

BROOKTHORPE WITH WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 7th MAY 2024 - at Brookthorpe Village Hall

PRESENT

Messrs John Hendry [Chairman], Paul Gaze, Eric Hibbert, Demelza Turner-Wilkes [Stroud District Councillor], Martin Coles, Cllr Andrew Miller [Tuffley Ward Member for Gloucestershire County Council], Mrs Anne Szabo [Parish Clerk] and 0 members of the public.

24/054 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Rhodri Stokes-Rhys, Cllr Susan Williams [Gloucestershire County Councillor], PCSO Nicola Wood.

There were no other apologies for absence.

24/055 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was proposed by Cllr Paul Gaze and seconded by Cllr E Hibbert that the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd April were agreed and signed as a true record. **RESOLVED**

24/056 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising that did not appear on the on the agenda elsewhere.

24/057 POLICE REPORT

No report submitted.

24/058 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The report from Cllr Sue Williams had been circulated prior to meeting.

24/059 STROUD DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Demelza Turner-Wilkes and congratulated her on her election win. She reported that her background was in Ecology and Law Compliance and that she would do her very best for continuance going forward. She outlined planned road changes in the area of McDonalds roundabout, the significant difficulties to the surrounding road network, and the increase of traffic due to planned developments that this would cause.

24/060 MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Cllr Eric Hibbert declared his pecuniary interest in Public Right of Way EBR 25

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

24/061 FINANCE

a) Cheques for signature

Cheque No	Amount	Payee	Reason
1256		Mrs A Szabo	Clerk's Wages, Office Allowance and Expenses of £10.80
1255	£225.60	HMRC	PAYE
1257	£79.33	GAPTC	Subscription
1258	£124.20	PATA	Payroll

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

b) Money debited to account

£8,000 Stroud District Council Precept

c) Insurance cover for 2024/25

The Clerk reported that she had requested three quotes for this year's insurance. One company had not responded in time, quotes from Gallagher Insurance and Zurich had been forwarded to Councillors prior to the meeting. On examination, Councillors requested that the amount of cover for street furniture increased to £53,000. It was proposed by Cllr Paul Gaze and seconded by Cllr Eric Hibbert that unless Gallagher Insurance can match Zurich's quote to go with Zurich. **RESOLVED**

24/062 PLANNING

a) Planning applications for consideration

S.24/0609/FUL

Land Adjoining,
Stroud Road,
Whaddon

Installation of ground mounted solar to export electricity, comprising photovoltaic panels and associated infrastructure and works.

There were no objections to this application

b) Decisions received from Planning Authority

S.23./1671/FUL

Withyrows Farm

APPROVED

24/063 OVERWEIGHT LORRIES AND SPEEDING IN UPTON LANE.

No further information received from Mr Appleyard. Demelza Turner-Wilkes offered to contact Chris Nelson on the Council's behalf. The Clerk was asked to contact Mr Appleyard.

24/064 BLOCKING OF GREEN LANE NEXT TO MOUNT VIEW MULTI AGENCY MEETING

Cllr Eric Hibbert declared his interest in adjoining land. He outlined the situation at present. As a result of the last meeting, held on 11th April. It was hoped that a meeting between the Gypsy Liaison Officer and representatives of the traveller community would have taken place. However, it appears that this has not happened. The next multi agency meeting to take place on 10th May.

The Clerk was asked to copy all notes of meeting to Cllr Demelza Turner-Wilkes.

24/065 SPEND FOR REFRESHMENTS FOR MULTI-AGENCY MEETINGS

It was proposed by Cllr Paul Gaze and seconded by Cllr John Hendry that the Clerk continue to provide refreshments to these meetings as necessary.

RESOLVED

24/066 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST ABOUT MOUNT VIEW

It was felt that the information received was very disappointing with only two incidents recorded and that this did not represent a true picture.

24/067 ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Apologies have been received from Geoffrey Clifton Brown MP and Cllr Sue Williams. It was proposed by Cllr Paul Gaze and seconded by Cllr Eric Hibbert that the usual refreshments of cheese and wine be supplied by the Clerk.

RESOLVED

24/068 PROPOSED WHADDON FIELDS DEVELOPMENT

Following concerns regarding the response of County Highways Officers to this application. Cllr Andrew Miller advised that the officers cannot do anything that would fall foul of a judicial review with their views at this stage.

Historic England have requested that a visual impact statement from Taylor Wimpey for St Margarets Church. Della Gould [Conservation Officer Stroud District Council] has yet to make any comment.

24/069 ASSET AND DEFIBRILLATOR CHECKS

The Clerk reported that the Checks had been completed. She requested that cork or something similar be placed on the new noticeboard in the bus shelter (south) at Whaddon, and that there was still a hole in the back of the same shelter. This is due to be repaired as part of the planned refurbishment. The phone box door was sticking making access to the defibrillator difficult. This had now been repaired by Cllr Paul Gaze. Everything else appeared in good order.

24/070 STRUCTURAL CONDITION OF ST SWITHUN'S CHURCH

There was no new information regarding this topic.

24/071 INFORMATION FOR COUNCILLORS

The Clerk reported that further to email acceptance from Cllrs Paul Gaze, Eric Hibbert, and the Chairman, she had purchased the agreed printer at a cost of £377.68. Councillors agreed formally to this purchase.

The Clerk reported that the Independent Audit for the financial year 2023/24 is under way and should be completed by the end of next week.

Wynstones school – Cllr E Hibbert reported that works are under way. There are three building phases. The new school should be open to take the first 20 children by September this year. Cllr Paul Gaze asked if the purchase of a new Union Flag be put on the next agenda at an approximate cost of around £70.

The Clerk was asked to contact the Housing dept of Stroud District Council and request that the grass in front of Andrews Close be tidied and the fallen branch be removed.

24/072 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Martin Coles reported that there is to be a litter picking event Whaddon next Sunday 12th May.

24/073 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 4th June 2024 8pm

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.05 pm.

Chairman

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