

**MINUTES OF BRIMSCOMBE & THRUPP**  
**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD AT BRIMSCOMBE & THRUPP SOCIAL CENTRE**  
**ON TUESDAY 6 JUNE 2017 AT 7.30PM**



Present: Cllr Bill Harvey Chairman  
 Cllr Allen Grant  
 Cllr Greg Pilley  
 Cllr Nicky Russell

In attendance: County Cllr Rachel Smith

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Ben Morris, Roger Martin and Bob Tyler and District Cllrs Elizabeth Peters and Martin Whiteside.

**2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA**

Cllr Pilley declared an interest in Item 10 on this Agenda.

**3. TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 2 MAY 2017**

The Minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

**4. Q & A WITH COUNTY COUNCILLOR RACHEL SMITH**

County Councillor Rachel Smith attended the meeting to introduce herself as the new County Councillor for Brimscombe & Thrupp. The Members gave a brief summary of the highways issues throughout the Parish. It was agreed that Cllr Smith would arrange a meeting with the Highways Stakeholder, herself and members of the Parish Council to have a "walk around" the Parish to discuss the key issues.

The lengthmans scheme was discussed and Cllr Smith advised she would let the Parish Clerk have a breakdown of the criteria for the scheme and the Members would let the Clerk know based on the criteria provided what they would like to add to the scheme.

Other items discussed were the Schools in and around the Parish, various planning applications that are not within the Parish but will have a direct impact on the Parish,

boundaries of the Parish and the possibility of the Parish doubling in size within the next 10 years, Brimscombe Port and the Toadsmoor Junction.

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

Cllr Peters tendered her apologies and circulated a report to the Members.

Cllr Whiteside tendered his apologies and circulated a report to the Members

**6. BRIMSCOMBE PORT**

There was no update to report on this item.

**7. COMMUNITY CENTRE**

There was no update to report on this item.

**8. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT** (to cover matters arising and other important items of business)

The Chairman confirmed there was no update on this item.

**9. FINANCE**

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

Salaries and Expenses	877.22
Brimscombe & Thrupp Football Club (Grant)	500.00
Brimscombe & Thrupp Social Club (Grant)	300.00
AON Insurance (Annual Renewal)	774.49
CPRE (Annual Subscription)	36.00
Mr G McCreery (Contractor Handyman)	330.00
TW Hawkins & Sons (A419 Field Mowing)	192.00
David Cridland (Felling trees on allotment)	600.00

**Total Invoices for payment: £3,609.71**

The accounts were agreed for payment.

(b) **To confirm the Annual Governance Statement**

The Council agreed the Annual Governance Statement which was duly signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

(c) **To adopt the accounts for the Financial Year ended 31 March 2017**

The Council unanimously agreed to adopt the accounts which were duly signed by the Chairman.

(d) **To consider a request from Canal Project Team (SDC) for a donation of £750 towards a pedestrian access point at Bowbridge following the bridge works.**

This item was discussed at great length. The Parish Council agreed to offer a loan of £750.00 to the project to allow them to continue with the works on the understanding that this would be repaid back to the Parish Council no later than 31 December 2018 which would allow the Canal Project Team to receive the expected funding for the works from an external source.

(e) **To consider a donation request from Great Western Air Ambulance Charity (GWAAC)**

This was request was discussed and the Parish Council agreed to a donation of £250.00

**10. PLANNING – Applications and decisions by Stroud District Council**

The Council discussed the various planning applications.

**11. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN.** To receive an update (Cllr Pilley)

Cllr Pilley advised that an effective community design day had taken place. The industrial strip and linear of the Parish was discussed. Now time to take all the findings and create some policies. The next steering group will take place on the 20 June between 6.30pm and 9.30pm at Stroud Brewery.

**12. TO CONSIDER A REQUEST TO REGISTER THE SHIP INN AS AN ASSET OF THE COMMUNITY.**

This item was discussed in detail. It was agreed that at this time the Parish Council do not feel applying for a Community Asset of the Ship Inn is needed. The immediate future of the Ship Inn is covered under SDC Adopted Local Plan. Once the works have been completed on the Port the above request may be revisited.

**13. COUNCILLORS REPORTS.**

- Cllr Russell advised that the hedges needed cutting back and the drains emptied on Fountain Pitch.
- Cllr Russell advised that an overgrown hedge along London Road needed to be reported to Highways as it was now overhanging the footpath.
- Cllr Grant commented that he was unable to identify a number of plots on the map attached to the SALA survey recently circulated.
- Gordon Terrace was discussed and it was agreed that this would be raised with Highways, it was suggested putting in concrete along the verges which would allow cars to park rather than bollards

**14. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday 4 July 2017 at 7.30pm in the Brimscombe & Thrupp Social Centre.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS  
THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.10 pm**