Cllr Hendry. **RESOLVED**

22/145 MEETING WITH BLACK BOX

It was agreed to work with Tuffley and Gloucester City Council to hold a public meeting with Black Box once new traffic modelling is released sometime in the new year.

22/146 DARK SKIES SURVEY

It was agreed that Dark Skies Status would be problematic here due to the light pollution already from the golf range, Motorway Service Area. The Clerk was asked to request that Cllr Dave Kaspar respond to this survey.

22/147 INFORMATION FOR COUNCILLORS

Cllr Rhodri Stokes-Rhys informed the Council about a new barrier that has been installed at the Traveller’ site in Naas Lane. As this blocks a public Rupp and right of way, this has been passed to County Highways and Public Right of Way to take action.

22/148 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr Eric Hibbert thanked the Council for its support of the Village Hall. The builder is due to begin work in the new year. It is expecting that the hall will be open for Parish Council meeting in February. If there is any money left over from the Christmas Event this will be used towards an opening event.

There were no further questions from the public

22/149 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 7th February 2023.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.10.

Chairman

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