

**MINUTES OF BROOKTHORPE-WITH-WHADDON
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT BROOKTHORPE VILLAGE HALL ON
TUESDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2026 AT 7.45PM**

Present:	Cllr John Hendry		(Chair)
	Cllr Eric Hibbert		
	Cllr Kirk Walton		
	Cllr Andrew Miller		From Item 4
In attendance:	Tina Balgobin	(Clerk)	Reporting
	Cllr John Patient	(County Councillor)	Items 1 to 7
	Cllr Demelza Turner-Wilkes	(District Councillor)	From Item 5
	4 Members of the Public		

PARISHONER QUESTIONS:

A member of the public addressed the Council with a planning application he had submitted for the Walled Garden that would be discussed later in the meeting, he advised that a community engagement meeting had been held in the village hall, he also thanked the parish councillors who attended the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from Cllr Paul Gaze.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA:

There were no declarations.

3. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 2 DECEMBER 2025:

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

4. TO CONSIDER CO-OPTION REQUESTS:

A co-option request had been received via the Chair and circulated prior to the meeting. This was discussed and Andrew Miller was co-opted to the Parish Council.

5. REPORTS:

- (a) **To receive a report from the County Councillor.** County Councillor John Patient did not circulate a report, he gave a brief update on County Council matters.
- (b) **To receive a report from the District Councillor.** District Councillor Demelza Turner-Wilkes gave an update on District Council matters and an update on the current planning enforcement within the Parish

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:

"At St Swithun's Church on Wednesday 10th. December, we held a wonderful Christmas service. Due to the structural issues the building faces, this was the one day a year we have been able to open the church to visitors. The church pews were full, and Reverend Sarah Haslam led the congregation in a jovial service with readings from members of the local community, and Nigel Bone accompanying the carols on the keyboard. The congregation stayed after for mulled wine and warm mince pies served by Isobel Milne, the Churches Conservation Trust's Local Community Officer. Thanks go to Paul Gaze for providing addition lighting and the

other volunteers who helped with cleaning the church and provided additional resources for the event. Since the service, further investigations and works have been taking place to ensure that the Churches Conservation Trust has all the information needed to agree the correct way forward to deal with the subsidence at the church. The loose blown plaster at the rear of the north aisle has been removed. Scaffolding has been erected to access the tower, and it has been cleared of sticks and other mess left by the rooks who nested there over the summer. In January, a measured survey of the tower interior and vestry will be completed. Contractors will also inspect a potential flue for a boiler room below the north aisle, as this would affect any work to stabilise the church footings. We also aim to have the bells inspected.

With continued monitoring, it has been agreed that we can open the church for special days provided there are stewards in place. From the spring this year it has been suggested that the building is open on one Saturday each month.

If anyone would be interested in volunteering to help facilitate this, please email Isobel at imilne@theccct.org.uk

8. PLANNING:

To ratify the following planning application:

S.25/2279/HHOLD: Purnell House, Stroud Road, Whaddon - Erection of a single storey side extension
SUPPORTED

To consider the following planning application:

S.25/2205/FUL: Land at Stroud Road, Brookthorpe, Gloucester - Erection of 5 single storey Dwellings with Associated Works. **SUPPORTED**

9. 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 February 2026			
Payee	Chq Number	Amount	Reason
T Balgobin	1330	£ 534.30	Salary / Expenses (January 26)
HMRC	1331	£ 156.48	Tax / Employer NI (January 26)
Mr E Hibbert	1332	£ 500.00	Bus Shelter Refurbishment
Mr P Gaze	1333	£ 52.92	Xmas Tree Lights
Total		£ 1,243.70	

The Council unanimously agreed that the above payments be made.

10. COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

Painting of the two other bus shelters within the parish would be added to the March agenda

11. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 3 March 2026 at 7.45pm in the Brookthorpe Village Hall**

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS
THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.10PM**

Signed: **Dated:**