

**MINUTES OF BROOKTHORPE-WITH-WHADDON
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT BROOKTHORPE VILLAGE HALL ON
TUESDAY 3 DECEMBER 2024 AT 8PM**

Present: Cllr John Hendry (Chair)
Cllr Paul Gaze (Vice-Chair)
Cllr Eric Hibbert
Cllr Rhodri Stokes-Rhys

In attendance: Tina Balgobin (Parish Clerk) Reporting
Martin Coles (Whaddon Fields Rep)
Nigel Bone (St Swithun's Church Building Lead)
Lynda King (Village Hall Committee)
1 Member of the public

PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

There were no questions however the following was noted:-

- Nigel Bone thanked Lynda King from the Village Hall Committee for installing the loop system in the hall.
- Lynda King advised that the Village Hall had received 2 grants totalling £10,000.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from County Councillor Sue Williams, District Councillor Demelza Turner-Wilkes and PCSO Nicola Wood.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA:

Cllr Eric Hibbert declared an interest in Agenda Item 8a cheque number 1290 and Paul Gaze declared an interest in Agenda Item 8a cheque number 1289.

3. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2024:

The Minutes were approved and signed as a true record by the Chair.

- A reference to Kalisco Farm in the above minutes was discussed and it was agreed the Clerk would clarify what had been applied for.

4. REPORTS:

- (a) County Councillor Report was circulated prior to the meeting.
- (b) District Councillor Report, there was no update.
- (c) Police Report, there was no update.

5. PLANNING:

The planning decisions from the LPA had been circulated and these were discussed.

- Cllr Eric Hibbert gave a brief update on a recent meeting held with Julian Thomas (SDC) and Cllr Demelza Turner-Wilkes
- Cllr Eric Hibbert also gave an update on EBR 25 and 26.

6. TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE PROPOSED WHADDON FIELDS DEVELOPMENT AND LOCAL PLAN:

Martin Coles gave an update on the above, Martin also gave a summary of a telephone conversation with Alex McIntyre (Labour MP for Gloucester). Taylor Wimpey potential improvements to St Barnabas Roundabout were also discussed.

7. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE STRUCTURAL CONDITION OF ST SWITHUNS CHURCH:

Nigel Bone advised that the dangerous area in the Church had been cordoned off with metal barriers. Nigel also advised that the Carol Service would take place on the 17 December @ 7pm, a party of volunteers would be cleaning the church tomorrow (4 December).

8. FINANCE:

(a) **Accounts for payment.** The following accounts were presented for payment:

Payee	Chq Number	Amount	Reason
T Balgobin	1283	£ 625.56	Salary / Expenses
A Szabo	1284	£ 530.74	Salary / Expenses
HMRC	1285	£ 236.00	Tax / NI
Brookthorpe Village Hall	1286	£ 1,000.00	Xmas Event
St Swithuns	1287	£ 750.00	Churchyard Upkeep
PATA UK	1288	£ 10.35	Additonal Pay Run
P Gaze	1289	£ 99.14	Union Flag
E Hibbert	1290	£ 1,375.00	Bus Shelter Repairs
07 January 2025			
T Balgobin	1291	£ 505.82	Salary / Expenses
	Total	£5,132.61	

It was proposed by Cllr Paul Gaze, seconded by Cllr Eric Hibbert that the above payments be made.

- (b) To note any income received since the last meeting. A reconciliation was circulated and noted.
- (c) To consider and approve the Budget for the financial year 25/26. **The Council agreed a budget of £21,340.00**
- (d) To consider and approve the Precept for the financial year 25/26. **The Council approved the Precept of £16,540.00.**
- (e) To consider and approve the following grants:
 - i. Stroud Citizens Advice Bureau. This was discussed and it was agreed to give a donation of £100.
 - ii. Imjin Veterans Memorial Project. This was discussed and it was agreed that a donation of £250 would be given to the project.

9. TO CONSIDER AND AGREE ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:

The members put forward several suggested items which will be investigated and considered for inclusion on the next agenda by the Clerk.

10. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:

Following a discussion it was agreed to a 7.30pm start for future meetings. The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 4 February 2025 @ 7.30pm in Brookthorpe Village Hall**

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS
THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.06pm**

Chairman..... Dated.....