

**MINUTES OF BRIMSCOMBE & THRUPP
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT BRIMSCOMBE & THRUPP SOCIAL CENTRE
ON TUESDAY 1 OCTOBER 2019 AT 7.30PM**



Present:	Cllr Colette Cuddihy Cllr Bob Tyler Cllr Brian Castle Cllr Bill Harvey Cllr Roger Martin Cllr Ben Morris Cllr Greg Pilley Cllr Nicky Russell	Chair Vice-Chair
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In attendance: County Councillor Rachel Smith
 District Councillor Martin Whiteside
 1 Parishioner

Gisele Blee (GB) attended the meeting to discuss with the Parish Council concerns over speeding and traffic usage along Thrupp Lane. A number of different schemes that have been introduced in other parishes allowing children to play out safely etc were discussed and the Parish Council advised they would be supportive of a scheme being introduced along Thrupp Lane. GB advised she would research further and come back to the Parish Council in due course.

1. APOLOGIES

There were none.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA:

Cllr Pilley declared an interest in agenda Item 8, Community Centre.

3. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2019:

The Minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

4. MATTERS ARISING:

There were none.

5. TO RECEIVE A MONTHLY REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR RACHEL SMITH:

Cllr Smith gave a verbal update on County Council matters including an update on a speed watch recently held at Toadsmoor. There is speed watch training for anyone interested at the Stroud Police Station on Saturday 9 November @ 2pm. Cllr Smith will circulate the details.

6. TO RECEIVE A MONTHLY REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR MARTIN WHITESIDE

Cllr Whiteside gave a verbal update on District Council matters. Cllr Whiteside commented on the planning application at Phoenix House.

7. BRIMSCOMBE PORT:

The planning applications submitted for the Port had been discussed at the planning meeting prior to this meeting. Cllr Whiteside gave an update on the viability testing and soft marketing test.

Cllr Pilley having declared an interest in this item did not leave the room.

8. COMMUNITY CENTRE:

The Chair advised that she had met with Grace Network and a summary of their findings would be completed by the end of October. Grace Network are now in discussions with SDC with regards to running a community space in the Port. A meeting will take place at the end of the month with SVCC and the Social Centre. The next Port Liaison meeting will take place on the 4 November.

9. FINANCE:

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

Salaries and Expenses	960.97
2 Commune (Website Hosting)	480.00
PKF Littlejohn (External Audit Fees)	240.00
Gary McCreery (Handyman – September)	367.50
Cotswold Canals Trust (Annual Membership)	40.00
Water Plus (Allotment water bill)	53.11
Brimscombe & Thrupp WI (Donation)	100.00

Total Invoices for payment: £2,241.58

The accounts were agreed for payment.

- (b) To agree annual payment for the use of the Social Centre for up to 15 meetings per year. This was discussed and it was agreed that the payment of £500 would be made to the Social Centre.

10. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:

Cllr Pilley advised he had met with Place Studios and they were looking to see how many hours they had available to assist with the Plan. The Neighbourhood Plan will now be completed by November 2020 in line with the SDC Local Plan.

The budget was discussed and it was agreed the Clerk would confirm the remaining budget available for the Neighbourhood Plan.

11. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM MEMBERS WHO HAVE ATTENDED EXTERNAL MEETINGS:

- Cllr Harvey gave an update on the Stroud District Road Safety Group (SDRSG) he had attended.
- Cllr Harvey gave an update on the B&S Social Centre meeting had had attended.
- Cllr Pilley gave an update on the Climate Emergency Meeting at SDC he had attended. This was discussed and it was agreed to add this item to the November agenda for further discussion. Cllr Pilley will send through the links to members prior to the meeting.
- Cllrs Pilley and Cuddihy gave an update on the A419 Cycling Consultation Meeting they attended. The missing link works on the A417 could affect the traffic flow through the parish along the A419. Limitations could be removed which would offer better cycling and pedestrian options between Stroud Town and Chalford. The report is awaited.
- Cllr Cuddihy advised she had attended a meeting looking to reinstate the “Grand Village Fete”. This was discussed and the Clerk confirmed she would check the Parish Council archives for any correspondence relating to the Fete.
- Cllr Castle advised he had attended the allotments and had created a plan of allotments that are not being / have not been tended this year. It was agreed that the Clerk would arrange a site meeting with Cllrs Harvey, Castle and Russell and the Handyman (Allotment Manager) to see what is needed to be done.

It was agreed that Members attending external meetings would produce a brief summary of the same for inclusion in the Minutes.

12. BUS SHELTER PROJECT:

Cllr Cuddihy had circulated a briefing paper on the bus shelters around the parish and the need for them to be updated / redecorated etc. Suggestions for asking local

businesses to sponsor a bus stop, offering a bus stop to a school for them to decorate etc. The same was discussed and it was agreed that Studio 18 would be appointed to review the same for an initial cost of £500. This was proposed by BM, seconded by GP and agreed by all.

13. CLERK'S REPORT:

A report was circulated prior to the meeting and this was discussed.

14. COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

- Cllr Martin gave an update on the new Football Club entrance. The Japanese knot wood was discussed and Cllr Harvey and Martin agreed to go and have a look.
- Cllr Morris advised that the Thrupp School had received their Ofsted inspection.
- Cllr Cuddihy reported on the Noticeboards around the parish and the condition of them. It was agreed to add the same to the November agenda for further discussion.
- The ash tree die-back email that had been circulated prior to the meeting was discussed. The Members agreed that the old ones should be removed before a decision could be made on where to put replacement trees.

15. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday 5 November 2019 @ 7.30pm in the Brimscombe & Thrupp Social Centre

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS
THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.25pm**