

# BROOKTHORPE WITH WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 9<sup>th</sup> MAY 2023

### PRESENT

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

### 23/049 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Dave Kaspar, Cllr Stephen Davies [District Councillor]

There were no other apologies for absence.

### 23/050 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023 were agreed and signed as a true record.

### 23/051 MATTERS ARISING

Application for funding of interactive speed signs for Upton Lane and Haresfield Lane – Still pending. Enforcement Action for Public Rights of Way – It is believed that a diversion order is to be sought for EBR 27 (Fishing Lakes) and that Police assistance has been requested for the removal of barriers at Mount View, Gypsy site, Naas Lane.

### 23/052 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The report from Cllr Sue Williams had been circulated to Cllrs.

### 23/053 STROUD DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

No report received.

### 23/054 MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

### 23/055 FINANCE

#### a) Cheques for signature

Cheque No	Amount	Payee	Reason
1213		Mrs A Szabo	Clerk's Wages, Home Office Allowance (April and May) and £16.20 expenses
1214	£80.30	GAPTC	Subscription
1215	£73.20	BlueTree	Domain Renewal
1216	£750.00	Brookthorpe Village Hall	King's Coronation Event
1217	£103.00	PATA	Payroll Services
1218	£891.76	Gallagher Insurance	Insurance
1219	£40.00	Information Commissioner	Data Protection

#### b) Payments into account

£411.12	Gloucestershire County Council	Verge Cutting
£9,150.00	Stroud District Council	Precept
£6,655.23	Stroud District Council	CIL

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

### 23/056 PLANNING

#### a) Planning applications for consideration

There were no new applications for discussion.

#### b) Planning decisions received from Stroud District Council

There were no decisions received from the District Council.

### 23/057 WHADDON FIELDS

Mr Coles reported that the Draft District Plan was being challenged by the inspector. It appears that due to public transport issues with both rail and buses, development at Sharpness is in doubt. Gloucestershire County Council have raised concerns over the viability of motorway junctions and the proposed pedestrian bridge as part of the Winslow development is considered undeliverable.

The Whaddon fields site is also suffering from public transport issues with Stagecoach not willing to run a service through the development or along Stroud Road to St Barnabas due to congestion. The proposed plan would be to run the service through Tuffley Lane and Firwood Drive.

An outline planning application for 2,140 homes has been received by the District Council even though this site is not allocated in the Local Plan.

**23/058 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

The Clerk reported that the agenda would be going out next week. All invited guests, except the Police, will be in attendance. It was agreed that the Clerk should purchase the usual refreshments of cheese and wine.

**23/059 STRATEGIC CIL FUND**

It was decided that the Council was not in a position to apply for funds from this fund at this time. It was also agreed to produce a new grant application form for CIL grants from the Parish Council.

**23/060 INFORMATION FOR COUNCILLORS**

Naas Lane Closures 8am – 4pm 24<sup>th</sup> May at the railway bridge.

The agreed apple tree has been planted on Whaddon Green.

The Glos Waste Facility fund for spring 2023 is open and details have been passed on to the Village Hall Committee.

PCSO Debbie Collicot has a new post. Her successor is unknown at this point.

There is a New Area Highways Manager for the parish, Mr Paul Hebrow.

The pump at the station next to the village hall has been discharging for 3 weeks causing damage to track and noise nuisance.

**23/061 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

It was reported that the Wynstones School site had been sold to an educational establishment. No further information is available at this point.

Mr Hibbert reported that the Coronation event was successful and thanked the Parish Council for their support. The Clerk was asked to add the summer event to the agenda for June. He added that the Severn Trent Pumping Station at Whaddon needs to be cleared up as it looks dreadful. The Clerk was asked to contact Severn Trent on both issues.

Mr Bone reported that the conservation trust representatives are to visit St Swithun’s Church to discuss repairs. It is believed that this Church is now in the top 3 for being repaired.

**23/062 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.36.

Chairman .....

Date.....