

**MINUTES OF BROOKTHORPE-WITH-WHADDON  
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT BROOKTHORPE VILLAGE HALL ON  
TUESDAY 7 APRIL 2026 AT 7.45PM**

**Present:** Cllr John Hendry (Chair)  
Cllr Paul Gaze  
Cllr Eric Hibbert  
Cllr Kirk Walton  
Cllr Andrew Miller

**In attendance:** Tina Balgobin (Clerk) Reporting  
Cllr John Patient (County Councillor) Items 1 to 5  
Cllr Demelza Turner-Wilkes (District Councillor)  
3 Members of the Public

**PARISHONER QUESTIONS:**

A member of the public asked if the Parish Council had signed up as a complainant on a current enforcement within the Parish, the Parish Council confirmed that they had, and this had been acknowledged.

**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 3 MARCH 2026:**

Cllr Miller proposed the following amendment to the Minutes: -

*“Cllr Miller asked the County Councillor about the strategic authority. The County Councillor expressed a preference for joining WECA (West of England Combined Authority)”*

Subject to the above amendment the minutes were duly signed by the Chair as an accurate record of the meeting.

**4. TO CONSIDER CO-OPTION REQUESTS:**

There was none

**5. REPORTS:**

(a) **To receive a report from the County Councillor.** County Councillor John Patient read out his report in detail.

(b) **To receive a report from the District Councillor.** District Councillor Demelza Turner-Wilkes gave an update on District Council matters which included the Garden waste scheme; Consultations on reducing speed limits around Javelin Park; DCC committee meetings increasing from 8 to 12; the draft local plan; Council tax support; contaminated land strategy

and the future of Stroud Lido with suggestions for crowd-funding and privatisation as SDC do not have the finances to invest in the maintenance / upkeep.

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

The Parish Council received the following update which was discussed in detail:-

*“Quedgeley Town Council held a meeting yesterday with MPs, local authorities, and Parish Councils to discuss infrastructure. MPs Alex McIntyre and Geoffrey Clinton Brown made significant contributions. Stroud DC said that as they expect the Inspectors will not approve the Local Plan, a new Plan will be started shortly and it will also address the new housing targets of 820 pa, up from 620 pa. This could take a minimum of 30 months to complete and it will have to go through Inspection again. It seems to be accepted that the sites at Whaddon, Hardwicke, and Hunts Grove extension will have to be postponed until J12 has been upgraded. There is no estimate of when this work can be done but the County is now concentrating on J10 which work will take until 2029. At the same time the County is working on a Spatial Development Strategy with the District Councils with the possibility of the County becoming a single unitary authority. How this will all develop with the District Local Plans is uncertain as all the authorities are waiting for decision from Government this summer on local government re-organisation. It is possible that all the plans will merge into one under a unitary authority. The County was asked to say whether there can be a solution to St. Barnabas as they did not support either road widening or traffic lights. They had previously insisted that low traffic housing at Whaddon was the only answer. They would not give a definite answer as it depended on whatever future mitigation scheme was offered but Alex McIntyre insisted there is no engineering solution and smaller housing sites may be the only answer. This could be addressed in consultation on the new Plan. There is apparently going to be a statement on the Plan made at the Stroud Council Meeting on the 30th April”*

## 7. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON ST SWITHUNS CHURCH:

Nigel Bone advised that the Area Officer would be looking at the church this week with a view to opening some Saturdays during the summer.

## 8. PLANNING:

To consider the following planning application:

S.26/0178/FUL - Red Roofs , Naas Lane, Brookthorpe, Gloucester.

Description: Change of use from C3 Dwellinghouse (restricted by condition to use as holiday accommodation) to F1(f) Public worship or religious instruction.

The above planning application was discussed; the Parish Council have no objection to the application.

## 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 April 2026			
Payee	Chq Number	Amount	Reason
T Balgobin	1337	£ 534.90	Salary / Expenses (March 26)
HMRC	1338	£ 155.88	Tax / Employer NI (March 26)
Mr E Hibbert	1339	£ 290.00	Bus Shelters in Whaddon - Remedial Work
Brookthorpe Village Hall	1340	£ 1,000.00	Grant for Summer and Christmas Events
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 1,980.78</b>	

The Council unanimously agreed that the above payments be made.

- (b) To approve the Asset Register updated as at the 1 April 2026. **A further update was made to the Asset Register; this will be signed off at the May Meeting.**
- (c) To approve a grant of £1,000 to Brookthorpe Village Hall for Summer and Christmas events. **This was approved.**

**10. COUNCILLORS REPORTS:**

Cllr John Hendry raised the recent email to Highways with regards to lorries on Upton Lane and also the recent spate of burglaries in Kings Stanley and Stonehouse.

**12. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 5 May 2026 following the APM at 7pm in the Brookthorpe Village Hall**

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS  
THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.55PM**

**Signed: ..... Dated: .....**