

**MINUTES OF BRIMSCOMBE & THRUPP**  
**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD AT BRIMSCOMBE & THRUPP SOCIAL CENTRE**  
**ON TUESDAY 5 JANUARY 2016 AT 7.30PM**



Present: Cllr Allen Grant Chairman  
 Cllr Mark Clubb  
 Cllr Roger Martin  
 Cllr Greg Pilley

In attendance: Cllr Martin Whiteside  
 Mr Bob Tyler (Parishioner)  
 Mr Martin Evans (Colburn - Lewiston Mill Developers)

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Parish Councillors Bill Harvey and Nicky Russell.

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

Cllrs Mark Clubb and Roger Martin declared an interest in Item 8(b)  
 Cllr Greg Pilley declared an interest in Item 13.

**3. TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 1 DECEMBER 2015**

The Minutes were confirmed and signed as a true record.

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

Cllr Stan Waddington sent his apologies and tendered the following report:-

*“The Members are fully involved in the correspondence on the Wimberley Mill planning application; on investigation the problem at Thrupp Lane leading to a continuous water flow across the A419 proved to be due to a blockage in the outfall under the A419. It has been necessary to dig a trench across the road and this appears to have been successful. The trench reinstatement is not satisfactory and it may be temporary as the work was done under difficult circumstances. I am also told that the gulleys at*

*lower end of Thrupp Lane do not appear to have been cleared. I have raised both these issues with Highways.*

*Work on the Bowbridge canal bridge starts this week and will continue until June. Traffic flows will be restricted to one way for much of this period but at least the closure which was originally thought to be necessary appears to have been avoided.*

*The carriageway patching on Bourne Lane due to be carried out using my Highways local funding should have been completed in early December. I haven't inspected it but my paperwork shows the job is still open. I am making enquiries about progress on this.*

*On a more general front, the Archives office received notification that they had been awarded a Heritage Lottery Fund grant of £1.1M as a contribution to the major upgrading of the Archives office which among other things, will make for much improved public access for the purpose of studying the Gloucestershire Archives”.*

## **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 had tendered his apologies there was no update to report

## **7. BRIMSCOMBE PORT**

Cllr Whiteside confirmed there was no update to date received from SDC.

## **8. FINANCE**

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

Salaries / Expenses	897.97
HMRC (Tax & NI)	156.21
Severn Trent Water (Allotment water bill)	223.57
TW Hawkins (A419 Field Mowing)	223.20

**Total Invoices for payment: £1,500.95**

The accounts were agreed for payment.

- (b) **To consider a request from Thrupp Primary School for a donation.** This was discussed and it was agreed to carry the item forward to the next meeting as not all members were in attendance. Cllr Clubb advised he would inform the School. **ACTION: MC**

## 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.

Wimberley Mills application was discussed. Cllr Whiteside advised that a site meeting had taken place earlier today and the DCC meeting would take place on Tuesday 12 January and the Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council had been invited to attend.

The Members raised concerns over a development on Thrupp Lane that appeared to be closer to the road than agreed in the application. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to SDC Planning Office and enquire of the boundary lines. **ACTION: CLERK**

## 10. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Pilley reported that an application to designate Brimscombe & Thrupp as a Neighbourhood Plan area had been submitted to SDC and the Clerk had circulated to the Members the next stage in the process.

The next meeting on the Neighbourhood Development Plan would take place on Saturday 9 January between 1pm and 3pm at Stroud Brewery. Conrad Moore and Ricardo Rios would be presenting to attendees.

The land owned by GCC next to the A419 Field was discussed and it was agreed that Cllr Pilley would create a proposal for community use of the land to be submitted to GCC and this would be added to the next agenda for discussion. **ACTION: GP**

## 11. STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT OF LAND AVAILABILITY (SALA)

This was discussed and it was agreed at this time the Parish Council would not submit any proposals for land that could be used.

## 12. CO-OPTION TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

Mr Tyler gave a brief summary of his experience and career. (Mr Tyler's application for co-option had been circulated to the Members prior to the meeting). The Chair proposed accepting Mr Tyler's application for co-option and this was seconded by Cllr Martin. Mr Tyler was co-opted to the Parish Council.

**13. HOPE MILL LANE LAND**

An application from a local business to use the land for an overflow car park for their business. They had considered the arrangement already in place with Stroud Brewery and would look to use the land Monday to Thursday. This was discussed and the Members agreed to allow the use of the land subject to the signing of a License and agreed rental fee. **ACTION: CLERK**

**14. COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

**Halliday's Pitch:** Cllr Clubb gave an update on drainage issues at Halliday's Pitch.

**Allotment Tap:** Cllr Pilley advised he was more than happy to deal with the Allotment Tap.

**Verges:** Cllr Martin advised he had received an update from BT that they would reseed the verges they had damaged during recent works.

**Drains:** Cllr Grant advised that that drains on the A419 London Road opposite the Layby needed clearing as well as the drain opposite the school on Thrupp Lane. It was agreed the Clerk would report to Highways. **ACTION: CLERK**

**CONFIDENTIAL AGENDA**

**15.** Pursuant to 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 it is resolved that, because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the Public and Press leave the meeting.

**16. Handyman Vacancy**

**This information is confidential and will not be released to the public at this stage.**

**17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 2 February 2016 at 7.30pm in Brimscombe and Thrupp Social Centre.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS  
THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9:25PM**