

**MINUTES OF BRIMSCOMBE & THRUPP**  
**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**AT THE BRIMSCOMBE AND THRUPP SOCIAL CENTRE ON**  
**TUESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2010 AT 7.30PM**



Present: Cllr W Harvey Chairman  
 Cllr Mrs H Acock  
 Cllr Mrs S Dalby  
 Cllr A Grant  
 Cllr R Martin  
 Cllr G Russell  
 Cllr Mrs N Russell  
 Cllr Mrs J Trayler

In Attendance: District Councillors Mrs Peters and Whiteside  
 June Pritchard – Thrupp Primary School Head Teacher  
 Diane Bingle – Chair of the School Governors  
 Jim Clapham – School Governor  
 Greg Pilley – Stroud Brewery  
 1 Member of Public

June Pritchard, Diane Bingle and Jim Clapham from Thrupp Primary School attended to discuss the Yew Tree Way Project. Cllr Mrs Trayler advised that there was some ill feeling within the village with regards to the field being a closed field once the work had been completed. June Pritchard advised that once this project had been a community project but it was now a school project and the liability for the use of the field rested with the school. Local groups would be allowed to use the field subject to prior notice give to the school; it would not be open to the general public. June Pritchard referred to a draft lease that she held. The Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council had not seen this document and it was agreed that June Pritchard would speak to Gloucestershire County Council and request that they communicate with the Parish Council's Solicitors as to what terms the School were looking at in order that it could be discussed further. Cllr Mrs Dalby suggested a possible swap with Gloucestershire County Council for the field on the A419 with Yew Tree Way in order to maintain an open space for the community to use.

Greg Pilley from Stroud Brewery attended to advise that he would be interested in securing premises within the Port once it had been developed. One of the possibilities is that Stroud Brewery could possibly secure premises within the Port in partnership with the Parish Council / Community. He gave a brief overview of his current circumstances and what type of premises he would be interested in.

**1. APOLOGIES**

None were received

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

There were none

**3. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> MARCH 2010**

The Parish Council agreed to amend Paragraph 13(c) to read “The Chairman and Cllr Grant would investigate the possible removal of the shrubbery on the spare land near Yew Tree Way”. Subject to this amendment the Minutes were confirmed and signed as a true record.

**4. YEW TREE WAY PLAYING FIELD PROJECT.**

This was discussed above.

**5. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

- (a) District Councillor Mrs Peters gave the following report:-  
*“Following the Housing Management Forum meeting last month, it has been agreed as part of the Improvement Plan, that officers will be given more autonomy. No doubt the Cabinet Member will be able to brief you in more detail.*

*As a Trustee of Stroud Valley Project, I favour their latest approach to raise funds. Stroud District Council has reduced funding to many organisations in order to encourage them to be more self-reliant and of course keep down our Council Tax bills. Stroud Valleys Project is preparing to run a shop in their premises in Threadneedle Street.*

*I have attended a CCTV meeting in which it was stated that crime figures were down in Stroud and Dursley over the past year. New CCTV cameras have been installed; GGC has been asked to install better street lighting close to the cameras so that more detail is more visible. It was reported that better lighting would have given more detail to the pictures of the tragedy which took place in the Parliament Street car park, when it was thought that Mrs Bloodworth had been hit in Brick Row and dragged to the car park. Police officers were concerned as to the poor quality of picture which was reproduced for the local paper.”*

- (b) District Councillor Whiteside advised that Stroud District Council had been reviewing their housing assets. Hazel Court and Cleeve House were in very poor condition. Hazel Court tenants would be rehoused but maybe not within the Parish. Cllr Whiteside enquired whether the Parish Council had formally responded on the Core Strategy. The Chairman advised that the public consultation document was very difficult to complete online. It was agreed that the Clerk would send a response on behalf of the Parish Council on the Core Strategy options. Cllr Russell suggested that Brownfield sites should be offered which should give enough scope for the Parish to meet their quota of housing

**ACTION: CLERK**

Cllr Whiteside advised that the Project Officer in charge of organising volunteers to tidy the Canal Towpaths had been in touch enquiring whether the Parish Council could suggest possible sites to work on etc. Cllr Grant confirmed that he would liaise with the Project Officer.

Cllr Whiteside advised that the Post Office Consultation would end at the end of April. Post Office Limited were keen to relocate the post office counter to the Newsagents. The move was likely to happen in June. Members confirmed they had no objections to this move as long as all services were retained. It was confirmed that all services would be offered including Pensions etc but the Car Tax service would not be provided.

Cllr Whiteside advised that Bisley Parish Council were looking at installing two wind turbines and possibly the Parish Council could be part of this project that could raise funds for local groups etc. Cllr Russell advised that some residents within the Parish could be suffering fuel poverty and maybe funds raised from this project could be distributed within the Parish to assist these residents. Cllr Russell advised that he would like to discuss this project further with Bisley Parish Council and it was agreed that Cllr Russell and Whiteside could discuss further and report back to the Parish Council their findings. **ACTION: GR / MW**

- (c) District Councillor Mrs Young tendered her apologies and submitted the following report:-  
*“Apologies, as this meeting falls in the school easter holidays.*

*I am still working with Officers on the Asset Management Strategy for housing, which affects properties in this Parish. To complicate matters we have just had the announcement about self financing for housing, which means we can buy our way out of the subsidy system and allows us to retain all of the rent. The headline figures are we are required to buy our way out at a cost of 94 million pounds, which equates to £17,500 per property. As you can understand there are lots of people working on the Government papers which runs to over 100 pages with at least 4 spreadsheets. The outcome of their investigations will play an important part in how we move forward in housing.*

*The restructure of Tenancy Services will be complete in June and I will ensure that as soon as the post holders are in place Parish Councils will be notified.*

*The Sheltered Housing Review will go out to consultation in May for a period of 3 months, so it is important that you express the views of the council and the parishioners, as it affects not just those in sheltered accommodation at the moment but those who have relatives there or those that may choose to move into it in the future, as well as the feelings of those in general needs and the tax payers as a whole.*

*There has been a commitment to spend HRA money on fuel poverty, renewable in sheltered housing, conversions of bedsits in sheltered units and a speedier turnover of void properties.*

*The Head of Tenancy Services and myself will spend considerable time in deciding how to spend the £4.189 million of capital for the next financial year”.*

## 6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

County Councillor Fellows did not attend the meeting and did not submit a report.

Cllrs Russell and Mrs Acock left the meeting at this point

## 7. CANAL / PORT REGENERATION

The Chairman advised that Cllr Russell was going to speak to David Hagg in order to arrange a meeting with him and Members of the Parish Council to discuss the Port.

Cllr Grant advised that he had received a copy of a document for Hope Mill Lock from the Landlord of his business. He also advised that he had emailed Dave Marshall for an update prior to the meeting. Mr Marshall confirmed that several developers were interested in developing the Port and SDC would be shortly making a decision as to whether the tender for the Project would have to be opened up to the European Union.

## 8. FINANCE

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

Salaries and Expenses	781.93
Income Tax & NI Contributions	190.08
GAPTC (Subscriptions)	343.86
Petty Cash	95.83
Handyman Expenses	36.90

**Total Invoices for payment: £1,448.60**

The accounts were approved for payment.

## 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.

## 10. PARISH PLAN

This item is to be carried forward to the next meeting as Cllr Russell had only just received the paperwork for the Plan and had not had a chance to review it. Cllr Mrs Dalby advised that she had located more paperwork for the Parish Plan and would try and upload it to "Google.Docs" in order for Members to view it.

**ACTION: CLERK / SD**

## 11 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

- (a) Cllr Mrs Russell advised that there had been sheets of polythene flying all around outside Severn Poultry on the Phoenix Trading Estate. The Clerk advised that she would speak to the Neighbourhood Warden / Highways to request that they clear it up.  
**ACTION: CLERK**
- (b) Cllr Martin advised that he had read recently in the local press that Minchinhampton Parish Council had conducted a traffic survey on the Common. The Clerk was requested to try and obtain a copy of the report and enquire as to who funded the survey.  
**ACTION: CLERK**

## **12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2010 at 7.30pm at Brimscombe and Thrupp Social Centre.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS  
THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.40PM**