

# **BROOKTHORPE WITH WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 6<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2024**

### **PRESENT**

Messrs John Hendry [Chairman], Paul Gaze, David Kaspar, Rhodri Stokes-Rhys, Mr Martin Coles [PC representative for Whaddon Fields], Mr Eric Hibbert [PC representative on Mount View], Mrs A Szabó [Parish Clerk], and members 2 of the public.

### **24/001 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Stephen Davies [Stroud District Councillor], Cllr Sue Williams [Gloucestershire County Councillor]

There were no other apologies for absence.

### **24/002 PS RENEWABLES REGARDING POTENTIAL SOLAR FARM DEVELOPMENT CONSULTATION - GILBERTS LANE SOLAR FARM**

A short presentation and consultation was given by PS Renewables regarding the installation of a solar farm on 30 acres of land at Gilberts Lane. The energy provided would be fed into the national grid via existing underground cabling. It is expected that an application would be submitted to the District Council mid-March and it would be expected to go on line in 2026 for a 40 year term. The site is to be monitored 24/7 remotely, sectioned and cut off remotely if necessary. There would be a community benefit to be arranged.

### **24/003 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> December including results of the planning meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> January were agreed and signed as a true record.

### **24/004 MATTERS ARISING**

Highways meeting regarding speed of traffic in Upton Lane – This meeting was attended by Paul Hebrow [Gloucestershire Highways], County Councillor Cllr Sue Williams, Parish Councillors Paul Gaze and David Kaspar and the Clerk Anne Szabo. The meeting took place in Upton Lane at 8.30am to witness traffic speeds and driving behaviour.

Due to the extra noise caused, speed humps would not be put in. However, a tool kit that the Parish Council could use to reduce speed was available. Cllr Sue Williams had been asked to forward this. A grant for Mobile Speed activated signs is still pending.

It was noted that Gigaclear cables have been exposed. This has been reported and they have been out to inspect. Also, a manhole cover causing noise problems is to be replaced. This has already inspected. Heavy goods vehicles, signs – Mr Hebrow reported that all weight signs were in place in line with legislation. An extra sign at the entrance to Upton would be unlawful.

### **24/005 POLICE REPORT**

There was no report submitted, although, it was registered that PCSO Nicki Wood was working on behalf of the Council and residents on various matters.

### **24/006 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

This report had been circulated to Councillors. Cllr David Kaspar had concerns with comments that the County Council were making over refugees, the tools for climate change and carbon generated from landfill against that from the waste transfer station. He would contact Cllr Sue Williams with his concerns for clarifications.

### **24/007 STROUD DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Cllr Stephen Davies had sent his apologies for non-attendance.

### **24/008 MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

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

## 24/009 FINANCE

### a) Cheques for signature

Cheque No	Amount	Payee	Reason
1243		Mrs A Szabo	Clerk's Wages, Office Allowance and Expenses of £23.25 (December 23 and January 24) to include adjustments of -15p
1244	£150	Brookthorpe Village Hall	Shared phone line and internet to hall
1245	£1200	Brookthorpe Village Hall	Newsletter
1246	£338	Brookthorpe Village Hall	Meetings
1247	£7.00	HMRC	PAYE

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

### b) Internal Audit for financial year 2023/24

It was agreed by all Cllrs to employ GAPTC at a cost of £80 to carry out the Internal Audit for the financial year 2023/24

**RESOLVED**

## 24/010 PLANNING

### a) Planning applications for consideration

S.23/2428/OUT	Land At Whaddon, Gloucester,	Outline application for up to 2,550 new dwellings (Class C3) with supporting infrastructure including, a local centre (Class E), community core (Class E and Class F.2), 150 space transport modal interchange, primary and secondary school education provision (Class F.1), open space, areas of green infrastructure, watercourse enhancement measures to the Daniels Brook, drainage infrastructure, parking and supporting infrastructure and utilities, and creation of 3no. new access points from the A4173 and 1no. new access point from Naas Lane. All matters reserved apart from access.
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An initial response has gone in to Stroud District Council and it was agreed to wait until after the upcoming meeting with the Planning Officer John Chaplin on 9<sup>th</sup> February and the Inspector's decision on the Draft Local Plan which is expected in the next couple of weeks until any further comments are made.

**RESOLVED**

S.24/0138/FUL	Gloucester Asbestos Specialist, Stroud Road, Brookthorpe.	Erection of a workshop and storage building (Sui-generis). Resubmission of S.23/1331/FUL. No objections however, justification Rural and local employer not believed to be accurate.
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### b) Decisions received from Planning Authority

S.23/2349/HHOLD Horseshoe Cottage

**REFUSED**

c) Results of Planning Meeting held 23rd January attended by Cllrs John Hendry, Paul Gaze Rhodri Stokes-Rhys and the Clerk.

S.23/2524/HHOLD	White House, Stroud Road, Whaddon	Demolition of existing garage, stores and passage. Installation of a loft conversion and external render. Alterations to fenestration and installation of solar panels. Cllrs had no objections to these proposals.
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S.23/2499/P3R

Land Adjacent to Rose Cottage,  
Stroud Road,  
Whaddon,

Change of use of agricultural barn  
to a Flexible Use; falling within  
use Class B8 (Storage and Distribution) under  
Schedule 2, Part 3 Class R of the GPD  
Cllrs had no objections to these proposals.

**24/011 CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTER AND TEWKESBURY LOCAL PLAN  
CONSULTATION**

It was noted that the deadline for this consultation is 12<sup>th</sup> March. It was therefore decided to defer this item to the March meeting. **RESOLVED**

**24/012 REPAIRS AND TREATMENT TO WHADDON BUS SHELTERS**

It was agreed to repair the noticeboard at a cost of £150. Mr E Hibbert to carry out the repairs. It was agreed to go out to tender for the requirements of the bus shelter. Mr E Hibbert was asked to prepare a job specification. **RESOLVED**

**24/013 BLOCKING OF GREEN LANE NEXT TO MOUNT VIEW MULTI AGENCY  
MEETING**

It was reported that this meeting had been well attended with representation from County Council PRow, Police, Police Commissioners Office, and Local Ramblers Council. Following this meeting the Clerk the Council had put in a Freedom of information request to Stroud District Council. This had been rejected due to the time scale and depth of information requested and the length of time this would take (over 18 hour limit). She had started to compile detailed evidence of the PC’s concerns and contact with Stroud District Council since 2005 when planning permission was granted. Mr Eric Hibbert was requested to work as the Parish Council representative on this matter.

**24/014 FOUR MILE STONE**

It had been requested by a parishioner that this may be in need of repainting. Cllr Paul Gaze agreed to action this. **RESOLVED**

**24/015 DEFIBRILLATOR AND ASSET REPORTS**

The Clerk reported that these had been carried out. All assets and the defibrillators are in good order. It was noted that the previous stated repairs to the bus shelter and noticeboard were in hand.

**24/016 STRUCTURAL CONDITION OF ST SWITHUN’S CHURCH**

It was reported that there would be a meeting with surveyors in the spring.

**24/017 INFORMATION FOR COUNCILLORS**

Andrews Close road sign – The Clerk has requested a new sign as the present one is illegible.  
Elections 2<sup>nd</sup> May – At this present time it looks like there will not be enough Cllrs standing for election to maintain a quorum.  
Boundaries – Cllr Paul Gaze volunteered to submit a piece for the next newsletter regarding the present and future boundaries effecting this Parish.

**24/018 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no further questions from the public.

**24/019 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.10 pm.