

**MINUTES OF BRIMSCOMBE & THRUPP
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT BRIMSCOMBE & THRUPP SOCIAL CENTRE
ON TUESDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2017 AT 7.30PM**



Present: Cllr Bill Harvey Chairman
 Cllr Bob Tyler Vice-Chairman
 Cllr Allen Grant
 Cllr Roger Martin

In attendance: Cllr Martin Whiteside
 Mr Dan Fisher

PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

Mr Dan Fisher who resides at 1 Silvertrees presented to the Council the details of his a recently submitted planning application. The Chairman thanked Mr Fisher for his attendance and advised that his application would be considered under Item 10 on this Agenda.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Nicky Russell, Ben Morris and Greg Pilley, County Councillor Stan Waddington and District Councillor Elizabeth Peters.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA

There were none.

3. TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 3 JANUARY 2017

The Minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

4. Q & A WITH COUNTY COUNCILLOR STAN WADDINGTON

Cllr Waddington tendered his apologies and his report was circulated prior to the meeting. The Members discussed his report and comments were made with regards to the recent works at Thrupp Lane and generally the works undertaken by Amey

Contractors. The Council is not happy with a drop that appears to have been left at the side of the road following the recent works at Thrupp Lane. It was agreed that the Clerk would arrange a site meeting with Cllr Waddington and the Members to look at the issues.

Action: Clerk

5. Q & A WITH DISTRICT COUNCILLORS ELIZABETH PETERS and MARTIN WHITESIDE

Cllr Peters tendered her apologies.

Cllr Whiteside advised that the Post Office would be commencing at Brimscombe w/c 6 February. The service would be available on Monday and Thursday each week. Cllr Whiteside advised he had been informed of increased litter between Lypiatt Manor and Quarhouse Lane. A number of fixed penalties have been issued where they have been able to identify the owner of the rubbish as they left personal details within the rubbish.

6. BRIMSCOMBE PORT

Cllr Whiteside advised that SDC had purchased the Ship Inn (Public House). Some parts of the car park belonging to the Ship Inn could be affected when the Port is up and running. Discussions took place around the possibility of the Ship Inn being used as a possible venue for the Community Centre. It was agreed that Cllr Whiteside and Tyler would review the current specifications.

Discussions around the speed of traffic on the A419 took place. Cllr Whiteside enquired whether any of the Members had received training on using a mobile speed camera. The Chairman confirmed a number had been trained but they have struggled to borrow a camera. It was agreed to enquire if the Road Safety Partnership had a camera the Members could use.

Action: Clerk

The flashing speed warning signs were also discussed and it was agreed the Clerk would enquire on the costs of installing possibly two signs along the A419 London Road.

Action: Clerk

7. COMMUNITY CENTRE

This had been covered under Item 6 above.

8. CHAIRMANS REPORT

The Chairman gave a brief summary of his and Cllr Grant's recent meeting with Andy Nash at SDC with regards to Brimscombe Port.

The Blue Land adjacent to the A419 Field was discussed. Cllr Pilley has been in contact with GCC with regards to taking over the Land for use as a community space.

The Chairman commented that the Parish Council could not afford to insure the land against an environmental leak into the River therefore it cannot take over ownership. It was agreed that any line of enquiry about the Parish Council taking ownership of the land must cease. The Members are happy to continue with discussions around using the land as a possible woodland adventure play area on a licence / lease from GCC.

It was agreed to look at levelling out the ground on the A419 Playing Field.

9. FINANCE

(a) **Accounts for payment.** The following accounts were presented for payment:

Salaries and Expenses	1017.32
Ms I Litton (Contract work for Website)	200.00
Velo Bakery (Bread rolls for NDP Meeting)	22.00
B&T Social Centre (Hall Hire)	52.50
Place Studios (NDP Consultancy Work)	3911.40

Total Invoices for payment: £ £5,203.22

The accounts were agreed for payment.

(b) **Financial Regulations Model.** These were formally adopted by the Parish Council.

10. PLANNING – Applications and decisions by Stroud District Council

The Council discussed the various planning applications. Further to Mr Fisher's presentation under Public Questions the Council considered the application. The Council support the application subject to the District Council being satisfied that the proposed workshop will not cause any unnecessary noise issues with the neighbouring properties and that it will not be used as a business premises

11. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Pilley tendered his apologies and had circulated a report from the recent NDP Open Day to the Members prior to the meeting. Cllr Tyler advised that the Open Day had been very successful; the plan is to prepare a draft by the middle of the year in order to meet the deadlines for the Referendum in February 2018. The Members enquired whether Cllr Tyler felt this was achievable and when the Parish Council would have access to it. The Members raised concerns that trying to incorporate everything into the NDP could make it unrealistic, they also have continuing concerns over the NDP face book page which were discussed.

12. PARISH HANDYMAN

The Clerk advised that the current Parish Handyman Contractor had tendered his notice, he will continue until the 31 March. It was agreed that an advertisement would be placed with the Stroud News and Journal for a replacement. **Action: Clerk**

13. INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS

The Chairman discussed the tone and content of emails recently circulated. It was agreed that the Clerk would draft a policy for dealing with internal and external communications. **Action: Clerk**

14. COUNCILLORS REPORTS

- (a) **Handyman Equipment:** Cllr Grant advised he had moved all of the Handyman equipment to the Parish Council storage container.
- (b) **Ash Trees:** The ash trees on the allotment were discussed and the Chairman confirmed he was meeting with an allotment holder to look at them.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 7 March 2017 at 7.30pm in Brimscombe and Thrupp Social Centre.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS
THE MEETING CLOSED AT 21.45pm**