

BROOKTHORPE WITH WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 5th APRIL 2022

PRESENT

Paul Gaze [Chairman], Rhodri Rhys, Dave Kaspar, Cllr Sue Williams [Gloucestershire County Council], Mr Martin Coles [Parish Council's Representative for Whaddon Fields], Mrs A Szabo [Parish Clerk] and 3 members of the public.

22/036 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr J Hendry, Cllr Dave Mossman [Stroud District Council].

22/037 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st March 2022 were agreed and signed as a true record.

22/038 MATTERS ARISING

- a) Highway Meeting between Yakub Muller and Cllr Paul Gaze – Cllr Paul Gaze reported that as a result of this meeting the routing sign outside village hall is to be replaced, 30 mph signs on the highway are to be repainted as are the white lines for Upton and Haresfield Lanes (*Started*). Weight restrictions signage for Upton Lane. Yakub explained that it was not policy to provide additional weight restriction signs within a controlled zone. It is a Police issue if this is a contravention, as they are legally responsible for enforcing, Naas lane road edges to be raised (*Already done*).
- b) Overgrown hedges on Stroud Road. The landowner has been spoken to, and there has been no action, so now will be reported to highways for them to take action.
- c) Public Right of Way on land adjacent to Rose Cottage – The Clerk reported that the investigation had now been completed by Gloucestershire Public Rights of Way Department and it had been found that the replacement of the gate by a stile was perfectly legal and there would be no further action taken. Gloucestershire County Council would, however, be looking into the construction of the stiles.
- d) Independent Audit for financial year 2021/22 – The Clerk reported that this would be carried out by Alison Robinson in May.
- e) Parliamentary Boundary Changes – The Clerk reported that the Council's opposition to the changes have been registered.
- f) Reduction of speed limits for all residential areas to 20 mph – The Clerk reported that the Council's support for this reduction had been registered.
- g) Annual Parish Meeting. – The Clerk reported that invitations had gone out and that a representative from SARA would attend to give a presentation.

22/039 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The County Councillor's Report had been circulated to Councillors. Cllr Sue Williams elaborated and answered questions. Ukraine hosts are still finding problems accessing the correct paperwork and the council feels it is almost as if the Home Office is deliberately making things difficult. Sue stated that GCC has all their procedures in place.

22/040 STROUD DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Dave Mossman sent in a late report that stated the Plan is going ahead with inspector and differences identified and common ground and method of solving differences is being worked out. Still waiting for meeting with regard to outstanding planning enforcement issues.

22/041 WHADDON FIELDS

Martin Coles stated that the planning inspector is hoping to have a first hearing before the summer school break. Taylor Wimpey, District Council and County Council are now negotiating with regards to solutions St Barnabas Roundabout. County Council want more access points under the railway line but Taylor Wimpey is likely to object to this due to cost. There is also some doubt as to whether Network Rail would agree to this on safety grounds.

Martin was thanked for his work.

21/042 MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

22/043 FINANCE

a) Cheque for signature

Cheque No	Payee	Reason
1180	Mrs A Szabo	Clerk's Wages to include PAYE tax refund £1055.20 plus Home Office Allowance £12.00 plus £25.19 expenses -£10 overpayment in March

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

22/044 PLANNING

a) Planning applications for consideration

S.22/00311/LBC	Yew Tree Farm Stroud Road Whaddon	Re-combination of staircase parts to preserve historic fabric. No objections.
S.22/0477/FUL	Hayes Farm Harescombe	Conversion of barn 2b to form a 1 bedroomed holiday let. Erection of a new building. Cladding of existing garage. No objections.
S.22/0691/LBC	Land at Grange Farm Upton Lane Brookthorpe	Conversion of existing building into single dwelling. No objections.

22/045 ENTRANCE FENCE TO ST SWITHUN'S CHURCHYARD

St Swithun's Churchyard fund has received a donation of £500 that will go towards the new fencing, but it may need a small top up. Cllrs agreed to fund any extra cost.

22/046 TO AGREE DRONE TO ASSIST WITH TRAFFIC SURVEY FOR ST BARNABAS.

In the light of the offer of help to do this by a resident, there had been no reply from GCC or SDC into any possible legality issues with privacy and the use of this as evidence. The Council had been advised to go ahead from Cllr Dave Mossman. Martin Coles to liaise as to time and date.

22/047 EMERGENCY PLAN WORKSHOP

It was reported that no one was free to attend.

22/048 GAPTC AGM CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS

It was decided not to send in any resolutions this year.

22/049 ASSET AND DEFIBRILLATOR REPORT

The Clerk reported that the Council's assets and defibrillators have been checked for safety. No issues were found with the assets although the Clerk advised that the bus shelters would need wood preservatives this year. The defibrillators were all ready to be used.

22/050 QUEEN'S JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Eric Hibbert reported that there will be a meeting on Friday 7th April to sketch out details, but at the moment it is planned to have stalls and activities for children, a photo display of the parish through time, commemorative medals for the children. It was agreed that the Parish Council could have a stall to raise the Council's profile and attract new Councillors.

22/051 INFORMATION FOR COUNCILLORS

Concerns were raised as to activities at Kalisco Farm. There appears to be large amount of rubble and soil being imported to the site. The Clerk was asked to investigate.

22/052 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

It was reported that the gutters and drains are in need of clearing in Church Lane.

There were no further comments or questions from the public.

22/053 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 3rd May 2022.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.25.

Chairman

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