

BROOKTHORPE WITH WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1st NOVEMBER 2011

PRESENT

Messrs, E Hibbert [Chairman], B Wiggall, P Gaze, D Mackellar, Mrs E Brent-Smith, Cllr K Pearson [District Councillor] , Mrs A Rigelsford [Parish Clerk] and 3 members of the public.

11/125 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs Joan Nash [County Councillor], PCSO S Reynolds

11/126 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Cllr Mackellar pointed out that he was at the meeting and the minutes were altered to reflect this. The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 4th October were then signed as a true record.

11/127 COUNCILLORS' DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interests to items on the agenda

11/128 MATTERS ARISING

a) Burials at St Margaret's Church Whaddon - The Chairman reported that he had received a reply to his letter dated 20th July, setting out conditions for burials at St Margaret's. This had been circulated and all Councillors agreed that the reply had been comprehensive and that there was no more action to take. The Chairman agreed to reply on behalf of the Council.

b) Feed back from John Kay of Gloucestershire Highways – As there were no members of the public in attendance that had been at the meeting in September or had attended to hear the outcome this topic was not discussed.

c) Whaddon Pumping Station – The Clerk reported that she had requested that someone from Morgan Sindall should meet with the Parish regarding the alterations. A date to be confirmed.

11/129 FINANCE

a) Cheques for agreement and signature

	Mrs A Rigelsford	Clerks Wages
£70	HM Revenue and Customs	PAYE
£28	Mr B Wiggall	Daffodils
	Powers used for Council's spending	
	Administration	Local Government Act 1972 Section 11
	Daffodils	Highways Act 1980 Section 96 (5)

b) Finance meeting to discuss Precept 2012/13

This was set for 15th November 8 pm at the Village Hall. Cllrs E Hibbert, D Mackellar , B Wiggall and the Clerk to attend.

c) Applications for grants within the Parish - Applications had been received from Brookthorpe Village Hall, St Margaret's Church and the PCC on behalf of St Swithun's graveyard fund. It was felt that the application on behalf of St Margaret's Church was incomplete and therefore It was felt that the Parish Council could not donate at this point. The Clerk was asked to suggest that they reapply for the February deadline. It was agreed to donate £400 towards the cost of the upkeep of St Swithun's graveyard and £400 towards the upkeep and running costs of Brookthorpe Village Hall.

d) Half yearly budget control- The Clerk stated that she had not completed compiling this information but would have it ready for the finance meeting on 15th November and next month's Parish Council Meeting.

11/130 PLANNING

a) New applications for discussion

S11/1948/HHOLD	Mr and Mrs Fox Yew Tree Farm Stroud Road Whaddon	Demolition of storage shed and single store extension No objections
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S11/1965/HHOLD	Mr and Mrs Betts 2 Grange Cottages Upton Lane Brookthorpe	Two storey extension and internal alterations Deferred until 15 th November
b) To receive results of Planning Meeting held on 18 th October		
S11/1856/HHOLD	Mr G Simmonds Longacre Naas Lane Brookthorpe	Erection of two storey and extension single storey extension to rear of dwelling No objections

c) To receive decisions from Stroud District Council

There had been no decisions received.

d) Planning enforcement update on Corner Site at Naas Lane.

The Clerk reported that Mr Sly had been in touch and stated that Stroud District Council are seeking compliance with the enforcement notices and will be seeking prosecution if this is not done.

e) To receive update on the compulsory purchase of the Gypsy Site, Naas Lane.

The clerk reported that she had heard from Chris Sly of Stroud District Council that the site had been cleared and repaired and that 8 families had moved on to the site so far. Cllr Pearson reported that the Compulsory Purchase Order now looks unlikely to go ahead.

11/131 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr Pearson reported that there had been no evidence that the alterations to the Scheme of Delegation had caused any problems while in its trial period. Therefore it was likely that it would be passed by full Council later this month. This would then allow Parish Councils to speak at Development Control Committee Meetings. The process of allowing Parish Council involvement at site meetings had proved to be a legally unsafe practice.

It is expected that the Council's Core Strategy will be formally accepted on the 9th November. This will outline 4 areas of development that will accommodate 9,000 new homes until 2026. Whaddon is not included in this outline. Further development for 6,000 homes has already been identified.

Stroud District Council are actively encouraging Gloucestershire County Council to look at alternatives to the proposed incinerator at Javelin Park.

The Parish Council Forum is due to be held on 6th December. The clerk pointed out that this was a Parish Council meeting date and that it was unlikely that anyone could attend but that she would attend the planning information event in the afternoon.

Finally Cllr Pearson reported that following trial cases Stroud District Council are almost certain to get all of the money invested in Icelandic banks as preferential creditors.

11/132 POLICE REPORT

The Clerk reported that following a meeting with PCSO Shane Reynolds she could report that there had been reports of damage to stables and broken windows in Naas Lane and loose horses and a bull in Brookthorpe. He hopes to carry out speed checks with Cllr MacKellar once the paperwork has been completed. He also hopes to have a speed radar monitor fitted to a lamppost in order to monitor the lorries that speed through the village during the early hours. This, it is hoped, can then be followed up with a camera van.

11/133 INSTALLATION OF FURTHER KISSING GATES

The Clerk stated that she had ordered three wooden gates from Gloucestershire County Council.

Mr N Bone and Mr M Coles had volunteered to carry out a full parish footpath survey. It was decided to wait for their findings before deciding on the locations for further gates. Two parishioners had been in contact with suggestions for gates and this information would be passed on to them.

11/134 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE

The Chairman stated that he would liaise with Don Harris from the Village Hall Committee regarding this. That the Parish Council would provide the tree and lights for the Village Hall.

11/135 HIGHWAYS INFORMATION EVENING

Cllr B Wiggall reported regarding the evening and circulated information.

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11/136 INFORMATION EXCHANGE FOR COUNCILLORS

Winter Action Plan – Councillors Brent-Smith and Gaze agreed to meet Mr Kay on 9th October.

Judicial Review regarding Motorway Service Area – The Chairman reported that he has been asked to meet with representatives of the legal team working towards the judicial review in London on 7th November. It was agreed that The Parish Council should cover expenses.

Gloucestershire Charter – The Clerk stated that Hester Hunt had suggested that she attend the next Parish Council meeting and provided a presentation to Coucillors. This was agreed to.

Correspondence regarding Leiston-cum-Sizewell's suggestions regarding large planning applications - Cllr B Wiggall reported that he had received a reply to his letter regarding the Council's support but stating that with the coming of the Localism Bill this will give more power to parishes regarding large planning applications.

11/137 COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments or questions from the public.

11/138 ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA 6th DECEMBER

Precept

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.50 pm.

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Chairman