

BROOKTHORPE WITH WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1st JUNE 2010

PRESENT

Messrs, E Hibbert [Chairman], R Winstone, S Fry, Mrs E Brent-Smith, Keith Pearson [District Councillor], Mrs A Rigelsford [Parish Clerk] and 7 members of the public

10/085 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor B Wiggall, Councillor Joan Nash [County Councillor], Carol Novoth [Neighbourhood Warden]

10/087 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and the normal Parish Council Meeting held on the 4th May were signed as a true records.

10/088 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor Hibbert declared his interests in item 7a on the agenda. There were no other declarations of interests to items on the agenda.

10/089 MATTERS ARISING

a) Arrangements for filling the casual vacancy – The Clerk reported that there were still only two applicants for the vacancy. They will be asked to put their application in writing, outlining why they wish to become a Councillor and any relevant information and their willingness to undergo training when necessary. The Chairman added that he wished to fill the vacant position for the July meeting.

b) Proposed Motorway Service Area update – The Chairman reported that the revised plans had now been received. The Council has until the 30th June to respond but due to the amount of information and nature of the application this is a tall order. Especially considering the amount of time the applicants have had in order to put the revisions together. The Clerk reported that a Planning Meeting would need to be arranged.

c) Well Being Update – The Clerk reported that she is in the process of putting the portfolio together and is hoping that it will be sent off for evaluation by next weekend.

d) Proposed bollards in Church Lane – The Chairman reported that Wynstones School had been in contact with County Highways regarding this issue. There are, apparently, legal issues regarding the placement of large stones next to the carriageway. County Highways are prepared to provide posts for most of the area in question. The Clerk stated that she would contact County Highways regarding the situation outside Robinswood Cottage.

e) Church Lane junction – The clerk reported that there was no further information regarding this issue.

10/090 FINANCE

a) Cheques for agreement and signature

	Mrs A Rigelsford	Clerks Wages
£34.19	Mr E Hibbert	Refreshments for Annual Parish Meeting
£ 41.00	Ivydene Associates	Newsletter
£286.70	Game and Company	Council Insurance
£127.68	Mr P Wooton	Snow Clearing (this to be reclaimed from GCC)

Powers used for Council's spending

Administration	Local Government Act 1972 Section 11
Newsletters	Local Government Act 1972 Section 142

b) Annual contribution to the Neighbourhood Warden Scheme – The Clerk reported that she had managed to negotiate a reduction of £50 to this years contribution.

10/091 PLANNING

a) New applications for discussion

The Clerk reported that there were three applications for discussion and that a Planning Meeting needs to be arranged for this.

b) Decisions received from SDC

S09/1593/DISCON	Plots 1 & 2 Clovermead Upton Lane	Discharge of conditions 2, 3, & 12 of application S09/1074/FUL
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APPROVED

S09/2214/HHOLD	Mulberry Tree Cottage Stroud Road Brookthorpe	Retrospective application for installation of windows and alteration to slope of conservatory roof
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c) Planning Enforcement update on corner site in Naas Lane and Sheil House - The Clerk reported that there was nothing further to report.

d) Appeal into Planning Application S09/0036 – The Chairman reported that Mr Buckley had applied for three extra pitches at Mount View. It had been established that he did own this parcel of land but could not be held responsible for the history of the entire site. It was however stated by Mr Hibbert that he did inherit the enforcement notices when he purchased the land. As a result of a site visit it appeared that the inspector was keen that the balancing pond, hedgerows and brook be reinstated. The result of the appeal should be sent out 11th June.

10/092 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Please see attached report

10/093 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Pearson reported that the Stroud District Council had indicated that they are keen to maintain AONB and greenbelt land giving them high priority in the District's Core Strategy. If the Regional Spatial Strategy is scrapped the Core Strategy will have to be looked at again in the light of a vast difference in potential new home requirements. The proposed development at Sharpness is not anything to do with Stroud District Council and will not figure in the Core Strategy.

Stroud District Council has put a bid forward for opting out of the Housing Revenue Account. This will allow them to borrow £94m to bring the current housing stock up to a better standard and replace some housing stock.

Tenders have gone out for work related to the Canal Restoration Project.

10/094 POLICE REPORT

No report had been received from the Police

10/095 PARISH PLAN

Mr Gaze reported that he would initiate a meeting for interested people to try to take this project forward. A report needs to be written, action plan and strategies formulated.

10/096 EMERGENCY PARISH PLAN

Mr Gaze reported that more people were needed to take this project forward and that at the moment was still on the back burner.

10/097 COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions or comments from the public

10/098 ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA 1st JUNE

Church Lane Junction progress

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

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Chairman