

MINUTES OF BRIMSCOMBE & THRUPP
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT BRIMSCOMBE & THRUPP SOCIAL CENTRE
ON TUESDAY 4 JULY 2017 AT 7.30PM



Present: Cllr Bill Harvey Chairman
 Cllr Allen Grant
 Cllr Roger Martin

In attendance: County Cllr Rachel Smith
 District Cllr Martin Whiteside
 Peter Tiley (Neighbourhood Warden)
 Mr and Mrs French (Parishioners)

Peter Tiley (Neighbourhood Warden) introduced himself to the Members and gave a summary of his role and responsibilities.

Mr and Mrs French gave a summary of a planning application they recently submitted to the District Council. The application was discussed in detail.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Bob Tyler, Ben Morris, Greg Pilley, Nicky Russell and District Cllr Elizabeth Peters.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA

There were none.

3. TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 6 JUNE 2017

The Minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

4. Q & A WITH COUNTY COUNCILLOR RACHEL SMITH

County Councillor Rachel Smith confirmed the meeting with Andrew Middlecote, herself and members of the Parish Council. The Toadsmoor Junction was discussed as was the speeding / traffic concerns along Bourne Lane. The Chairman raised the question of the LEP Funding with regards to Toadsmoor Junction. The Chairman advised that SDC needs to instigate and take forward a scheme for the Junction to Gloucestershire County Council to be considered under the LEP Funding Scheme. MW advised he would clarify with SDC. Cllr Grant advised that the STB site had finally got planning permission for 11 properties. Cllr Smith advised that the Fire Service will

remain with the County Council. The Highways contract with Armev was discussed. Cllr Grant commented that Brimscombe Hill was only resurfaced 5 years ago and due to the poor workmanship, it is already breaking up.

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

Cllr Peters tendered her apologies.

Cllr Whiteside advised that the Project Board Meeting for Brimscombe Port was taking place tomorrow and he would report back thereafter. Atkins Engineering are already undertaking clearing land that may or may not be purchased. Detailed consultations will take place some could be as early as Autumn 2017.

Cllr Whiteside reported that SDC are currently looking at budgets for the next 5 years. If a wage increase for staff working in the public sector rises above 1% it will have an influence on the budget. SDC will receive a reduce income from Central Government. There will be a gap of around £2.5 million between income and revenue. The cost to SDC of the Sub rooms and Tricorn House was discussed.

6. BRIMSCOMBE PORT

The Chairman gave a summary of a meeting he had attended with SDC on Brimscombe Port.

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 reported that he was arranging a further meeting with the Trustees of the Social Centre to discuss possible two options. An email received from a resident on Bourne Lane who had been hit by a car speeding along the lane was discussed.

9. FINANCE

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

Salaries and Expenses	807.53
GWAAC (Donation)	250.00
Ian Crowe (External Auditor Fees)	165.00
Place Studios (NDP)	1935.12
Gary McCreery (Handyman Contractor)	335.00
2 Commune (Website Domain Renewal)	180.00
Open Spaces (Annual Subscription)	45.00

Total Invoices for payment: £3,717.65

The accounts were agreed for payment.

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)

There was no update to report.

12. TREE FELLING WITHIN THE PARISH.

The Members are concerned that trees were being removed along the Canal Towpath without planning permission. This was discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk would seek clarification from SDC as to whether permission was needed / required.

13. COUNCILLORS REPORTS.

- Cllr Martin advised that rubble from the School Playground was being stored on PC land whilst works are underway at the School. The Chairman advised he had spoken with the Headteacher as to who had given them permission to store this on PC land. Also planning permission would be needed from SDC to store this. Cllr Whiteside advised he had got involved and had spoken with the Planning Officer who had advised that if it was a temporary measure no permission would be needed. The Chairman advised he would speak with Cllr Pilley to ascertain who had given permission for this.

14. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 5 September 2017 at 7.30pm in the Brimscombe & Thrupp Social Centre.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS
THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.05 pm**