

BROOKTHORPE WITH WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 7th MARCH 2023

PRESENT

Messrs John Hendry [Chairman], Paul Gaze, Rhodri Stokes-Rhys, Cllr Sue Williams [County Councillor], Cllr Stephen Davies [District Councillor], Mrs A Szabó [Parish Clerk], Mr Martin Coles and 3 members of the public.

23/019 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Dave Kaspar, CPSO Debbie Collicott.

There were no other apologies for absence.

23/020 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th February 2023 were agreed and signed as a true record.

23/021 MATTERS ARISING

Application for funding for interactive speed signs for Upton Lane and Haresfield Lane. Still pending. Enforcement Action for Public Rights of Way – The Chairman reported that action is being taken by Gloucester County Council about the reinstatement of path EBR 27 although a retrospective application may be received. They are also looking into other paths on Mr Ratcliff's land that may also be blocked due to development. Stroud District Council may be looking into breaches of the planning permission for the lakes.

It was also stated that action is being taken to reopen the EBR 25 at Naas Lane but this will include the help of other agencies.

23/022 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The report from Cllr Sue Williams had not been received but would be circulated to Councillors as soon as is practicable.

23/023 STROUD DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Stephen Davies reported that Stroud District Council has agreed an anti-inflation budget which will increase their part of the Council Tax by 4.9%. Council tenant rent will increase by 10%. There is likely to be no new investment in the forthcoming year.

The Local Plan inspection is now underway, and Cllr Davies felt that Whaddon may not survive the inspection process, mainly due to the significant highways concerns, due to no solution to St Barnabas roundabout.

23/024 MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

23/025 FINANCE

a) Cheques for signature

Cheque No	Amount	Payee	Reason
1211		Mrs A Szabo	Clerk's Wages, Home Office Allowance and Expenses of £70.79

b) Internal Auditor's Report

Cllr John Henry reported that Cheque no 1197 For South Western Ambulance Service for £3,360.00 had still not been minuted. Councillors agreed that this cheque was in order and declared it should be regarded as minuted.

Cheques 1195 and 1196 appear in both minutes for September and October. Clerk apologised for this mistake and could see no reason why this was so.

Two Cheques made to the Village Hall had no notice of receipt. The Clerk stated that she would request from the Village Hall.

c) Independent Audit for financial year 2022/23

It was agreed to contract GAPTC to carry out this again at a cost of £175.

23/026 PLANNING

a) Planning applications for consideration

S.23/0327/FUL Gloucester Asbestos Specialists
Stroud Road
Brookthorpe

Erection of workshop and storage building
Cllrs had no objections to this application.

b) Planning decisions received from Stroud District Council
There had been no new decisions received.

23/027 WHADDON FIELDS

Martin Coles reported that the County Council have come out against both Sharpness and Whaddon in their report. Still waiting for Joint Core Strategy to report any need.

23/028 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

A date was set for 23rd May to hold the Annual Parish Meeting. It was decided to invite the Police Crime Commissioner.

23/029 INCREASE IN CLERKS HOURS

It was agreed to increase the Clerk’s hours from 8 to 8.5 hours a week at a cost of £437.50 per year. Proposed by Cllr Paul Gaze and seconded by Cllr John Hendry.

23/030 INFORMATION FOR COUNCILLORS

Defibrillator Awareness Session – The Clerk reported that this session had to be cancelled due to lack of interest. She suggested that another session could be linked to the summer event.

Coronation of King Charles III – The Village Hall to hold an event on May 6th. The Clerk was asked to add this to the Agenda for April.

Cllr Paul Gaze reported that Brookthorpe school was now operational.

Cllr Paul Gaze reported that Cotswold Homes sewerage and drainage is to be put in soon and it will affect Haresfield Lane.

Change of date May meeting – It was decided to change the date of the May meeting to May 9th with the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council (AGM) to take place beforehand.

23/031 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no further questions from the public.

23/132 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 4th April 2023.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.24.

Chairman

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