

BROOKTHORPE WITH WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7th APRIL 2009

PRESENT

Messers, E Hibbert [Chairman], B Wiggall, S Fry, Mrs E Brent-Smith, 3 members of the Save the Countryside Group, Mrs A Rigelsford [Parish Clerk] and 3 members of the public

09/028 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors R Winstone, H Coles, Councillor K Pearson [District Councillor]

09/029 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd March and the amendments to the minutes from the 3rd February were agreed and signed as true records.

09/030 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interests to items on the agenda

09/031 MATTERS ARISING

a) Parish Plan – The Chairman reported that unfortunately the Chairman of the Parish Plan Group had now resigned. A meeting has been arranged for the 15th April in order to elect a new chairman and discuss ways of taking this project forward.

b) Annual Parish Meeting – The Clerk reported that the invitations had gone out for Tuesday 19th May at 7.30 pm.

c) Church Lane Residents Meeting – The Chairman reported that this had been a positive meeting although the minutes had arrived too late for discussion at the Wynstone School development meeting. It will now be the end of April before they can be discussed.

d) Flooding at Grange Road – The Chairman reported that he had attended a meeting regarding recent problems. A great amount of rubbish had already been removed from the brook and this should help alleviate future problems. Concerns were raised however regarding the continual development at St Peters school and any future development at Whaddon. It was hoped to set up a flood watch scheme with the help of Tuffley residents and the Three Bridges Committee. It was also hoped to be able to keep an eye on future brook levels by means of a camera.

e) Bus Shelter – It was reported that the new bus shelter was almost complete and Councillor Wiggall was to be asked to liaise with Paul Gaze regarding the reinstatement of the notice board.

f) Gypsy Site – The requested meeting is to take place on Thursday 30th April at 2 pm at Ebley Mill

g) Councillors Training – Councillors Wiggall and Brent-Smith agreed that this was a useful day. The outcome being that Financial Standing Orders should reviewed annually. The Clerk stated that she did try to ensure that this was done regularly. It was suggested that the position of chairman be limited to a set number of consecutive years. Perhaps three, and that the Clerk have an annual appraisal.

09/032 PLANNING

a) New applications for discussion

S09/0308/FUL	Mr G Hyatt Pound Farm Stroud Road Whaddon	Erection of Agricultural Building There were no objections to this application
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b) Decisions made by SDC

S09/0010/ VAR	Wynstones School	Variation of condition 9 from application S06/1090/FUL
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S09/0029/FUL	Red Roof Cottage	WITHDRAWN Erection of wind turbine
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APPROVED

The Clerk informed the Council that Condition 2 of this approval stated that the turbine and associated all equipment shall be removed from site when the development is no longer required for the generation of electricity to the site.

09/033 FINANCE

a) Cheques for agreement and signature

	Mrs A Rigelsford	Clerks Wages and expenses (13.49)
£41.00	Ivydene Associates	Newsletter
£106.40	Mr P Wooton	Snow Plough
£115.00	Mr I Selkirk	Internal Audit

b) Cheques signed during the month

£25.00	GRCC	Subscription 08/09
£23.24	Mrs A Rigelsford	Expenses

c) Standing Order for payment of GRCC subscription from May 09 annually - The Clerk informed the Council that she had arranged for a Standing Order to be put in place in order to pay the subscription annually.

d) Internal Auditors Report – The clerk informed the Council that Mr Selkirk had found the books to be in good order but he did however bring some matters to the attention of the Council.

1. The Fidelity Guarantee should be raised to £17,000
2. The Clerks expenses should be analysed out of the salary column in the cash payment sheet
3. The financial risk assessment should be carried out annually.

09/034 POLICE MATTERS

a) Police Report - There was no police report submitted.

09/035 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

Please see attached report

09/036 ROADS AND PATHWAYS

Fly Tipping – The Chairman reported that the meeting held at Harescombe had been well attended. It was felt that the presentations provided by SDC did not fully represent the problems being experienced in this area. This parish had had more incidents of fly tipping than any other area within SDC, but no prosecution had ever taken place. It was hoped that a new proactive initiative by SDC could see this change.

09/037 ODDSIES

Save the Countryside – A presentation was given by Helen Wells and Alice Ross. I was hoped that by organisations joining together and pooling recourses that there would be more clout to fight against the building on green fields and the RSS. The Chairman thanked the group for their presentation and expressed an interest in keeping in touch with their activitites.

09/038 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 5th May at 8 pm

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.40 pm

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Chairman