

BROOKTHORPE WITH WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 7th JUNE 2022

PRESENT

Messrs John Hendry [Chairman], Paul Gaze, Rhodri Stokes-Rhys, Mr Martin Coles [Parish Council's Representative for Whaddon Fields], Cllr Dave Mossman [District Councillor], Mrs A Szabó [Parish Clerk] and 3 members of the public.

22/069 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Dave Kaspar, Cllr Sue Williams [Gloucestershire County Council].

22/070 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd May 2022 were agreed and signed as a true record.

22/071 MATTERS ARISING

Outstanding Planning Enforcements – Cllr Paul Gaze reported that he, the Clerk and District Councillor Dave Mossman attended a meeting with Griffith Bunce at the Council Offices on 19th May. Historical failures with the enforcement department were outlined and it was agreed that this had nothing to do with Covid or staffing issues. Mr Bunce outlined the significant issues being faced by the Enforcement Department at present. A review of practice and a consultation process is due to begin in June. A new updated IT system will be put in place. Mr Bunce assured the Council that an enforcement notice was due to be served in relation to land adjacent at Rose Cottage. There would then be 28 days where an appeal can be lodged. He promised to keep the Parish Council notified. Cllr Mossman suggested that the Parish Council keep communicating with Mr Bunce directly regarding this and copy him into any communications.

Access to Kalisco Farm – Cllr Paul Gaze reported Gloucestershire County Council confirmed that planning permission needed for access and are investigating the issue with the rubble.

Annual Parish Meeting – It was agreed that this meeting was well attended and useful.

Drone evidence for St Barnabas Roundabout – Martin Coles to chase this up.

22/072 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The County Councillors report had been circulated to Councillors.

22/073 STROUD DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Dave Mossman reported that the District Council were still waiting for the timetable of inspection to the Draft Local Plan from the inspector. The overall Strategic Transport Plan is on the District Council's website. This is the District Council's stance but may be altered after consultation with the County Council and developers to find common ground and a solution to differences. He outlined problems at junction 14 regarding the Sharpness site. The funding for the proposed Transport Plan is to be published in July providing the inspector agrees.

Gloucestershire County Council Education Department are looking at refunding viability problems for all sites. The District Council are working on all existing statements to find common ground and solutions with SDC, GCC and Taylor Wimpey. However, it was stressed this would **not** stop the plan going ahead with the inspector. Any planning applications can be discussed but will not be approved until the plan is in place. Trigger points will be in process regarding Gloucester City Council's proven need to use Whaddon Fields to make up their numbers. Cllr Mossman confirmed that the developer's payback to community would be under S106 and not CIL.

On other matters, Cllr Mossman stated that there was a new Government National Planning Framework under consultation.

22/074 WHADDON FIELDS

Mr Coles questioned the Sustainable Transport Plan and its implementation.

21/075 MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

22/076 FINANCE

a) Cheque for signature

Cheque No	Amount	Payee	Reason
1184		Mrs A Szabo	Clerk's Wages, Home Office Allowance £12.00 plus £43.55 expenses
1185	£40.00	Information Commissioner	Data Protection
1186	£20.00	Days Cottage	Annual Parish Meeting Refreshments
1187	£828.61	Gallagher Insurance	Council's Insurance

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

b) It was proposed by Cllr John Hendry and seconded by Cllr Paul Gaze that the payment of £828.61 for Council's Insurance should be written as it had been reviewed that this schedule meets the Council's needs.

Cheque No 1187

RESOLVED

c) Annual PATA payments – It was proposed by Cllr Paul Gaze and seconded by Cllr John Hendry that the Council should continue paying PATA annually for payroll ongoing until further notice.

RESOLVED

d) Notification of Exercise of Public Rights – The Clerk advised the Council that the notification of public rights runs from 13th June to 22nd July.

22/077 PLANNING

a) Planning applications for consideration

S.22/0896/FUL	Land Adjacent to Rose Cottage Stroud Road	Erection of new agricultural building (barn)
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It was proposed by Cllr Paul Gaze and seconded by Cllr John Hendry that the Council respond with no objections. Cllr Rhodry Stokes-Rhys objected on the grounds of need. **RESOLVED TO HAVE NO OBJECTIONS**

b) Decisions made by Stroud District Council

S.22/0329/LBS	Brookthorpe Court Farmhouse	CONSENT
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22/078 CLERKS PENSION REVIEW

The Clerk confirmed that she had been asked, in writing, if she wished the Council to provide a pension. She confirmed that she wished to opt out again this year.

22/079 COUNCILLORS' REVIEW OF THEIR DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Cllr Paul Gaze and Cllr Rhodri Stokes-Rhys had no changes to their Declarations of Interests signed in June 2021. Cllr John Hendry forwarded a new signed form.

22/080 APPLICATION TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL'S SAFER ROADS FUND

It was agreed to look into putting in an application for vehicle activated signs for Upton Lane and Haresfield Lanes. **Action Cllr Paul Gaze**

22/081 ASSET AND DEFIBRILLATOR REPORTS

The Clerk reported that she had checked the Assets and Defibrillators. There was nothing to add to last month's report. Mr Hibbert reported that he would apply wood preservative to the timber bus shelters this month.

22/082 SALE OF WYNSTONES SCHOOL

It was reported by Mr Eric Hibbert that the former school will be put on the market by the end of June, as it stands and with no planning application. It is the duty of the trustees to get the best possible price.

22/083 INFORMATION FOR COUNCILLORS

Cllr Paul Gaze notified the Council that a quote for fencing at St Swithun’s entrance had been received for around £1000.00. The Clerk stated that we would need to see the relevant paperwork before we could grant any money towards this. Agenda Item for July.

22/084 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr Eric Hibbert reported that the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee celebration went well and thanked the Council for their grant towards this village event. He added that he had been notified by County Councillor Sue Williams that the village hall would receive £10,000 from the Build Back Better Scheme towards the refurbishment of the hall.

22/085 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 5th July 2022.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.45.

Chairman

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