

BROOKTHORPE WITH WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 5th MARCH 2024

PRESENT

Messrs John Hendry [Chairman], Paul Gaze, Rhodri Stokes-Rhys, Cllr Stephen Davies [Stroud District Councillor], Mr Martin Coles [PC representative for Whaddon Fields], Mr Eric Hibbert [PC representative on Mount View], Mrs A Szabó [Parish Clerk], and 1 member of the public.

24/020 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr David Kaspar, Cllr Sue Williams [Gloucestershire County Councillor]

There were no other apologies for absence.

24/021 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR

It was proposed by Cllr Paul Gaze and seconded by Cllr Rhodri Stokes-Rhys that Mr Eric Hibbert be co-opted onto the Council. **RESOLVED**

24/022 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th February were agreed and signed as a true record.

24/023 MATTERS ARISING

Highways meeting regarding speed of traffic in Upton Lane – The Council is still waiting to receive the self-help toolkit. Followed up with Cllr Sue Williams.

24/024 POLICE REPORT

No report submitted.

24/025 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

This report had been circulated to Councillors.

24/026 STROUD DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Stephen Davies reported that the District Council budget had been set, but there would be no extra money available for new projects. A new sign will be provided to advise on available parking spaces in Stroud. He stressed that the District Council is solvent.

The Inspector for the Draft Local Plan has agreed a 7 month pause to enable an action plan for junction 12 improvements to be formed. Junction 14 is not within Stroud's control. A further 3 months can be used for any consultations to happen. It is unclear when this timescale started or will start, whether any allocated money for alterations to junction 12 would need to be signed off or just a confident route to the money agreed. Stephen confirmed that at present it appears that Gloucester City have not requested land to make up their housing supply. He also confirmed that Stroud has a 4 year land supply at the moment. He suggested that due to the Parliamentary boundary changes, that Jeffrey Clifton Brown may be our next MP and it would be advantageous to get him on side.

24/027 MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Mr Eric Hibbert declared an interest in item 9a on the agenda Cheques for signature.

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

24/028 FINANCE

a) Cheques for signature

| Cheque No | Amount | Payee | Reason |
|-----------|--------|--------------|--|
| | 110 | HMRC | PAYE |
| | | Mrs A Szabo | Clerk's Wages, Office Allowance and Expenses of £35.29 |
| | £150 | Mr E Hibbert | Repairs to the noticeboard. |
| | £175 | GAPTC | Internal Audit Financial year 2022/23 |

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

b) Internal Audit for October – December 2023

Cllr Paul Gaze reported that all documents appeared to tally and all was correct. The balance stands at £53,570.68 of which £17,331 is CIL money.

24/029 PLANNING

a) Planning applications for consideration

S.23/2428/OUT Land At Whaddon, A final response, compiled by Mr Martin Coles was presented to the council. Cllr Paul Gaze proposed and Cllr Rhodri Stokes-Rhys seconded that this be sent as a final response to this application. It was decided to wait until the County Council response goes in before sending. Martin Coles to send. **RESOLVED**

b) Decisions received from Planning Authority

S.23/1945/HHOLD Brookthorpe Court Farmhouse **REFUSED**

24/030 CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTER AND TEWKESBURY LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION

It was proposed by Cllr Paul Gaze and seconded by Cllr John Hendry that the prepared response be sent. Clerk to send. **RESOLVED**

24/031 BLOCKING OF GREEN LANE NEXT TO MOUNT VIEW MULTI AGENCY MEETING

Cllr Eric Hibbert stated that this meeting had been well attended again. The Police and Gypsy Liaison Officer plan to arrange a meeting with the site controllers to explain that they do not own the track and that barriers are to be moved back to the entrance of the site on land that they own.

The Clerk stated that she had sorted through the emails and minutes, from 2005, relating to the site. All information had been compiled. However, time would not allow for much more to be done at the moment as this is now a very busy time of year for her.

24/032 STRUCTURAL CONDITION OF ST SWITHUN’S CHURCH

Mr Nigel Bone reported that the Churches Conservation Trust has given permission to carry out site investigations. Enquiries are to be made as to whether the church could be opened for people to look round.

24/033 INFORMATION FOR COUNCILLORS

Elections 2nd May – The Clerk advised that nomination papers were available for Cllrs and public to pick up.

Annual meeting – The date for the Annual Parish Meeting was set for Tuesday 21st May, 7pm. It was decided to invite MP Jeffrey Clifton Brown.

Wynstones School – It was reported that work had started on the school, and it is planned to have it opened in September.

Theft of heating oil – It was reported that there had been thefts of heating oil in Church Lane recently.

24/034 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no further questions from the public.

24/035 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 2nd April 2024.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

Chairman

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