

BROOKTHORPE WITH WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6th APRIL 2010

PRESENT

Messrs, E Hibbert [Chairman], B Wiggall, R Winstone, S Fry, Mrs E Brent-Smith, Mrs H Coles, Mrs A Rigelsford [Parish Clerk] and 8 members of the public

10/050 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Joan Nash [County Councillor], and Keith Pearson [District Councillor], Carol Novoth [Neighbourhood Warden] PCSO Shane Reynolds

10/051 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the meetings held on the 2nd March were signed as a true record.

10/052 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interests to items on the agenda.

10/053 MATTERS ARISING

a) Request for traffic calming measures at Whaddon – Following the site meeting with County Highways and the Parish Council, the Clerk had received the report from John Kay. County Highways have agreed to providing village name sign although if the Council want any added wording a contribution would be asked for. The double white lines will be repainted once the weather is suitable, a survey will be carried out as to how many people usually cross the A4173 at this point and the sight lines from the junction will be kept clear. The provision of a roundabout has been ruled out. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Kay thanking him for his report and request that the lane arrow be repositioned further away from the junction when the lines are repainted, a junction sign be situated on the brow of the hill travelling towards Gloucester, and enquire about the siting of a neon warning sign.

b) Proposed Motorway Service Area update – The Chairman reported that this application will probably not be heard until 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 confirmed that invitations had gone out and that notice had been given in the Newsletter.

d) Well Being Update – The Clerk reported that the CiLCA course was still work in progress. That she had been working hard on the work but it has taken far in excess of the 30 hours estimated. Only the planning sections remain to be completed.

e) Consultation by Stroud District Council regarding its Core Strategy – Councillor Winstone reported that out of the seven choices they had decided that building at Stonehouse, Eastington and in the Stroud valleys to be most favourable taking into account employment and the wish to reduce commuting of the district's residence.

10/054 FINANCE

a) Cheques for agreement and signature

	Mrs A Rigelsford	Clerks Wages
£15.00	Domain 2000 Ltd	Parish Council's mobile phone
£ 41.00	Ivydene Associates	Newsletter
£67.27	GAPTC	Subscription

b) Internal Auditor's Report – The Clerk reported that Mr I Selkerk had carried out his independent audit of the books and that they appeared to be in good order. There was a couple of mistakes to the spread sheet when the VAT had not been recorded this was brought to the Council's attention. The Clerk stated that she had already corrected this.

Powers used for Council's spending

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

10/055 PLANNING

a) New applications for discussion

There were no new applications for discussion

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 Clerk reported that Mr Sly had found that enforcement action will be taken at Sheil House but had no details as yet.

Work at the Corner site at Naas Lane continues in spite of the notices served Mr Sly had been informed.

d) Gypsy Site - Naas Lane – The Chairman reported that as a result of the appeal put forward by the owners of the site, and a site meeting with members of the Development Control Committee, he had written a letter stating the Council's objection to any further plots being constructed. The Clerk was asked if a copy of the DCC's report to the inspectorate could be obtained.

10/056 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Please see attached report

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10/058 POLICE REPORT

A written report from PCSO Shane Reynolds was read out it stated that they would be out with a speed gun, a no cold calling zone is to be set up in Brookthorpe and street surgeries are to take place in both Brookthorpe and Whaddon.

10/059 ST MARGRETS CHURCH YARD GATE

Councillor Coles reported that the gate had been inspected by herself and Councillors Fry and Winstone. It was found that the gateposts appeared to be fine and not in need of replacing. A new gate the same as the original could be made by Mr Coles, who had volunteered to make to gate free of charge, at a cost of between £100 and £120. The Clerk was asked to put this to the PCC for their approval. The Parish Council agreed to pay half towards the cost. The Chairman asked that the gateposts be checked again as he thought that they had moved and were not straight.

10/060 CASUAL VACANCY

The Chairman reported that he had received the resignation of Councillor Coles. He thanked her for the last two years that she had served as councillor. Councillor Coles stated that she was still willing to help out where possible. It was agreed that she would continue to examine the books as the Council's internal auditor. The Clerk reported that procedure had to be followed for filling this vacancy and that she had informed SDC of the vacancy.

10/061 COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

The Parish Council was asked if they could write a letter of support to the inspectorate for the appeal into planning application SO9/1625/OUT This was agreed to.

Mr N Bone thanked the Council for the grant recently received for the village hall.

10/062 ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA 4th May

Wynstones School's proposal to place white posts along the verge in Church Lane in order to stop the verge being damaged.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.20 pm

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