

BROOKTHORPE WITH WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 4th APRIL 2023

PRESENT

Messrs John Hendry [Chairman], Dave Kaspar, Rhodri Stokes-Rhys, Cllr Stephen Davies [District Councillor], Mrs A Szabó [Parish Clerk] and 1 member of the public.

23/033 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Paul Gaze, CPSO Debbie Collicott.

There were no other apologies for absence.

23/034 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th March 2023 were agreed and signed as a true record.

23/035 MATTERS ARISING

Application for funding of interactive speed signs for Upton Lane and Haresfield Lane. Still pending. Cllr Stephen Davies to chase this up.

Enforcement Action for Public Rights of Way – No further information received.

Annual Parish Meeting – The Clerk reported that invitations had gone out and most have replied and will attend including the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Independent Audit – GAPTC have confirmed that Alison Robinson would carry this out at the end of May.

23/036 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The report from Cllr Sue Williams to be circulated.

23/037 STROUD DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Stephen Davies reported that the inspection of Stroud District Council's Draft Local Plan will now not be completed until June/July. There appear to be significant issues on highways matters. Possible outcomes could be "support", "support with modification" or "reject".

He also reported that the District enforcement team is back up to full strength, but are dealing with 600 unresolved cases. The new update system in place to keep Parish Councils up to date on how the enforcements are progressing is now up and running. Cllr Davies requested that the Clerk send him a full list of this Council's pending enforcements.

23/038 MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

23/039 FINANCE

a) Cheques for signature

Cheque No	Amount	Payee	Reason
1212		Mrs A Szabo	Clerk's Wages, and Expenses of £10.80

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

23/040 PLANNING

a) Planning applications for consideration

S.23/0544/FUL	Hayes Farm Harescombe	Change of use and conversion of Dutch Barn to create a venue. Erection of Hobbit House for wedding use, orchard planting, six mini golf holes. Change of use from agriculture to amenity/event use. No objections
S.23/0550/FUL	Selfwood Cottage Gilberts Lane Brookthorpe, Gloucester.	New external metal fire escape. No objections

b) Planning decisions received from Stroud District Council

S.23/0327/FUL	Gloucester Asbestos Specialists	Withdrawn
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23/041 WHADDON FIELDS

In the absence of Mr Martin Coles there was no updated information.

23/042 CORONATION CELEBRATIONS

Cllrs voted to donate £750 towards the celebrations on 7th May out of the community events fund. This to include the purchase of mugs for children. Proposed by Cllr Dave Kaspar and seconded by Cllr Rhodri Stokes-Rhys.

23/043 REMOVED DRAIN COVER

The Clerk stated that after a member of the public had reported a dangerous drain opposite Rose Cottage, she had passed this on to Gloucestershire Highways and this has now been rectified.

23/044 ASSET AND DEFIBRILLATOR CHECKS

The Clerk reported that these had been carried out and that all was in good order.

23/045 CLERKS ANNUAL LEAVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEETING 4TH JULY

The Clerk reported that she would be away for the meeting in July. It was decided to postpone this meeting until 1st August.

23/046 INFORMATION FOR COUNCILLORS

Naas Lane Closures 8am - 4pm 24th May at the railway bridge

The agreed tree for the green at Whaddon will be planted this month by Cllr Dave Kaspar.

Cllrs reported potholes and large puddles in Naas Lane and Upton Lane outside Days Cottage and Gloucester Services. Large lorries are using Upton Lane, as well as the back gates into Gloucester services that remain open in breach of planning conditions.

23/047 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr Eric Hibbert reported on the ongoing update to the Village Hall and its AGM 7pm 19th April.

There were no further comments or questions from the public.

23/048 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 9th May 2023.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.04.

Chairman

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