

**MINUTES OF BROOKTHORPE-WITH-WHADDON
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT BROOKTHORPE VILLAGE HALL ON
TUESDAY 1 JULY 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 John Patient (Items 1 to 6) (County Councillor)
Cllr Demelza Turner-Wilkes (District Councillor)
2 Members of the Public

PARISHONER QUESTIONS:

There were no questions.

1. APOLOGIES:

There were no apologies.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA:

Cllr Eric Hibbert declared an interest in Agenda Items 8.

3. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 3 JUNE 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's report had been circulated prior to the meeting. Discussions around the Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) and the opportunity to implement 20 mph speed limits within the parish took place.
- (b) To receive a report from the District Councillor.** District Councillor Demelza Turner Wilkes gave an update on District Council matters. She also gave an update on the Land adjacent to Rose Cottage and Brookthorpe Springs Farm. She also advised the Council that SDC have launched a new reporting tool for anti-social behaviour.

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

The Parish Council received an update on the above.

7. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON ST SWITHUNS CHURCH:

There was no update for this meeting.

8. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON EBR 25 / 26 (CLLR HIBBERT):

There was no update for this meeting.

9. TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A NEW PARISH COUNCIL LAPTOP:

The members had received a briefing paper to support the above and it was agreed that a new Parish Council laptop up to the value of £490 plus VAT would be purchased.

10. 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 July 2025			
Payee	Chq Number	Amount	Reason
T Balgobin	1312	£ 519.32	Salary / Expenses (June 25)
HMRC	1313	£ 148.94	Tax / Employer NI (June 25)
	Total	£ 668.26	

The Council unanimously agreed that the above payments be made.

11. COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

- Cllr Paul Gaze advised that the Fire Hydrant that he had reported on Fixmystreet.com was now being looked at.
- Cllr Paul Gaze also advised that the Village Fair would take place on Sunday 6 July @ 2pm.
- Cllr Eric Hibbert gave an update on the recent infrastructure group meeting he had attended. The next one will be on the 16 July and Cllrs Walton and Stokes-Rhys will attend on behalf of the Parish Council.
- Cllr Eric Hibbert gave a brief overview of the issues with a neighbouring property using a bird scarer.
- Cllr Eric Hibbert advised that he had met with the Estates Manager at Valley Bridge School to discuss the inconsiderate parking along Church Lane and their lack of maintenance of the verges and green. He was reassured that these issues would be dealt with.
- Cllr Kirk Walton advised that the planning application for land at Winnycroft Lane was being decided at a planning meeting tonight. Gloucester City Council have advised that they currently have 4.7 years' worth of housing supply, which shows a shortfall of 1100 homes off their 5-year target.
- Cllr Kirk Walton gave an update on drainage issues with Severn Trent Water along Grange Road.

12. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 5 August at 7.45pm in the Brookthorpe Village Hall**

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS
THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.48pm**

Signed: Dated: