

BROOKTHORPE WITH WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 3rd OCTOBER 2023

PRESENT

Messrs John Hendry [Chairman], Paul Gaze, Rhodri Stokes-Rhys, Mr Martin Coles [Whaddon Fields Representative], PCSO Nicola Wood, Mrs A Szabó [Parish Clerk], and 1 member of the public.

23/111 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Dave Kaspar, Stephen Davies [District Councillor], Sue Williams [County Councillor].

There were no other apologies for absence.

23/112 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meetings held on 5th September were agreed and signed as true records.

23/113 MATTERS ARISING

Closed Public Rights of Way – The Chairman informed the Council that we have heard back from Sarah Macaulay-Lowe [Public Rights of Way Officer, Gloucestershire County Council]. She stated that the illegal blocking of the Green Lane adjacent to Mount View Gypsy Site, Naas Lane, was no longer a priority as members of the public have not complained. This was felt to be unacceptable, and representation has been made to Cllr Sue Williams for her intervention. A reply has been received but it would appear that no action is being taken due to the situation being “tricky”.

Severn Trent clearing and tidying at Pumping Station at Whaddon – It was reported that the site and surrounding area was now secure and tidy.

Defibrillator Training – The Clerk informed the Council that this has been arranged for Sunday 26th November at 10am in conjunction with a coffee morning being arranged by the Village Hall Committee. PCSO Nicola Wood stated that she would attend if she could.

Application for Speed Activated Signs – The Clerk informed the Council that Kat Dean was the new Community Speedwatch Project Officer, but no new information to report to Cllrs regarding our application.

23/114 POLICE REPORT

Nicola Wood stated that she took over the area 6 weeks ago. She stated that it was a large area and that she would only promise what can be delivered. Asked for evidence of Chris Nelson’s visit to the Annual Parish Meeting in May, and said that she would follow his promises up. She also asked for contacts regarding the issues surrounding the closing of the Green Lane in Naas Lane. She stated that she would look into the problems regarding large lorries using Upton Lane to access the building site at Winnycroft. The Clerk to forward information. The Chairman thanked PCSO Nicola Wood for attending.

23/115 COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

This report had been circulated to Councillors.

23/116 STROUD DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

No report had been received.

23/117 MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations of interest to items on the agenda.

23/118 FINANCE

a) Cheques for signature

Cheque No	Amount	Payee	Reason
1232		Mrs A Szabo	Clerk’s Wages, Home Office Allowance and £5.40 expenses.
1233	£7.20	HMRC	PAYE

Power used for Council’s spending.
General Power of Competence – Power of first resort

23/119 PLANNING

a) Planning applications for consideration

S.23/1146 /FUL	Gwynfyd, Church Lane, Whaddon.	Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling Revised Drawings No objections
S.23/1798/LBC	Tudor House, Stroud Road, Whaddon.	Construction of timber framed link between existing house (Barn A / Tudor House) and existing sunroom. No objections

b) Decisions received from Planning Authority

S.23/1599/LBC	Brookthorpe Court Farmhouse	WITHDRAWN
S.23/1600/HHOLD	Brookthorpe Court Farmhouse	WITHDRAWN

23/120 WHADDON FIELDS

Following the consultations with Black Box it appeared that Taylor Wimpey would not pursue their application if there is no Adopted Local Plan. This could take 2 years. As yet there is still no request from Gloucester City for land. This could take 2-3 years. Land in Naas Lane is part of G2 but not under offer at the moment from a developer. The Public Right of Way across the church yard will need diverting after planning consent has been gained. This could be a further year.

The consultation response as prepared by Martin Coles was proposed for adoption by Cllr Paul Gaze and seconded by Cllr John Hendry. Cllr Rhodri Stokes-Rhys objected and stated that he wished to make further comments. It was agreed that any further comments should be made to the Clerk by 12 noon Friday so that they can be added. The Chairman thanked Martin Coles and Cllr Rhodri Stokes-Rhys for attending the consultation meetings on behalf of the Council.

23/121 DONATION TO THE VILLAGE HALL TOWARDS THE CHRISTMAS EVENT.

It was proposed by Cllr Paul Gaze and seconded Cllr John Hendy that the Council donate £200 for this event.

23/122 CHILDREN’S FIRST AID SESSION

It was agreed that the Clerk should arrange a session with Red Cross or St John Ambulance for the new year. The cost to come from CIL money.

23/123 STRUCTURAL CONDITION OF ST SWITHUN’S CHURCH

The Site Investigation Report has been circulated by Nigel Bone.

23/124 INFORMATION FOR COUNCILLORS

Cllr Paul Gaze reported that the Village Hall are looking to replace the floor to the old kitchen area due to wet rot at a cost of £7,000+.

23/125 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no further questions from the public.

23/126 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 7th November 2023.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.27

Chairman

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