

**MINUTES OF BRIMSCOMBE & THRUPP**  
**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD AT BRIMSCOMBE & THRUPP SOCIAL CENTRE**  
**ON TUESDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2016 AT 7.30PM**



Present:                    Cllr Bill Harvey                    Chairman  
                                  Cllr Allen Grant                    Vice-Chairman  
                                  Cllr Mark Clubb  
                                  Cllr Roger Martin  
                                  Cllr Greg Pilley  
                                  Cllr Nicky Russell  
                                  Cllr Bob Tyler

In attendance:            Cllr Stan Waddington  
                                  Cllr Martin Whiteside  
                                  Karen Philmister  
                                  1 Parishioner

**Presentation:** A presentation was given to the Members by Karen Philmister from GRCC who is the Rural Housing Enabler for the Stroud District with regards to affordable housing / exception sites within the Parish.

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from District Councillor Elizabeth Peters.

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

Cllrs Clubb and Martin declared an interest in Item 8(b) on the Agenda.

**3. TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 5 JANUARY 2015**

The Minutes were confirmed and signed as a true record.

**4. Q & A WITH COUNTY COUNCILLOR STAN WADDINGTON**

Cllr Stan Waddington had circulated his report prior to the meeting.

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

Cllr Elizabeth Peters' tendered her apologies and her report had been circulated to the Members prior to the meeting.

Cllr Martin Whiteside gave an update on District Council matters.

## 6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman discussed an email (which had been circulated to all prior to the meeting) from a local company with regards to the use of Hope Mill Land as an overflow car park for their business. They requested a reduction in the fees that the Members had agreed at the January meeting. It was agreed that they should remain as set which was in line with other users of the land. **ACTION: CLERK**

A quote from the fencing contractor for repair to the fence along the boundary line between the Hope Mills Land and the land owned by GCC was discussed. It was agreed by all to accept the quote of £1,100 plus VAT for the works. **ACTION: CLERK**

## 7. BRIMSCOMBE PORT

Cllr Whiteside advised that he was chasing SDC with regards to an update meeting on the Port. The Chairman reiterated that the Parish Council should be included in any consultations relating to the Port. Cllr Grant advised he had recently attended the Brimscombe Port Liaison Group Meeting and no representatives from SDC had been present at that meeting.

## 8. FINANCE

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

Salaries / Expenses	892.52
HMRC (Tax & NI)	156.21
B&T Social Centre (Hall Hire)	35.00

**Total Invoices for payment: £1,083.73**

The accounts were agreed for payment.

(b) **To consider a request from Thrupp Primary School for a donation.** This was discussed and it was proposed by Cllr Grant, seconded by Cllr Russell and agreed by all that the Parish Council would donate £250.00 towards the School Project.

## 9. PLANNING

- (a) **Applications and decisions by Stroud District Council.** A schedule of Parish Council recommendations and decisions by Stroud District Council had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Council discussed the details.

The Chairman raised the point of a recent planning application in the Parish that had attracted a S106 payment to Rodborough Common. On further investigation it would appear that a number of applications have had this condition attached to it. The Clerk had contacted the Head of Planning and raised this query. This was discussed further and it was agreed that the Clerk would write to David Hagg and advise that it was not happy with these conditions bearing in mind the need for S106 / CIL payments to improve the Toadsmoor / A419 Junction.

**ACTION: CLERK**

## 10. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Pilley reported that the recent Neighbourhood Planning meeting on the 9 January had been well attended. Ricardo Rios and Conrad Moore from SDC had given good presentations. Cllr Pilley advised that another meeting would be held on the 22 February @ 6.30pm and on the 25 February a walk around from Stroud Brewery to Brimscombe Port would take place. All were invited to attend.

Cllr Pilley advised that a website had been set up for the Neighbourhood Plan and this would cost around £110.00 per annum for the domain name. Cllr Grant proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Clubb and agreed by all to accept the cost of this website.

## 11. TO DISCUSS A PROPOSAL FOR USE OF LAND OWNED BY GCC (ADJACENT TO THE A419 FIELD) AS A COMMUNITY PLAY AREA

Cllr Pilley had circulated prior to the meeting a proposal for use of the land. It was agreed by all that Cllr Pilley should approach GCC to see if they would accept the proposal in principle. Cllr Grant suggested that Cllr Pilley speak to Kate Lorner at SDC who is the contaminated land officer to see if the proposal could work on the land.

## 12. COUNCILLORS REPORTS

**Footpath:** Cllr Russell advised that the footpath (between Autocraft and Stafford Cottage) was in a very poor condition. It was agreed the Clerk would report the same to SDC.

**Verges:** Cllr Russell advised that BT had caused more damage to the footpath / verge at the bottom of Brewery Lane (next to the bus shelter). It was agreed that the Clerk would advise Highways.

**Thrupp School:** Cllr Clubb advised that everyone was invited to come along and see the plans for a new school building.

**Newsletter:** Cllr Pilley advised he was planning to issue a Newsletter by the end of the week and if anyone had anything else they would like to add to let him know.

**Street Light:** Cllr Martin reported a street light that was not working. It was agreed that he would let the Clerk know the number and she would report.

**Highways:** Cllr Tyler commented that about the number of Highways issues raised during the meeting. It was agreed that the Clerk contact Cllr Vernon-Smith, Cabinet Member for Highways and invite him to attend a meeting to discuss the Parish Council's concerns.

**Handyman:** Cllr Grant advised that the Handyman had accepted the invitation to attend the April meeting.

**May Meeting:** The Clerk advised the Members that as there was an election in May the May Parish Council meeting would take place on Tuesday 17 May and not Tuesday 3 May.

### **13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 1 March 2016 at 7.30pm in Brimscombe and Thrupp Social Centre.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS  
THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9:30PM**