

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

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

In attendance: Tina Balgobin (Clerk) Reporting
Cllr John Patient (County Councillor) (Items 1 to 6)
Cllr Demelza Turner-Wilkes (District Councillor)
4 Members of the Public

PRESENTATION:

Lewis Witter from Gloucestershire Bleed Kit Partnership Initiative gave a presentation to the Members. Cllr Paul Gaze thanked him for attending and advised that the purchase options for the Parish Council would be discussed at the next meeting.

PARISHONER QUESTIONS:

A member of the public raised concerns about HGV's using Upton Lane when the second phase of the development for 180 homes at Winnycroft got underway. Gloucestershire Highways had stopped HGV's using Upton Lane on the first phase of the development and this should be continued. The Parish Council will contact Highways to request that this continues for this phase. The cutting of the verges around the Parish were also discussed. The Parish Council will try and source a contractor to assist with additional cuts as Highways only cut them once a year.

1. APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr John Hendry.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA:

There were no declarations.

3. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 2 JUNE 2026:

The minutes were approved and 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.** The County Councillor report was circulated prior to the meeting and County Councillor John Patient went through the same. Cllr Andrew Miller asked how the cycle space would work from Gloucester to Stroud and whether it was viable, how close would it be to the Parish? He also asked for costings for the Bishops Cleeve to Gloucester Quays section and the usage per day and this was discussed.

(b) To receive a report from the District Councillor. District Councillor Demelza Turner-Wilkes gave an update on Junction 12 roadworks, DCC committees, the draft Local Plan and the Stroud Lido.

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

The Parish Council received an update on the above including the draft Local Plan, the motorway junction and the Taylor Wimpey planning application.

7. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON ST SWITHUNS CHURCH:

The open day held on the 14 June was attended by 45 people.

8. 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 2026			
Payee	Chq Number	Amount	Reason
Mrs T Balgobin	1350	£ 537.90	Salary / Expenses (June 26)
HMRC	1351	£ 155.88	Tax / Employer NI (June 26)
	Total	£ 693.78	

The Council unanimously agreed that the above payments be made.

9. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM SDC ON THE COMPLAINT RAISED:

The Clerk advised that no response had been received despite a follow-up email being sent to the officer dealing with the complaint. It was agreed that a further email would be sent copying Kathy O'Leary (CEO). District Councillor Demelza Tuner-Wilkes advised that she would also raise the lack of response with the Leader. It was also agreed that a drafted letter circulated prior to the meeting would be sent to the Monitoring Officer on behalf of the Parish Council.

10. TO APPOINT A COUNCILLOR / COUNCILLORS TO UNDERTAKE CHECKS ON THE 3 DEFIBRILLATORS WITHIN THE PARISH:

This was discussed and it was agreed that Cllr Paul Gaze would undertake the checks on the defibrillators situated in Fagins and the Village Hall. Cllr Eric Hibbert will undertake the checks on the defibrillator at the Rectory.

11. TO ADOPT THE STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL 25-26 CHARTER FOR PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS:

It was unanimously agreed to adopt the Charter.

12. COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

Cllr Andrew Miller advised he had attended the St Swithuns Open Day and thanked Mr Nigel Bone for his work on the same.

Cllr Paul Gaze gave a summary of the Village Hall AGM held on the 2 July.

Cllr Paul Gaze reminded the members to submit their application if they were interested in becoming a Parish and Town Council representative.

13. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 4 August 2026 at 7.45pm in the Brookthorpe Village Hall**

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS
THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9:13 PM**

Signed: **Dated:**