

BROOKTHORPE WITH WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 1st AUGUST 2023

PRESENT

Messrs John Hendry [Chairman], Paul Gaze, Dave Kaspar, Mr Martin Coles [Whaddon Fields Representative], Mrs A Szabó [Parish Clerk], and 3 members of the public.

23/080 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Rhodri Stokes-Rhys

There were no other apologies for absence.

23/081 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meetings held on 6th June 2023 were agreed and signed as true records.

23/082 MATTERS ARISING

Application for funding of interactive speed signs for Upton Lane and Haresfield Lane – There was no further news to report to Councillors. The Clerk suggested that this item was put on the Agenda for September to carry this project forward with CIL money.

Enforcement Action for Public Rights of Way – There was no further news to report to Councillors with regards to the Green Lane next to Mount View. Footpath GBR 27 was granted an extension to its closure until 24th July 2024 by the Secretary of State.

23/083 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

No report received.

23/084 STROUD DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

No report received.

23/085 MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

23/086 FINANCE

a) Cheques for signature

Cheque No	Amount	Payee	Reason
1223		Mrs A Szabo	Clerk's Wages, Home Office Allowance June/July and £10.80 expenses.
1224	£28.60	HMRC	PAYE
1225	£569.05	Mr D Davies	Verge Cutting

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

b) Payments into account

£769.33 HMRC VAT Reclaim

c) Independent Auditor's Review

Cllr Paul Gaze reported that he had questions regarding:

1. Clerk's expenses as it appears that this has been under claimed – Clerk to look at this again;
2. One missing invoice – produced at meeting;
3. Direct Debit to CPRE which was noted as overpaid – Clerk explained that a refund had been agreed and should appear in the next bank statement.

All other matters appeared correct.

d) Review of Independent Audit for 20022/23

Cllrs reviewed the report by GAPTC and noted comments regarding the grant awarding policy. There were no other matters or comments for the Council to consider.

23/087 PLANNING

a) Planning applications for consideration

S.23/1230/FUL	Chambers Farm	Construction of water storage lake
	Naas Lane	(retrospective)

Cllrs noted that the redirection of Footpath GBR 27 was missing from the application but had no further comments.

Gloucester County Council Application

23/0035/GLREG3 Caretakers Bungalow Change of use of former caretaker's house
Grange Road associated with the Willows School to a resource
centre of a Gloucester charity (use class F2).

Cllrs had no objections to this application.

S.23/1331/FUL Gloucester Asbestos Specialist Erection of a workshop & storage
Stroud Road building (*sui-generis*)
Brookthorpe, Resubmission of S.23/0327/FUL.

Cllrs had no objections to this application

b) Planning decisions received from Stroud District Council

S.23/1065/HHOLD Cherry Trees

PERMISSION

c) Notice of appeals

White House, Stroud Road, Whaddon – Appeal to take place on 29th August against refusal by SDC to grant removal of agricultural tie from the property.

Rose Cottage, Stroud Road, Brookthorpe – Enforcement Notice upheld. Land to be put back to agricultural use only and gateway to be reinstated as before alterations. No timescale could be noted, however.

c) Results of Planning meeting held on 20th June

23/088 CONTRIBUTION TO SUMMER FAYRE

Cllr Dave Kaspar proposed and Cllr John Henry seconded that £750 be donated to this event due to take place later this month.

RESOLVED

The cheque was written at the meeting.

23/089 WHADDON FIELDS

Martin Coles reported that awareness and opposition to the proposed development was growing in the Tuffley and Finlay Road areas. Support has grown to publicising an open event with Taylor Wimpey when they call for a meeting. A suitable venue will be looked for as numbers wishing to attend are expected to be large.

23/090 STRUCTURAL CONDITION OF ST SWITHUN'S CHURCH

There was no new firm news to pass to Councillors although it was believed that a ground survey had been completed.

23/091 CLERK'S DECLARATION FOR PENSION OPT OUT

The clerk confirmed that she wished to opt-out of any pension.

23/092 INFORMATION FOR COUNCILLORS

Cotswold Climate Action carbon neutral proposal. The Clerk was asked to add this item to the agenda for September.

Incinerator – It was noted that in the latest community report that some emissions were very close to their own limits.

MSA access gate, Upton Lane – It was noted that this gate is still not working in line with the MSA conditions. The Clerk was asked to contact the manager regarding this.

Elections – The Clerk reported that the next elections for Parish Council Councillors will be held on 2nd May 2024 and not 2025 as previously reported.

23/093 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr Eric Hibbert reported that a tree on the Village Hall boundary has had to be felled as it was in a dangerous condition.

Mr Eric Hibbert reported that he was leaving Hall committee in early August. The Chairman wished him well and thanked for all his work on behalf of the community.

There were no further questions from the public.

23/094 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 5th September 2023.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.23 pm

Chairman

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