

**MINUTES OF BRIMSCOMBE & THRUPP
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT BRIMSCOMBE & THRUPP SOCIAL CENTRE
ON TUESDAY 6 DECEMBER 2016 AT 7.30PM**



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

In attendance: Cllr Stan Waddington

Q&A with Ken Pitt, Street Lighting Manager, Gloucestershire County Council. The Members discussed the proposed new lighting scheme throughout the Parish.

1. APOLOGIES

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

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA

There were none.

3. TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2016

The Minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

4. Q & A WITH COUNTY COUNCILLOR STAN WADDINGTON

Cllr Waddington advised that Thrupp Primary School had got planning permission for the new classrooms. Cllr Martin thanked Cllr Waddington on behalf of Thrupp School for his assistance with the planning application. Lamp 93 was discussed and Cllr Waddington confirmed he had visited the site and reported the same to Highways. Highway issues on Brewery Lane and Quarhouse Lane were also discussed.

The Fastershire scheme was discussed in detail. The Chairman advised that a number of BT green cabinets around the parish had not been wired up. Cllr Waddington confirmed that he would speak to Highways and try and obtain some further information on these cabinets.

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

Cllr Peters tendered her apologies and submitted the following report:-

***Ambitions** – I supported this day by visiting all the stands and taking part in NKS’s presentation on building, plumbing and electrical work, along with students from secondary schools. The day (for the 4th year) was organised by SDC to advise young people on potential careers and had invited many businesses from around the district.*

***Queens Court** - The position at Queens Court is that there are two households who are still there. One single person and one family.*

***Brimscombe Port** – is has been reported in the press that RUSH Skate Park is under threat. This is not entirely true. The Park had always known their premises were temporary, but now the redevelopment is imminent, they are on the lookout for new premises within the district.*

***Joint Cluster Group** – I attended on behalf of the Parish Council and learned that so far this year 408 vehicles had been abandoned! A vehicle with a yellow sticker will be given 15 days to tax, insure and MOT. Police are now able to check for vehicle insurance, tax, MOT just by recording the Registration number. When the driver is flagged down, there is no need to report to police station as driving documents are checked on line using the Police mobile apparatus!! The driver will be given fixed penalty immediately. Community Safety Partnership Review is programming hate crime, domestic abuse, violence etc. The police will be recruiting more PCSO’s in the New Year along with PC’s – replacing retirement. Anything that is reported to the Police is recorded by phone – no paperwork – which is more efficient use of time. With the increase of shed and garage burglaries, it was recommended to post code anything so that they items can be easily recognised, otherwise the burglars are permitted to keep the item!*

There is less fly tipping but 10 fridge/freezers have already been found this year. Painswick Beacon appears to be one of the favourite sites, but that belongs to the National Trust!”

Cllr Whiteside tendered his apologies and did not submit a report.

6. BRIMSCOMBE PORT

There was no update to report.

7. COMMUNITY CENTRE

Cllr Whiteside had tendered his apologies and had circulated a report prior to the meeting. It was agreed to carry over this item to the next meeting.

8. CHAIRMANS REPORT

The Chairman advised he was attending a meeting on 13 January 2017 with regards to the Towpath spraying.

9. FINANCE

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

Salaries and Expenses	817.22
Gary McCreery (Handyman Contractor) Oct / Nov Invoice	192.00
Severn Signs (A419 Field Signage)	50.40
TW Hawkins (A419 Field Mowing)	260.40
GRCC (Housing Needs Survey for NDP)	648.12
Website (Creation of a new Parish Council website)	1,440.00

Total Invoices for payment: £3,408.14

The accounts were agreed for payment.

(b) **To set the budget and precept for 2017 / 2018.** The draft budget and precept had been circulated prior to the meeting. The RFO presented three options, a percentage increase as in previous years, an additional £5.00 per household increase and an additional £10.00 per household increase. The £5.00 and £10.00 increases would allow the Parish Council to raise a substantial capital to help fund a new Community Centre / Social Centre in Brimscombe Port. Following discussions it was agreed that the precept would be increased by £10.00 per household. This was proposed by Cllr Grant, seconded by Cllr Russell and unanimously agreed by all.

(c) **To consider a donation request from the Grand Village Fete Committee.** This was discussed and it was agreed that the Parish Council would donate an amount not to exceed £100 subject to the Committee securing match funding from Minchinhampton and Chalford Parish Councils.

10. PLANNING

(a) **Applications and decisions by Stroud District Council.** The Council discussed the various planning applications.

11. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Pilley advised that an advanced steering group meeting would take place on Wednesday 14 December which will look at the current Parish Plan, SDC Local Plan. There will also be a public event held on 22 January 2017 where the Neighbourhood Design Statement would be discussed.

12. COUNCILLORS REPORTS

- (a) **Parish Councillors Guide:** Cllr Grant requested up to date copies of the PC Guide be purchased for all Councillors. **ACTION: CLERK**
- (b) **Hermes:** Cllr Grant advised that the delivery vehicles for the Hermes Courier business were encroaching on to the footpath. It was agreed that Cllr Russell would speak to the Owner and advise them of the Parish Council concerns.
- (c) **Parking outside Terrace Cottages:** A member reported that the parking outside the Terrace Cottages was so inconsiderate it did not allow enough room for people with pushchairs to pass. It was agreed that the Clerk would ask the Neighbourhood Warden to have a look at the problem. **ACTION: CLERK**
- (d) **Memorial:** Cllr Martin advised that a visiting football club playing Brimscombe & Thrupp Football Club had brought along a memorial wreath to be placed at the memorial on Remembrance Day.
- (e) **A419 GCC Land:** Cllr Pilley advised he was chasing GCC with regards to the possibility of creating a play area on the GCC Land.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 3 January 2017 at 7.30pm in Brimscombe and Thrupp Social Centre.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS
THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.20PM**