

MINUTES OF BRIMSCOMBE & THRUPP
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT BRIMSCOMBE & THRUPP SOCIAL CENTRE
ON TUESDAY 7 JUNE 2016 AT 7.30PM



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

In attendance: Cllr Stan Waddington
 Cllr Martin Whiteside
 4 Parishioners
 Andy Nash – Stroud District Council
 Charles Hawkeswood – Stroud District Council
 Lawrence Elcocks – Stroud District Council

Presentation:

Andy, Charles and Lawrence attended the meeting to give an update on Brimscombe Port. Notes of their presentation will be circulated with these Minutes.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were noted from District Councillor Peters and Parish Councillor Bob Tyler.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA

Cllr Martin declared an interest in Item 10a with regards to the planning application for Thrupp Primary School.

3. TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 17 MAY 2016

The Minutes were confirmed and signed as a true record.

4. CO-OPTIONS

Two applications for co-options had been received from Bill Harvey and Ben Morris. It was unanimously agreed to co-opt them to the Parish Council.

5. Q & A WITH COUNTY COUNCILLOR STAN WADDINGTON

Highway Funding allowance of £8,000 was discussed and it was agreed that the money would be used at Brimscombe Corner which is need of an update to include new panels to hold up the bank, bollards installed to stop parking on the grass verges and a new larger bin is needed. It was agreed that the Chairman would meet on site with Cllr Waddington.

The recent planning application a Thrupp School was discussed as the Parish Council had not received any notification of the planning application. When viewing the application at GCC it was referring back to SDC Planning website where no comments could be made.

Cllr Waddington was also requested to ascertain if a TRO for the 20mph speed limit around the parish was in force.

6. Q & A WITH DISTRICT COUNCILLORS ELIZABETH PETERS & MARTIN WHITESIDE

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

Cllr Martin Whiteside gave an update on District Council matters. He gave an update on the crossing from Ham Mills development. Cllr Whiteside also gave an update on dumping of rubble at Brimscombe Port. A discussion took place around the problem with parking on Brewery and Bourne Lanes. The Chairman confirmed the Neighbourhood Warden had been asked to look at the parking issues. Also issues with the overgrown hedges along Brewery Lane were discussed and it was agreed that Cllr Waddington would conduct a site visit to look at the problems.

Cllr Whiteside advised that he would set up a group to look at a way forward for a new Community Centre in the Port. Some work had already been done but skilled people were needed to assist with finances and fundraising plans.

7. BRIMSCOMBE PORT

Nothing further to report following the presentation at the beginning of the meeting.

8. CHAIRMANS REPORT

The Chairman thanked Cllr Pilley for the recent BAT Life. The village Fete had gone well and had raised in the region of £5,000. Stroud Brewery would be holding their Beer Festival the following weekend. The Chairman welcomed back Cllr Harvey to the Parish Council.

9. FINANCE

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

Salaries / Expenses and Tax	1046.07
HMRC (Tax & NI)	222.92
Stroud Brewery (clearance of land @ Hope Mill Lane)	779.50 **

Total Invoices for payment: £2,048.49

The accounts were agreed for payment.

**** Clerk's Note:** *The clearance of the land at Hope Mill Lane was discussed and it was confirmed that Stroud Brewery would rent the whole of the land now cleared at the initial rent agreed at the outset.*

- (b) **To consider a donation request from BOSS (Brimscombe Open Spaces Society for Charlea Allotments)**

The Council discussed the above request and whilst it continues to support the project they reiterated that they would not support the project financially as originally agreed at the Special Meeting in October 2014.

10. 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.
- (b) Planning Application 0961/FUL was discussed in detail. Following discussions it was unanimously agreed to object to the application and it was agreed the Clerk would notify the planning officer as appropriate. **ACTION: CLERK**

11. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Pilley advised that a steering group meeting had been held and a Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary had been appointed. Cllr Pilley gave a brief update on the current position of the NDP. At the July meeting Cllr Pilley would be seeking approval of the Terms of Reference for the NDP Steering Group. Cllr Pilley also confirmed that the Housing Survey would be issued with the July Newsletter. It was agreed that houses in Minchinhampton that fall under Brimscombe would be included in the survey.

12. TOW PATH SPRAYING

This was discussed following an email circulated prior to the meeting. It was agreed that the Members did not support toxic weed spraying and were happy to support alternative means of weed killing along the canal footpath.

13. COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Fromside Playing Field: Cllr Harvey advised that a number of dog owners were using the field for walking their dogs. Signs would be sourced and installed.

ACTION: CLERK

Blue Land Adjacent to Fromside Playing Field: Cllr Pilley advised he had met with GRCC to discuss the possibility of the Parish Council obtaining a lease to create a community open space. Cllr Pilley will report back in due course.

Allotment Hedge: The members requested that the Allotment Hedge be cut back; the Clerk will contact the Contractor.

ACTION: CLERK

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 5 July 2016 at 7.30pm in Brimscombe and Thrupp Social Centre.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS
THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10.00PM**