MINUTES OF BROOKTHORPE-WITH-WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BROOKTHORPE VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 4 AUGUST 2026 AT 7.45PM

Present:	Cllr John Hendry		(Chair)
	Cllr Eric Hibbert		
	Cllr Andrew Miller		
In attendance:	Tina Balgobin	(Clerk)	Reporting
	Cllr Demelza Turner-Wilkes	(District Councillor)	
	2 Members of the Public		

PARISHONER QUESTIONS:
There were no questions.

1. APOLOGIES:
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Paul Gaze and Kirk Walton.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA:
There were no declarations.

3. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7 JULY 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 tendered his apologies, and his report was circulated to the members. Cllr Miller asked that a question be emailed to the County Councillor with regards to what preparations the County Council have in cases of wildfire due to the unprecedented heatwaves.

(b) To receive a report from the District Councillor. District Councillor Demelza Turner-Wilkes gave the following report:
"DCC Committees - DCC committee was last held on the 28 July. There were no applications considered in the Brookthorpe with Whaddon parish.
Draft Local Plan - A report was presented to SDC Full Council in April to formally commence a new local plan, this was voted through by Councillors. This is a link to the meeting. *https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GIUg6E0LR4k&t=12279s. The examination library link is here* *https://www.stroud.gov.uk/environment/planning-and-building-control/planning-strategy/stroud-district-local-plan-review/local-plan-examination/. The Council has formerly commenced work on a new Local Plan with the first review expected in October. The consultation even was held on the 23rd July at the Sub Rooms in Stroud.*

Stroud Lido - Stroud Lido has a page on the SDC website please use this link https://www.stroud.gov.uk/culture-leisure-sports-parks/lido/
Festivals and Events in Stroud - Details of events and festivals within the district can be found on this link https://www.stroud.gov.uk/news/july-festivals-and-events-in-the-stroud-district/
Community Governance Review - There is a community governance review for some wards within the district (Brookthorpe with Whaddon) is not within one of these. But should you wish to follow this process the link is as follows https://www.stroud.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/about-the-council/have-your-say/consultations/community-governance-review-2026-phase-1-consultation/
District Council Weekly Update - The weekly update can be found here. https://www.stroud.gov.uk/news/stroud-district-council-update-wc-3-august-2026/ "
Cllr John Hendry commented that some of the above links do not work. District Councillor Demelza Turner-Wilkes will report to the District Council's IT / Marketing Departments.

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

With regards to the planning application for the development of Whaddon Fields a draft letter to the Principal Highways Development Officer was discussed and it was agreed the letter would be sent on behalf of the Parish Council. A draft letter to the Planning Officer at Stroud District Council dealing with a planning application within the Parish was discussed and it was agreed the letter would be sent on behalf of the Parish Council. Cllr Eric Hibbert gave an update on the Stroud Local Plan consultation workshop he had recently attended as the Parish Council representative. A copy of the slides from the consultation would be circulated once received.

7. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON ST SWITHUNS CHURCH:

There will be another open day on the 20 September. Cracks on the building are getting bigger due to the hot weather; inspections are being carried out.

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 August 2026				
Payee	**Chq Number**		**Amount**	**Reason**
Mrs T Balgobin	1352	£	550.90	Salary / Expenses (July 26)
HMRC	1353	£	155.88	Tax / Employer NI (July 26)
	Total	**£**	**706.78**	

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

Accounts for payment September 2026				
Payee	**Chq Number**		**Amount**	**Reason**
Mrs T Balgobin	1354	£	550.90	Salary / Expenses (August 26)
HMRC	1355	£	155.88	Tax / Employer NI (August 26)
	Total	**£**	**706.78**	

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 to date which was discussed.

10. TO CONSIDER PURCHASING BLEED KITS FOR THE PARISH

Following a presentation from the Gloucestershire Bleed Kit Partnership Initiative at the July meeting it was agreed that 3 bleed kits at a cost of £85 plus VAT each would be purchased and stored in the Parish defibrillators.

11. COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

Cllrs Hibbert and Gaze to advise the Clerk what verges need cutting by a contractor outside of the usual Highways maintenance scheme.

12. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 6 October 2026 at 7.45pm in the Brookthorpe Village Hall**

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS
THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8:34PM

Signed: …….. Dated: ……