

MINUTES OF BRIMSCOMBE & THRUPP
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
AT THE BRIMSCOMBE AND THRUPP SOCIAL CENTRE ON
TUESDAY 1st JUNE 2010 AT 7.30PM



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

In Attendance: District Councillor Mrs Peters

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from County Councillor Fellows, District Councillor Whiteside and Parish Councillors Mrs Russell and G Russell

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA

There were none

3. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 4th MAY 2010

The Minutes were confirmed and signed as a true record.

4. YEW TREE WAY PLAYING FIELD PROJECT.

Cllr Mrs Trayler gave the following report:-

“I spoke to June Pritchard who said she had sent copies of the Minutes of the Progress Meetings held on the 29th April and 20th May to Tina. Members of this Committee are William Kinross of O’Brien & Price, Matt Peplow and Gareth Vine. These Minutes set out the decisions taken regarding the field. It has been levelled, drainage completed and sanding finished. It will be the Spring before the grass seeds are sown. It was not thought practical to turf the field.”

I mentioned to June that at the last Parish Council meeting it had been suggested that the children from the School be invited again. She said it would be a wonderful opportunity if this could be arranged after they had actually played on the field and then could come and talk about it.

From my own personal point of view, I phoned David Drew's office and spoke to his wife Sarah. I asked her to give my thanks to him for all the support he had given regarding the Yew Tree Way field and its conversion into a sports facility for the children of Thrupp Primary School."

Cllr Grant questioned as to why the grass seeds were not being sown until Spring when they should be sown in the Autumn. It was agreed that Cllr Grant would contact O'Brien & Price direct to enquire with them.

It was requested that the fence was not installed on the field until the Lease had been formally signed. It was agreed that the Clerk would speak to the Parish Council's Solicitors and enquire whether this could be done. **ACTION: CLERK**

5. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

- (a) District Councillor Mrs Peters gave the following report:-

"Stroud Valleys was scheduled to open the shop in their premises in Threadneedle Street on Saturday 29 May.

Voluntary and Community Action has decided not to buy a new vehicle costing in the region of £36,000 and just repair an existing bus. The charity has been asked to help out transports wise when Painswick is closed to through traffic from tomorrow for a few weeks, till the GCC has finished road works.

The GRAND Village Fête was not a complete wash out! Although numbers were down and several stall holders did not show up all due to the wet weather, no doubt, the stall holders who stayed were well pleased with their sales, and the bungee trampoline man has already booked for next year! The Thrupp School children were amazing – having walked all the way from school and then paraded around the field – not at all phased by the weather! The fête is scheduled for Saturday 28 May 2011 and is already in the planning stages."

- (b) District Councillor Whiteside tendered his apologies and did not submit a report.
- (c) District Councillor Mrs Young did not attend the meeting and did not submit a report. Cllr Martin enquired of the outcome of the meeting Cllr Mrs Young had held with Caroline Spellman, Shadow Local Government Minister for Planning on the 30th April as no update had been received. It was agreed that the Clerk would request an update from Cllr Mrs Young. **ACTION: CLERK**

6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

County Councillor Fellows tendered his apologies and did not submit a report.

7. CANAL / PORT REGENERATION

The Chairman read out the update received from Cllr Russell as follows:-

“I met with David Hagg, CEO of Stroud DC, on 25th May. Very positive meeting and we discussed the value of engaging positively with the local community and of the potential scope of a local 'development trust' which could undertake certain elements of the development such as community facilities by being able to tap into other sorts of funding (eg lottery). I know the CEO of the Development Trust Association nationally and we could invite him to visit the Canal project if we thought the idea was worth pursuing. Again the Coalition Govt is very supportive of local 'social enterprises' and so we need to be up to speed. David Hagg will ask Paul Coupe to contact me to take our discussion forward in a positive and practical manner.”

Cllr Grant advised that he had received an email from Dave Marshall at SDC advising that the next meeting of the Western Canals Consultative Group would take place on Wednesday 9th June at 7pm in the Council Chambers at Stroud. Cllr Grant confirmed that he would attend the meeting and requested all members to try and attend the meeting.

8. FINANCE

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

Salaries and Expenses	815.38
Income Tax & NI Contributions	182.30
Wheatley Printers (Newsletter Copying)	212.00
Total Invoices for payment:	£1,209.68

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.
- (b) The planning application for Pencarrow, Quarhouse Lane was discussed.

10. PARISH PLAN

The Chairman read out an update from Cllr Russell as follows:-

“I would like to progress the Parish Council Plan work especially given the increased importance to such community level plans by the Coalition Govt. Would it be possible to have a

small sub-group to take this forward and able to commit resource up to 2500 pounds as per the outline brief. We could then meet outside of the main meetings and report back. I'm happy to be involved."

Cllr Grant suggested that a sub-committee group could also combine the Canal Regeneration and the Village Design Statement Projects with the Parish Plan project. Cllr Mrs Acock along with Cllr Grant volunteered for the sub-committee and Cllr Russell and it was suggested to invite Cllr Whiteside and Geoff Murray. It was agreed the first meeting would take place on the 16th June with further meetings taking place every third Wednesday as the Social Centre would be free on these dates. Cllr Grant confirmed he would send out invite requests for the meeting.

ACTION: AG

11. MISCELLANEOUS

- (a) To discuss the format for the 2011 APM. This was discussed and it was agreed that this item would be carried forward to later in the year where it could be discussed further. A few suggestions put forward was that the Parish Council could arrange for a Speaker to come along and give a Presentation on a subject attendees would be interested in and also could make arrangements for the recipients of donations from the Parish Council to attend and receive their donations and give a presentation on what work their respective charity / cause does etc.
- (b) To decide whether to hold a Parish Council Meeting in August 2010. This was discussed and it was agreed that a recess would be held during August in line with the District Council.

12. COUNCILLORS REPORTS

- (a) Cllr Mrs Trayler confirmed that she had now received the official invitation to the Royal Garden Party on Tuesday June 22nd. She advised that she would tell us all about it in July!
- (b) Cllr Mrs Acock enquired whether the litter problem along Rupert Street had been sorted out. The Clerk advised that she was waiting to hear back from the Neighbourhood Warden.
- (c) Cllr Mrs Acock also advised that a visiting Band from Holland had commented that Brimscombe was "a very nice place".
- (d) Cllr Mrs Dalby advised that she had received an email from a Parishioner advising of a nasty car accident that had taken place outside her property on the A419 the previous Sunday. It was believed the driver was speeding and lost control of the vehicle which then hit the tree outside their property. Fortunately nobody was seriously injured. It was agreed that the Clerk would advise Highways of the accident. **ACTION: CLERK**
- (e) Cllr Martin thanked the Parish Council on behalf of B&T Football Club for their recent grant to the Club. Cllr Martin confirmed that the 1st team had finished fifth in the County League and attendance at the ground had increased. Also the County League

had held the County Cup Final at the Football Club and around 300 people had attended the game. The two main projects for the summer would be to tarmac the driveway and also complete the disabled ramp.

- (f) Cllr Martin also thanked the Parish Council on behalf of the B&T Social Centre for their recent grant to the Social Centre. Cllr Martin confirmed that a meeting of the Social Centre Committee would take place on the 9th June to discuss updating the decoration at the Social Centre and also updating the floor and toilets.
ACTION: CLERK
- (g) Cllr Martin advised that whilst placing signs along the verges recently to advertise the Grand Fete he had met with strong objections from Highways. It was agreed that the Clerk would seek confirmation of the regulations for placing advertisements along verges to highlight one off events as he had received conflicting advice.
ACTION: CLERK
- (h) Cllr Grant enquired as to whether the Parish Council could request more dog litter bins to be placed around the Parish as the current bins were overflowing and not able to meet demand. It was agreed that the Parish Handyman would pinpoint suitable locations and the Clerk would then speak to SDC.
ACTION: AG / CLERK
- (i) Cllr Grant advised that Brimscombe / Bourne Lane were full of potholes. The Clerk was requested to advise Highways of this problem.
ACTION: CLERK
- (j) Cllr Grant advised that the Bus Shelter at the bottom of Thrupp Lane needed refurbishing. It was agreed that Cllr Grant would prepare a specification and the Clerk would advise if the budget would allow a refurbishment.
ACTION: AG / CLERK
- (k) The Chairman enquired as to the progress with regards to the ownership / new siting of the Youth Bus Shelter. It was agreed that the Clerk would liaise with Chris Short who was a Member of the Working Group. Cllr Dalby advised that she would send contact details to the Clerk.
ACTION: SD / CLERK
- (l) The Chairman advised that there was a water leak along the Canal Towpath adjacent to Olympic Varnish. It was agreed that the Clerk would advise Stroud District Council of this leak.
ACTION: CLERK

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 6th July 2010 at 7.30pm at Brimscombe and Thrupp Social Centre.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS
THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.15PM**