

MINUTES OF BRIMSCOMBE & THRUPP
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
AT THE BRIMSCOMBE AND THRUPP SOCIAL CENTRE ON
TUESDAY 4th MAY 2010 AT 8.00PM



Present: Cllr W Harvey Chairman
 Cllr A F Grant
 Cllr Mrs N Russell
 Cllr Mrs J Trayler
 Cllr A Watson

In Attendance: District Councillor Mrs E Peters
 District Councillor M Whiteside

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

The Vice-Chairman called for nominations for Chairman. Cllr Mrs Trayler nominated Cllr Harvey and this was seconded by Cllr Mrs Russell. Cllr Harvey was elected Chairman.

2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

The Chairman called for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Cllr Grant advised that he would like to step down from the Vice-Chairman role however after discussions it was agreed that Cllr Grant would stand as Vice-Chairman for the next 3 months. Cllr Harvey nominated Cllr Grant and this was seconded by Cllr Mrs Trayler. Cllr Grant was elected Vice-Chairman.

3. APOLOGIES

Apologies were accepted from District Councillor Mrs Young and Parish Councillors Mrs Dalby, Mrs Acock, G Russell and R Martin.

4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA

Cllr Mrs Trayler declared an interest in Agenda Item 8 Planning with regards to a planning application for Land at Lewiston Road, Brimscombe.

5. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 6th APRIL 2010

The Parish Council agreed to amend Paragraph 11(a) to read “Cllr Mrs Russell advised that there had been sheets of polythene blowing from Severn Poultry onto the footpath below.” Subject to this amendment the Minutes were confirmed and signed as a true record.

6. YEW TREE WAY PLAYING FIELD PROJECT.

Cllr Mrs Trayler read out the following report:-

“Very pleased to report that there appears to have been a softening of the hard stance made by the School.

I was concerned at the result of the last Parish Council meeting when I had invited June Pritchard, Head Teacher, Diana Bingle, Chair of Governors and Jim Clapham, Governor to attend to discuss the field.

As a result of this I phoned Charles Fellows who I new had worked behind the scenes with Jackie Hall, Gloucestershire Cabinet Member, to get a successfully conclusion to the project.

He told me about a law that states if a Parish Council gives anything away it has to be for community gain. I passed this information on to Diana who I believe then passed it on to June.

I am now told that the School is setting up an After School Club and the field can be used for Sports Projects.”

The Chairman confirmed that he and Cllr Grant had gone through the draft Lease recently received from the Parish Council’s Solicitors and had made a few comments which the Chairman would circulate after the meeting. The access way was discussed and the Chairman confirmed that the Clerk had approached the Solicitors to try and ascertain who owned the access way and whether the Parish Council could obtain ownership.

7. FINANCE

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

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| Salaries and Expenses | 848.64 |
| Income Tax | 179.71 |
| B&T Social Centre (Grant) | 400.00 |
| B&T Football Club (Grant) | 400.00 |
| Stroud District Council (Domain Name Renewal) | 47.00 |
| Stroud District Council (Neighbourhood Warden) | 200.00 |
| AON Insurance (Insurance Renewal) | 1,009.05 |
| Total Invoices for payment: | £3,084.40 |

The accounts were agreed for payment.

Cllr Grant was concerned that the value of the assets of the Parish Council quoted by the current Insurance Company were a bit low. The Clerk confirmed that the Insurance Policy was due for renewal on the 1st June 2010. It was agreed that the Clerk would seek alternative quotes from other Insurance Companies to see if they could offer cover with an increased value of assets whilst trying to keep the cost of the policy around the same.

ACTION: CLERK

- (b) To approve the accounts for the Year Ended 31st March 2010. These were approved and signed by the Chairman and the RFO.
- (c) To complete the Annual Governance Statement for the Year Ended 31st March 2010. These were approved and signed by the Chairman and the Clerk.

8. 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.

The Chairman advised that he had received a letter from a resident on Thrupp Lane who was concerned about a current planning application on Gunhouse Lane who was requesting access onto Thrupp Lane, unfortunately this application was not within the Parish and the Chairman would advise the resident to let Stroud District Council know their concerns.

9. CANAL / PORT REGENERATION

Cllr Whiteside enquired whether the Parish Council would like to appoint a new Chair to the Canal Working Group as he would happily stand down if so. The Parish Council agreed that they would like Cllr Whiteside to continue as the Chair of the Working Group. Cllr Whiteside advised that he had been trying to arrange with Paul Coupe who had recently been off sick. Cllr Grant advised that the project would now install a fixed bridge at Hope Mill Lock instead of a swing bridge as previously advised. Cllr Whiteside enquired whether a meeting had been arranged by Cllr Russell with David Hagg. The Chairman advised that he did not believe a meeting had been arranged as yet.

10. PARISH PLAN

Cllr Russell had circulated the following update ahead of the meeting:-

“Updating Brimscombe and Thrupp Parish Plan

Outline Brief

Brimscombe and Thrupp Parish Council previously produced a Parish Plan for the period 2006-2011 which now needs updating and improvement.

A modernised Parish Plan has significance for three main reasons;

1. *An incoming Government may put more weight on local opinion about key local issues which is well articulated in a Parish Plan*
2. *The regeneration of the Stroudwater Canal is a major opportunity given that the Canal runs through the Parish and also includes the significant development opportunities at Brimscombe Mill.*
3. *It is timely to re-engage the wider community about their priorities within the local area and to enhance the role of the Parish Council.*

The Parish Council has a budget of £2500 granted by Stroud District Council in order to modernise the Parish Plan.

The Parish Council wishes to appoint a consultant to contribute to the modernising of the Parish Plan in the following ways;

1. *Bring together the existing material from previous surveys and reports into a coherent summary of evidence.*
2. *Provide an outline structure for the new Parish Plan and identify gaps in content.*
3. *Provide support for the Parish Council in organising and preparing for [2] local participative meetings to engage the local community.*
4. *Produce a fuller draft outline Parish Plan following the public meetings which can then be completed by the Parish Council.*

Timeframe

Consultancy proposals made to Parish Council – 14th May 2010.

Appointment decided at Parish Council meeting 1st June.

Collation of evidence and provide outline Plan structure – June 2010.

Public meetings – end June.

Draft outline Plan considered by Parish Council at special meeting w/b 19th July.”

11. MISCELLANEOUS

- (a) Part Night Lighting Scheme. Still awaiting the plans from Gloucestershire County Council therefore this item was carried forward to the next meeting.
- (b) To discuss a request from the Royal Mail to site a new Post Box outside the Newsagents. This was discussed and it was agreed that the siting of the new Post Box should be the Proposed Site 1 which was on the opposite side of the road from the Newsagents behind the Bus Stop and it was felt that siting a Post Box outside the Newsagents as detailed in Proposed Site 2 would cause an obstruction on the pavement.

12. COUNCILLORS REPORTS

- (a) Cllr Watson advised that there was no Cardboard Recycling in Thrupp Lane lay-by. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Stroud District Council and enquire of the possibility of installing one in the lay-by **ACTION: CLERK**
- (b) Cllr Watson advised that there was constant litter being dropped from members of the Nelson Trust along Rupert Street. It was agreed that the Clerk would ask the Neighbourhood Warden to have a look at the problem. **ACTION: CLERK**
- (c) Cllr Mrs Trayler advised that she had received a letter from the Office of the Lord-Lieutenant informing her that she and Jim Clapham had been recommended to attend the Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace in June. However Jim Clapham could now longer attend due to business demands and June had suggested maybe her Grand-Daughter could attend with her for which she was awaiting confirmation from Buckingham Palace that this would be okay. It was agreed that the Parish Council would pay the travelling costs for Cllr Mrs Trayler to attend the event.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 1st June 2010 at 7.30pm at Brimscombe and Thrupp Social Centre.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS
THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.10PM**