

# BROOKTHORPE WITH WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER 2009

### PRESENT

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

### 09/090 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Carol Novoth [Neighbourhood Warden]

### 09/091 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> October were signed as a true record.

### 09/092 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were declarations of personal interests to the proposed MSA from Councillors Hibbert, Fry, Wiggall and Winstone as they had attended meetings of CAMSA

### 09/093 MATTERS ARISING

a) Installation of Kissing Gates at Brookthorpe – Councillor Wiggall reported that the gates have not been installed yet but should be installed within the next two weeks.

b) Installation of Kissing Gates at Whaddon - The Councillor Wiggall reported that the Vicar at St Margaret's was looking into whether the Church could fund the kissing gate between Church Cottage and Sunny Bank. The Chairman reported that the gates at Court Farm had been installed.

c) Clearing of Gutters throughout the Parish – The Chairman expressed concerns that the weeds in the gutters were still growing and liable to cause flood problems during heavy rainfall. The Clerk was asked to contact County Highways and arrange a meeting to discuss the problem.

d) Traveller parked on Old Forge Green – The Chairman informed the Council that this person had now gone and thanked Councillor Nash for her help in this outcome.

e) Planting of Daffodils – Councillor Cole reported that two 25 kilo bags have been purchased and planted though out the parish by herself and Councillor Wiggall. The new landlord of the Four Mile House has also purchased and planted a sack of bulbs on the verge outside the public house.

### 09/094 PLANNING

a) New applications for discussion

There were no new applications for discussion.

b) Decisions received from SDC

S09/1538/HHold	Mr R Thomas	Demolition of Existing Porch and Erection
	Red Roofs Cottages	Erection of Single Storey Extension
	Naas Lane	
	Brookthorpe	<b>APPROVED</b>

c) Enforcement [Naas Lane] - The Chairman reported that an order had been issued to the people living on site to contact SDC. Concerns were raised regarding the large agricultural building and the use it is now being put to. It would seem that there may be people living in it. The Clerk was asked to contact SDC again.

### 09/095 FINANCE

a) Cheques for agreement and signature

	Mrs A Rigelsford	Clerks Wages
£41.00	Ivydene Associates	Newsletter
£50.00	Pound Farm	Daffodils
£35.00	The Information Commissioner	Data Protection

b) Date and venue for precept meeting – It was decided that the finance committee will meet on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November in order to prepare the precept for 2010/11

### 09/096 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Please see attached report

**09/097 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Speaking regarding the canal restoration project, Councillor Pearson reported that progress is being made with dredging of the canal between Stonehouse and Ryeford Lock due to begin. Planning permission is also being sought for a new bridge at Upper Mills Industrial Estate and the A46 bridge works are due to start in the New Year.

He reported that following the latest report there is every reason to be confident that all monies plus interest will be returned. However, until confirmation is received the money remains “at risk”

Regarding the Leader of the Council, Councillor Pearson reported that Chas Fellows has stepped down and has now been replaced by .....

He stated that in a recent Residents survey 66% of those who replied were satisfied with Stroud District Council. Businesses were particularly satisfied with the pro-active roll the Council had taken in helping them.

Councillor Pearson reported that Bus Passes for the District were likely to stay but their use may be altered slightly.

Councillor Pearson pledged his opposition to the proposed Motorway Service Area

**09/087 PROPOSED MSA**

a) Expenditure for Specialist Consultants - The Chairman read out a pre-prepared statement. Please see attached. As a result it was proposed by the Chairman that the Council should spend all available funds under s137 in order to employ a consultant to write an initial report of objection, to submit to SDC. This was seconded by Councillor Coles and the vote was unanimous in favour.

**09/088 ODDSIES**

a) Save Our Green Spaces - Councillor Fry stated that he had contacted the group with regards to joining and was waiting a reply.

b) Waste treatment for the future – The Clerk urged Councillors to get comments to her so that she could put together comments before the consultation ends at the end of the month.

c) Sheil House – The Clerk was asked to contact SDC following concerns regarding the industrial activities at this site, which appear to be a clear breach of planning conditions.

d) Wynstones School Hall - A reply to the Parish Council's letter dated 4<sup>th</sup> August was read out and discussed. As a result the Clerk was asked to reply stating that the Parish Council understood the views of Wynstones School and would now wait to receive the application from Stroud District Council regarding the varying of condition 9.

**09/089 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 8 pm

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.40 pm

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Chairman