

BROOKTHORPE WITH WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6th OCTOBER 2009

PRESENT

Messrs, E Hibbert [Chairman], B Wiggall, R Winstone, S Fry, Mrs E Brent-Smith, Mrs H Coles, Joan Nash [County Councillor] Mrs A Rigelsford [Parish Clerk] and 21 members of the public

09/079 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Carol Novoth [Neighbourhood Warden] and Keith Pearson [District Councillor]

09/080 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 1st September were signed as a true record.

09/081 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were personal declarations of interests to item 12 on the Agenda [proposed MSA] from Councillors Brent-Smith and Hibbert

09/082 MATTERS ARISING

a) Installation of Kissing Gates at Brookthorpe – Councillor Wiggall reported that he had met with Jackie Harris from GGC Public Rights of Way, Countryside Wardens and Mr Whittaker, the land owner, and the gates should be installed within the next two weeks at a cost to the Parish Council of £100. The Council had also asked about timber gates at St Margaret's Church at Whaddon. The Clerk informed the Council that the one into John Kings field would cost the Council £115 [half price] but the one between Sunny Bank and 1 Church Cottage is not on a public right of way and therefore would cost £230. The Councillor Wiggall was asked to contact the Church to see if they could raise half the funds and put the item on the Agenda for November.

b) Clearing of Gutters throughout the Parish – The Clerk informed the Council that the gutters had been sprayed and that she now had to contact SDC again to get them swept away.

c) Councillors Code of Conduct Training – Councillors Fry and Winstone reported that the session had been good and very helpful. It outlined the difference in Personal and Prejudicial Interests and stressed the need for Parish Councils to remain objective and not to make prior judgements regarding planning applications.

d) Traveller parked on Old Forge Green – The Clerk informed the Council that she had spoken to GCC Liaison Officer again and that things were no further forward with regards to his moving on. As she was now aware of his fouling nearby land she had contacted SDC Environmental Health Officer but was told that everything must go through the Gypsy Liaison Officer the same information was given by Gloucester Highways Department. Severn Trent Water are aware of his existence but as he is not actually parked on the Green seem reluctant to do anything. Councillor Nash was asked for her assistance in this matter as the problem had now been going on for over six months now.

09/083 PLANNING

- a) New applications for discussion
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| S09/1625/OUT | Land Opposite Brookthorpe House
Gilberts Lane
Brookthorpe | Outline Permission for
Erection of Dwelling
There were no objections to this
application |
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- b) Decisions received from SDC
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| S09/0955/FUL | Mr M Gaze
12 Hill Mead
Brookthorpe | Erection of single storey detached garage
with storage in loft area
APPROVED |
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- c) Results of Planning Meeting held on 23rd September
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| S09/1538/HHold | Mr R Taylor
Red Roofs Cottages
Naas Lane
Brookthorpe | Demolition of Existing Porch and Erection
Erection of Single Storey Extension |
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This meeting was attended by Councillors Brent-Smith, Coles, Winstone and the Clerk. It was decided that there were no grounds to object to the application. Therefore the Clerk was asked to comment only regarding the history of the site and local concerns.

d) Enforcement [Naas Lane]- The Clerk again contacted SDC regarding the corner site and breeches of planning regulations. As yet there had been no reply from Barry Wyatt.

09/084 FINANCE

- a) Cheques for agreement and signature
 - £41.00 Mrs A Rigelsford Clerks Wages [expenses £82.90 and £24.96 back pay]
 - Ivydene Associates Newsletter
 - £47.08 Paul Gaze Newsletter Distribution and Repair of Notice Board
 - £30 Mr E Hibbert Public Consultation (MSA)

b) External Auditors Report 08/09 – The Chairman read out the report stating that any areas of concern had already been addressed by the Council.

c) Internal Internal Auditors Report 09/10 – Councillor Coles stated that an audit had been carried out and that apart from the odd error the books were found to be in good order.

d) Cheque not minuted – The clerk reported that the cheque made out for the Council’s Insurance on 14th May had not been minuted.

e) Half Yearly Budget Control – The calculated figures were circulated and found to be in line with the precept. The Clerk reported that the bank balance stands at £13914.

09/085 COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

Please see attached report

09/086 ROADS AND PATHWAYS

a) Proposed Changes to the Speed Limits at Pitchcombe – Councillors discussed the proposals put forward from Pichcombe Parish Council and agreed to support the efforts to reduce the speed of traffic on the A4173 and A46. The Clerk was asked to contact Pitchcombe Parish Council for extra information regarding support.

09/087 PROPOSED MSA

The Chairmen stated that the Parish Council was not at all surprised that new proposals were now underway. As a result he stated that the Council had already started to poll the parishioners as to the wishes of the Parish on this matter. To date it appeared that the Council had a mandate to oppose such a development, with over 50% of the poll forms returned. 165 parishioners were not in favour of a MSA, 9 parishioners were in favour and 6 people did not know. It was proposed by Councillor Hibbert that the Parish Council oppose such a development. This was seconded by Councillor Coles and the vote was then unanimous. It was agreed to convene a meeting at the earliest opportunity of interested people. Concerns were raised as to the time scale, the amount of money and impressive PR behind the project. Also the lack of any gain for the parish should the application be successful. A letter from Mr G Hyatt to the Council was read out stating his lack of involvement in this project. The land being owned by Mr M Wamer and Mr M Hyatt.

09/088 ODDSIES

- a) GAPTC AGM Thursday 15th October – No councillors are able to attend
- b) Planting of Daffodils in the Parish – It was requested by Councillor Wiggall that the Council provide some daffodil bulbs to be planted in the parish. It was agreed to spend £50 out of the village enhancement budget.
- c) Parish Christmas Tree – The Chairman agreed to liaise with Mr Harris regarding this matter.
- d) Waste treatment for the future – It was agreed that Councillors would attend the information presentations and read up on this subject before the next meeting where it will be discussed.
- e) Save Our Green Spaces - The Clerk was asked to look into joining this group.

09/089 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 3rd November at 8 pm

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.40 pm

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Chairman