

# **BROOKTHORPE WITH WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 3<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024 - at Brookthorpe Village Hall PRESENT**

Messrs John Hendry [Chairman], Eric Hibbert, Rhodri Stokes-Rhys, Cllr Susan Williams [Gloucestershire County Councillor], Demelza Turner-Wilkes [Stroud District Councillor], PCSO Nicky Wood, Martin Coles [Whaddon Fields Representative], Nigel Bone [St Swithun's Church Building Lead], Mrs Anne Szabo [Parish Clerk] and 4 members of the public.

Also in attendance Cllr Andrew Miller [Gloucestershire County Councillor].

### **24/116 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Paul Gaze.

There were no other apologies for absence.

### **24/117 BLOCKING OF GREEN LANE NEXT TO MOUNT VIEW, MULTI AGENCY MEETING**

Cllr Eric Hibbert reported that the multi-agency meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> August was not well attended. There was no plan of action by PRoW, although it was 3 months since last meeting. PCSO Nicky Wood stated that there needs to be a way forward to clear the paths in the Autumn, as agreed. Cllr Sue Williams agreed to chase up PRoW. PCSO Nicky Wood stated that she would also email PRoW requesting a further meeting once actions are sorted out. Cllr Demelza Turner-Wilkes to contact Community Services, Property Services and Planning. PCSO Nicky Wood has tried to arrange a meeting with Delphine Sparrow [Traveller Liaison Officer], but this appears not to have happened. It was stressed that landowners have been advised not to go to their land without Police assistance.

### **24/118 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

It was proposed by Cllr Jon Hendy and seconded by Cllr Eric Hibbert that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July be agreed and signed as true records.

**RESOLVED**

### **24/119 MATTERS ARISING**

Upton Lane Speeding and Overweight Lorries – A parishioner reported that the number of lorries using the land has reduced after new signage was installed. Although speeding is still an issue. PCSO Nicky Wood to request speed checks during rush hours.

Clerk's Replacement – It was noted that 9 enrolment packs had been sent out, but as yet no applications had been received. The deadline for applications is 27<sup>th</sup> September. It was decided to meet on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September to go through any applications and draw up a shortlist for interviews. There were no other matters arising that did not appear on the on the agenda elsewhere.

### **24/120 POLICE REPORT**

No report was available for the meeting.

Cllr Rhodri Stokes-Rhys mentioned the recent fly tipping of toxic material on private land. This had been reported at the time, but the response was felt to be unsatisfactory. It was suggested that representation be made to Chris Nelson, Diane Blandford and the Environmental Dept at Stroud District Council.

### **24/121 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

The report from Cllr Sue Williams had been received and circulated to Councillors.

### **24/122 STROUD DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Cllr Demelza Turner-Wilkes reported that Stratford Park outside pool would receive investment for a revamp and be open for next summer. She however, felt that this facility needs to be better utilised. It was further reported that the District Council have signed up to the 20 is plenty scheme. The Clerk was asked to put this item on the agenda for next month.

### **24/123 MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

Cllr Eric Hibbert declared his pecuniary interest in items 2 and 11 on the Agenda – Blocking of EBR 25 and EBR 26 and Bus shelter repairs.

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

## 24/124 FINANCE

### a) Cheques for signature

Cheque No	Amount	Payee	Reason
1271		Mrs A Szabo	Clerk's Wages, Office Allowance £12.00 and Expenses of £19.80
1272	£115.20	HMRC	PAYE
1273	£552.29	Mr D Davies	Verge Cutting
1274	£10,000.00	Brookthorpe Village Hall	CIL

### b) Cheques signed out of meeting

1275	£1375	Mr E Hibbert	Bus Shelter Repairs
1276	£672.00	Mrs A Szabo	Stroud News and Journal Advertisement

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

### c) To report on Internal report for April – June

Cllr John Hendry reported that all appeared to be in good order, with the exception that £5.40 remains unclaimed by the Clerk and that the spreadsheet for receipts was not included for inspection.

### d) To report on Bank Mandate update.

The Clerk reported that all mandate forms were now completed and would be taken to Lloyds bank tomorrow. Cllr Eric Hibbert would then be a signatory, and the Clerk would be given authority to run the account and request information from the bank.

## 24/125 PLANNING

### a) Planning applications for consideration

S.24/1297/FUL	Valley Bridge School, Church Lane, Whaddon	Installation of two air source heat pumps and timber enclosures to classroom block. No objections
S.24/1445/FUL	Land Adjacent to Rose Cottage, Stroud Road, Whaddon	Erection of a replacement building for use Class B8 (Storage and Distribution).

Cllrs had grave concerns strongly object to these proposals due to habitat loss, the history of site including enforcement changes, The height and size changes of barn, highways implications and noise nuisance. The Clerk was asked to request that this application be determined by the Development Control Committee.

### b) Decisions received from Planning Authority.

No decisions had been received.

c) Planning Enforcement Request – The clerk reported that an enforcement request had been received by Stroud District Council regarding the alleged enlargement Gypsy site at Mount View.

## 24/126 BUS SHELTER REPAIRS

It was reported by the Clerk that there had only been one quote for the repairs to the bus shelter. Cllr Eric Hibbert left the room while this was being discussed as he had a pecuniary interest in this item. It was proposed by Cllr John Hendry and seconded by Cllr Rhodri Stokes-Rhys that Cllr Eric Hibbert would be awarded the job at a cost of £2750 – 50% to be paid as deposit.

## 24/127 ASSET AND DEFIBRILLATOR REPORTS

The Clerk reported that these had been carried out. The timber bus shelter at Brookthorpe has a nail sticking out that could cause injury and needs attention. Cllr Eric Hibbert agreed to action this. The defibrillator at Fagin's Public House was reading not available for use. This has been reported.

**24/128 REQUEST FROM VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE TO REALLOCATE THE £1250 GRANT FOR CAR PARK REPAIRS IN 2022 TO THE REFURBISHMENT OF THE HALL**

The Clerk reported that there was nothing in the Grant application process to prevent this but advised that the policy needs updating to ensure that any monies granted, in future, had to be used for the original purpose and in a timely manner. It was proposed by Cllr Eric Hibbert and seconded by Rhodri Stokes-Rhys, that the change in use be granted.

**24/129 PROPOSED WHADDON FIELDS DEVELOPMENT**

Change in central government and additional requirements may have an effect on when reports and recommendations will be out from the District Council for consultation. Deadlines from the inspectors may not be met. Contributions to Junction 12 upgrade made by developers will not be retrospective.

**24/130 STRUCTURAL CONDITION OF ST SWITHUN’S CHURCH**

As a parish, it needs to be agreed what would the church building will be used for. Suggestions for possible uses will be sought.

**24/131 INFORMATION FOR COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Eric Hibbert stated that the verges in Whaddon along the A1473 are a safety issue at Church Lane due to visibility. Cllr Sue Williams agreed to chase up.

Andrews Close Sign had been ordered.

Tree survey had been requested.

**24/132 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

It was reported that major highways surveys seem to have been taking place in and around Upton Lane. Cllr Sue Williams to investigate with Highways.

Brethren Members suggested that they would be willing to set up a quarterly community litter picking. It was suggested that Matt Smith [Neighbourhood Warden] would help with equipment.

They also reported that pre application process was underway for Red Roofs in Naas Lane. It is hoped to use the existing building. Highways survey has been completed and shown up no issues.

**24/133 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024 at 8pm

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.00.

Chairman .....

Date.....