

**MINUTES OF BROOKTHORPE-WITH-WHADDON
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT BROOKTHORPE VILLAGE HALL ON
TUESDAY 5 AUGUST 2025 AT 7.45PM**

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

In attendance: Tina Balgobin (Clerk) Reporting
Cllr Demelza Turner-Wilkes (District Councillor)
1 Member of the Public

PARISHONER QUESTIONS:

There were no questions.

1. APOLOGIES:

There were no apologies.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA:

There were no declarations.

3. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 1 JULY 2025:

The minutes were duly signed by the Chair as an accurate record of the meeting.

4. TO CONSIDER CO-OPTION REQUESTS:

None had been received at this time.

5. REPORTS:

- (a) **To receive a report from the County Councillor.** County Councillor John Patient did not attend the meeting
- (b) **To receive a report from the District Councillor.** District Councillor Demelza Turner Wilkes advised of the following:
Stroud District Council is seeking an Independent Member to join its Audit and Standards Committee this is a vital role that helps ensure transparency, accountability, and good governance across the Council's operations. If you have experience in finance, audit, or risk management and are willing to bring an independent, objective voice to support the Council's work, we'd love to hear from you - more details on the Job Centre section of our website www.stroud.gov.uk
The Cotswold Canals Connected partnership is inviting people to take part in a new survey about the district's historic canals - whether they use them regularly, occasionally, or not at all. The survey ends on 31 August.
To take part visit: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CotswoldCanals2025>
SDC has a page of activities relating to activities to keep children busy this summer, the link is

<https://www.stroud.gov.uk/news/keep-the-children-busy-this-summer-fun-for-all-ages-across-the-stroud-district/>

Residents will have received a letter to ensure their electoral roll details are up to date with the response required by 25th August 2025

District Councillor Demelza Turner-Wilkes also gave an update on current Planning Enforcements within the Parish.

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

The Parish Council received the following update:-

“Quedgeley Town Council re-arranged their joint meeting to the 20th August to give the PCs time to get responses in and I will then complete the joint letter on infrastructure. I am away in Lancashire that day and so the plan is to agree the draft and then wait for movement on the Stroud Plan before sending it off. Seven PCs at least will contribute. No further word from Sir Geoffrey. I have asked Piers what, if anything, might happen over the vacation but no reply. Neil Coleman's letter to Vernon Gray is of interest as it confirms for the first time that the County is not in contact at all with TW and TPA. It is rumoured that SDC have got NH to agree to the traffic impacts on the non-motorway sites but nothing is confirmed as far as I know. This should not necessarily impact on their holding declarations on the strategic sites.”

7. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON ST SWITHUNS CHURCH:

The Parish Council received the following update:-

“Following the visit of the Trustees in May, the Churches Conservation Trust (CCT) has been encouraged to continue with the project. The structural engineer has advised the CCT to run a small contract of exploratory works to further ascertain the extent of the problems; we will be informed when contractors are expected at the church.”

8. TO CONSIDER EXPRESSING AN INTEREST IN THE GCC COMMUNITY 20S AND SAFER ROADS INITIATIVES:

Information on the above had been circulated prior to the meeting. This was discussed and it was agreed the Parish Council would express an interest in the scheme.

9. TO NOTE THE END OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH REGARDS TO THE PARISH DEFIBRILLATORS:

This was discussed and noted.

10. PLANNING:

Ref. No: S.25/1141/FUL - Land Adjacent To Rose Cottage Stroud Road Whaddon Gloucester Proposed new highway access and upgrade of existing access track (part retrospective).

This application was discussed in detail and the Parish Council agreed to submit an objection to the same.

11. FINANCE:

- (a) To approve the Accounts for payment as per the list circulated prior to the meeting. The following accounts were presented for payment:

Accounts for payment August 2025			
Payee	Chq Number	Amount	Reason
August 2025			
T Balgobin	1314	£ 519.12	Salary / Expenses (July 25)
HMRC	1315	£ 149.14	Tax / Employer NI (July 25)
	Total	£ 668.26	

The following payments were also presented for payment as there is no meeting in September.

Accounts for payment September 2025			
Payee	Chq Number	Amount	Reason
September 2025			
T Balgobin	1316	£ 519.32	Salary / Expenses (August 25)
HMRC	1317	£ 148.94	Tax / Employer NI (August 25)
T Balgobin	1318	£ 589.00	Purchase of new Parish Council Laptop
	Total	£ 1,257.26	

The Council unanimously agreed that the above payments be made.

- (b) Cllr Hibbert (Parish Council Internal Controller) confirmed he had reviewed the accounts and signed off the last quarter.

11. COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

- Cllr Paul Gaze gave an update on the Village Hall events
- Cllr John Hendry reported on the scam affecting SDC Parking and also that EV chargers are being stolen from houses in the area.
- Cllr Eric Hibbert gave an update on the parking issues with Valley Bridge School and also on 2 occasions the alarm at the school has been activated and no-one has attended to deal with. Cllr Hibbert now has the telephone number of the caretaker.
- Cllr Eric Hibbert also gave an update on a bird scarer being used on a neighbouring property.
- Cllr Kirk Walton gave an update on the Grange Road drainage issues reported at the last meeting.

12. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 7 October at 7.45pm in the Brookthorpe Village Hall**

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

Signed: **Dated:**