

BROOKTHORPE WITH WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4th MAY 2010

PRESENT

Messrs, E Hibbert [Chairman], B Wiggall, R Winstone, S Fry, Mrs E Brent-Smith, Councillor Joan Nash [County Councillor], and Keith Pearson [District Councillor], Mr D Ryder [Wynstones School], Mrs A Rigelsford [Parish Clerk] and 5 members of the public

10/072 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Carol Novoth [Neighbourhood Warden] PCSO Shane Reynolds

10/073 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the meetings held on the 6th April were signed as a true record.

10/074 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor Hibbert declared his interests in item 7 on the agenda, the signing of cheques to Domain 2000. There were no other declarations of interests to items on the agenda.

10/075 MATTERS ARISING

a) Arrangements for filling the casual vacancy – The Clerk reported that now that the general election is over that she is expecting confirmation of permission to fill the vacancy by co-option soon. There has now been two people who have expressed an interest in filling the post. It will be advertised again in the June Newsletter.

b) Proposed Motorway Service Area update – The Chairman reported that as far as he is aware this application will be heard at the June meeting of the Development Control Committee. Revisions to the application requested by the Highways departments are still outstanding.

c) Arrangements for Annual Parish Meeting – The Clerk stated that she had followed up on invitations as replies had not been received. Arrangements for providing wine, nibbles and tea, coffee and cakes were finalised.

d) Well Being Update – The Clerk reported that she is due to have help with the planning segment of the course from Stroud District Council's Planning Department and that the portfolio is in the process of being put together ready to be sent off for evaluation.

10/076 FINANCE

a) Cheques for agreement and signature

	Mrs A Rigelsford	Clerks Wages
£180.00	Domain 2000 Ltd	Parish Council's mobile phone for 12 months
£41.00	Ivydene Associates	Newsletter
£169.70	GAPTC	Subscription
£115.00	Mr I Selkirk	Independent External Audit

b) Cheque signed outside the Parish Council meeting in April

£30.00	Domain 2000	Reissue of cheques 541 and 551
		Powers used for Council's spending
	Administration	Local Government Act 1972 Section 11
	Newsletters	Local Government Act 1972 Section 142

c) Annual contribution to the Neighbourhood Warden Scheme – The Clerk reported that unfortunately due to circumstances Carol had not been able to give full cover to the Parish during the last 12 months and that there seems to have been no back up cover. She therefore felt that the Council had reason to negotiate a reduction in the contribution for the next 12 month. Councillors agreed to this course of action.

10/077 PLANNING

a) New applications for discussion

S10/0621/HHOLD Mr N Cooke Conversion of garage to living/dining room and erection of chimney
Court House
Brookthorpe Court
Stroud Road
Brookthorpe The Council had no objections to this application

b) Decisions received from SDC

There were no decisions to report

c) Planning Enforcement update on corner site in Naas Lane and Sheil House

The Chairman reported that Mr Sly had issued enforcement notices on both sites.

10/078 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Please see attached report

10/079 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Pearson reported that the Core Strategy consultation had now finished, although the results have not been finalised the first results suggest that the larger settlements appear to be the most popular.

He reported that Stroud District Council are now to share audit services with Gloucestershire County Council.

As part of the Canal Restoration Project the A46 bridge at Merrywalks is about to be rebuilt. He stated that the Council is supporting traders during the time that the road will be closed. Assurances have been given that the road will be fully open by November. The Stonehouse to Ryford part of the project is now well under way.

Councillor Hibbert asked regarding reports in the press that a developer was willing to build 2000 new homes at Sharpness. Councillor Pearson replied that this is not part of the Core Startagey but that there has been support for such a development.

Councillor Hibbert asked if there was a firm date for the Motorway Service Area to be heard by the Development Control Committee. Councillor Pearson replied that until the revised plans were received no firm date could be fixed.

10/080 POLICE REPORT

A written report from PCSO Shane Reynolds was read out it stated that the only incidents in the parish last month had been a couple of thefts from cars and a lose calf on the road.

10/081 PROPOSAL FROM WYNSTONES SCHOOL REGARDING THE PLACEMENT OF BOLLARDS IN CHURCH LANE

Mr D Ryder explained that the school suggests placing 3 foot high white wooden posts on the verge outside the school in Church Lane. This would prevent them being moved and people parking on the verge. He pointed out that this was part of the common land and that County Highways were happy that the school had responsibility for this area. Mr Ryder was asked to consult with County Highways regarding the posts but that the Parish Council had no objections in principal. Councillor Hibbert stated that the Church had been consulted and that they also had no objections.

10/082 COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions or comments from the public

10/083 ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA 1st JUNE

Church Lane Junction progress

Pound Farm diversion appeal

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

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Chairman