

BROOKTHORPE WITH WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 1st OCTOBER 2024 - at Brookthorpe Village Hall

PRESENT

Messrs John Hendry [Chairman], Eric Hibbert, Rhodri Stokes-Rhys, Demelza Turner-Wilkes [Stroud District Councillor], PCSO Nicola Wood, Martin Coles [Whaddon Fields Representative], Nigel Bone [St Swithun's Church Building Lead], Mrs Anne Szabo [Parish Clerk] and 3 members of the public.

24/134 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Paul Gaze, Cllr Susan Williams [Gloucestershire County Councillor]

There were no other apologies for absence.

24/135 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was proposed by Cllr Eric Hibbert and seconded by Cllr Rhodri Stokes-Rhys that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3rd September be agreed and signed as true records. **RESOLVED**

24/136 MATTERS ARISING

Upton Lane Speeding and Overweight Lorries – There was no new information to report.

Clerk's Replacement – It was noted that 2 applicants have been asked to interview. These to take place on 8th October at the village hall, with an anticipated starting date of 1st November. As both applicants are experienced it is anticipated that the handover will be 1 month.

Bus Shelter Repairs – Cllr E Hibbert reported that cork has been put on noticeboards. A new bench installed to the shelter on the north side of the A1473 at Whaddon. Works to the outside are due to begin.

Verge cutting at Whaddon – Cllr Eric Hibbert reported that this had now been completed.

Upton Lane survey – Cllr Sue Williams confirmed that the survey work reported last month were due to planned resurfacing works to be carried out.

Litter pick – This had been arranged by Bill Harris for Saturday 5th October 8.30 – 9.30.

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

24/137 POLICE REPORT

PCSO Nicola Wood reported that County Highways, with the presence of the Police had cleared EBR 25. The large blocks of concrete had been moved to the side. However, it was noticed that these had been later moved closer together again and a metal gate been put across. Michael the representative from the traveller site, claimed that they are not theirs. Investigations are now underway to remove them completely.

Crime report – 2 road traffic accidents, 1 suspicious person and 1 theft.

24/138 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The report from Cllr Sue Williams had been received and circulated to Councillors.

24/139 STROUD DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Demelza Turner-Wilkes reported that a new litter champion, Gill Thomas, was in place. It is hoped to reduce the £700,000 spent on dealing with litter and fly tipping and so on.

There was no update on the new sign for Andrews Close, the tree survey or the cutting back of the hedge on the corner of Haresfield Lane and A1473, and she would chase this up.

24/140 MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Cllr Eric Hibbert declared his pecuniary interest in item 11 on the Agenda – the blocking of EBR 25 and EBR 26.

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

24/141 FINANCE

a) Cheques for signature

Cheque No	Amount	Payee	Reason
1277		Mrs A Szabo	Clerk's Wages, Office Allowance £12.00 and Expenses of £31.50
1278	£115.40	HMRC	PAYE

Power used for Council's spending

General Power of Competence – Power of first resort

b) To report on Bank Mandate update – Cllr Rhodri Stokes-Rhys reported ready to be posted to Lloyds Bank.

24/142 PLANNING

a) Planning applications for consideration

S.24/1657/VAR	The Barn, Upton Lane, Brookthorpe	Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) from S.21/1848/FUL addition of rear roof canopy. Cllrs had no objections to these proposals
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b) Decisions received from Planning Authority.

S.24/1297/FUL	Pinnolds	PERMITTED
S.24/1445/FUL	Land Adjacent to Rose Cottage	Update on DCC request

It has been stated by the Planning Officer that he has significant concerns regarding the proposals and as a result the Parish Council has withdrawn its request to go to the Development Control Committee, but this will be monitored and the Parish Council contacted should there be any change.

c) Planning Enforcement Request regarding the apparent increase in the area of Mount View – The clerk reported that there had been no update on this request.

24/143 20MPH PLENTY SCHEME

Cllrs agreed to look at this again next month.

24/144 BLOCKING OF GREEN LANE NEXT TO MOUNT VIEW

Cllr Eric Hibbert reported that the date of the next Multi Agency meeting is to be confirmed. Cllr Demelza Turner-Wilkes stated that Geoffrey Clifton-Brown is fully aware of the problems being experienced and would like to attend the next meeting. She stated that as Stroud District Council gave planning permission for the site that they have ownership of these problems.

24/145 PROPOSED WHADDON FIELDS DEVELOPMENT AND LOCAL PLAN

Martin Coles reported that the Parish Council has until 23rd October to reply to consultation on junction 12 and 14 on the M5 in relation to housing increase conjectured and the new targets under NPFF.

National Rail want to know the timeline for the closing of the level crossing at Naas Lane which is part of the S.23/2428/OUT application. They require the Public Right of Way to be closed before any occupation of the new home take place. They also require that the agreement with Network Rail is looked at before making use of the bridge for pedestrian use.

24/146 STRUCTURAL CONDITION OF ST SWITHUN’S CHURCH

Mr Nigel Bone reported that a meeting for 16th October has been arranged. The main topic for discussion being regarding what the Parish can do, and what the Church could be used for in the future. The Structural survey is proceeding.

24/147 CONCERNS SURROUNDING THE MOUNDS OF RUBBLE AT KALISCO FARM

Cllr Rhodri Stokes-Rhys raised concerns with regard to the mounds and grading of rubble on site. The Clerk stated that she would make representations to Stroud District Council.

24/148 INFORMATION FOR COUNCILLORS

Cllr Eric Hibbert raised concerns regarding changes to the GAL site to a self-storage facility. Cllr Demelza Turner-Wilkes to look into current planning conditions on the site.

Cllr Rhodri Stokes-Rhys raised concerns over overgrown hedges and flooding in Naas Lane. The Clerk to report these to County Highways.

24/149 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

It was reported that an application regarding change of use on Red Roofs in Naas Lane is about to be submitted.

24/150 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 5th November 2024 at 8pm.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.40

Chairman

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