

BROOKTHORPE WITH WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 1st NOVEMBER 2022

PRESENT

Messrs Paul Gaze [Chairman], Rhodri Stokes-Rhys, David Kaspar, Mrs A Szabó [Parish Clerk] and 2 members of the public.

22/114 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr John Hendry, Mr Martin Coles [Parish Council's Representative for Whaddon Fields].

There were no other apologies for absence.

22/115 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th October 2022 were agreed and signed as a true record.

22/116 MATTERS ARISING

Belong School – Representatives from the school had been invited to the meeting but unfortunately did not attend. However, Mr Eric Hibbert reported that measures had been taken to alleviate the recent anti-social behaviour by students. He also reported that that a more suitable venue is being sought.

22/117 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The County Councillor's report had been circulated to Councillors.

22/118 STROUD DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

There was no report or apologies submitted from Cllr Dave Mossman. However, the Clerk reported that Cllr Mossman was thought to be suffering ill health.

22/119 WHADDON FIELDS

In the absence of Mr Martin Coles, Cllr Paul Gaze reported that Martin has done a tremendous amount of work with regards to the latest consultation. It was agreed to look at holding a public meeting in the new year.

21/120 MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

22/121 FINANCE

a) Cheque for signature

Cheque No	Amount	Payee	Reason
1200		Mrs A Szabo	Clerk's Wages, Home Office Allowance £12.00 plus £16.20 expenses

b) Cheques signed out of meeting

1199		Mrs A Szabo	Clerks wages, Home Office Allowance and £19.79 expenses. Following Return of cheque 1198 from bank
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Power used for Council's spending
General Power of Competence – Power of first resort

c) Internal Audit Report

The Clerk read out the report compiled by Cllr John Hendry. It was confirmed that cheque 1197 for Southwestern Ambulance Service for £3360 had not been minuted and noted that cheque 1136 had not been presented for payment. All else appears correct, although he did question the reconciliation. Notes have been added to the folder on how this is calculated. The balance stood at £29,561.68 on 28th September 2022.

d) Six month budget review – There were no questions or queries from Cllrs.

e) Precept meeting – this will be set once we know Cllr John Hendry's availability.

f) CIL payments – The Clerk confirmed that payments now stand at £4020.90. The Council has 5 years to spend this money. Ways of spending this will be discussed at the meeting 7th February 2023.

22/122 PLANNING

a) Planning applications for consideration

There were no news applications for consideration.

b) Council's response to further consultation, from inspectorate, regarding additional technical documents relating to transport, infrastructure and viability and published background evidence on the accessibility of sites to services and facilities, put forward by Stroud District Council for the local plan.

Mr Martin Coles had drafted a letter on behalf of the Parish Council. This had been agreed by Cllrs and sent off to the Inspectorate.

22/123 DEFIBRILLATORS

It was proposed by Cllr Dave Kaspar and Seconded Rhodri Stokes-Rhys that the contracts between the Parish Council and Southwestern Ambulance Service for the rental and upkeep of the defibrillators be signed. **RESOLVED**

22/124 REFURBISHMENT OF BUS SHELTERS

It was proposed by Cllr Paul Gaze and Seconded by Cllr Dave Kaspar that a spend of £3000 be added to the precepts for 2023/4 and 2024/5 for the refurbishment of bus shelters. **RESOLVED**

22/125 GRANTS

It was proposed by Cllr Paul Gaze and Seconded by Cllr Rhodri Stokes -Rhys that St Swithun's Churchyard be awarded £750 for the upkeep of the churchyard and the Village Hall be awarded £1750 for planned alterations, in line with the Council's Grant Awarding Policy. **RESOLVED**

22/126 INTERACTIVE SPEED SIGNS FOR UPTON LANE AND HARESFIELD LANE

It was agreed to invite Yakub Mulla to the next meeting to be held on 6th December to discuss this further.

22/127 REGISTRATION OF COMMUNITY ASSETS

It was proposed by Cllr Rhodri Stokes-Rhys and Seconded by Cllr Paul Gaze that no action be taken. **RESOLVED**

22/128 STROUD DISTRICT COUNCILS DRAFT CHARTER OF PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS

It was proposed by Cllr Rhodri Stokes-Rhys and Seconded by Cllr Paul Gaze that no comment be made to the Draft Charter. **RESOLVED**

22/129 CHRISTMAS EVENT

It Proposed by Cllr Dave Kaspar and Seconded by Cllr Rhodri Stokes-Rhys that £1000 be donated to the Christmas Event to take place on 17th December. **RESOLVED**

22/130 CLERK'S HOURS

This item was deferred.

22/131 ASSET AND DEFIBRILLATORS

The Clerk reported that she had carried out these checks and found all to be in order.

22/132 INFORMATION FOR COUNCILLORS

Cllrs suggested that online banking be put on the Agenda for December meeting.

22/133 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no further questions from the public.

22/134 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 6th December2022.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.30.

Chairman

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