

BROCKWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12 JANUARY 2011 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 6.30 P.M.

PRESENT J Hunt (Chairman), Mrs C Neal, Mrs I German, J Shellswell, Mrs S Lefevre-Wellard, Mrs J Perez, M Collins, R Furolo, F Green, Mrs C Green, Ms F Miles, I Barnes, Mrs K Gardiner, G Gair, Mrs J Shirley (Clerk), Borough Councillor M Rowcliffe-Quarry

Members of Public Present: 12 members present plus PCSO Dan Mitchell

Members of Press Present: One member of press present

Mr Lyons was unable to attend to give the presentation on the Census 2011.

Mr Ransley and Mr Fromm from The Chase Hotel were present to show possible developments for the hotel. The hotel currently has 122 bedrooms and has need of an additional 36 rooms. Mr Ransley shared the draft plans for the extension and development of the hotel which is likely to create additional 30-36 employment opportunities. There were some questions from the councillors and members of public present. Cllr Hunt raised an issue regarding the advertising outside the hotel on the main road which Mr Fromm took on board.

Mrs Wade addressed the meeting regarding the proposed closure of the library and enquired as to the parish council's opinion on the proposed closure. There was a discussion about the parish council's Christmas card survey and where the cards were not delivered. The Clerk noted that the delivery took place in very poor weather conditions and at short notice, and the parish council was not being asked to make a decision based on that survey alone and it was on the agenda for the council to discuss next steps at tonight's meeting.

Borough Councillor Rowcliffe-Quarry addressed the meeting and asked to speak when the parish council get to Correspondence on the agenda.

One resident asked why Brockworth Library had been included in those proposed for closure when a lot of money had been spent recently on refurbishment. Cllr Collins responded that the money spent was from developer funding and the money would be lost if not spent on refurbishment of the library.

Mr Gibbs asked for clarification of the dates of the temporary closure of Ermin Street, these were confirmed as 16th, 23rd, and 30th January.

The meeting opened at 7.25pm.

- 133/FC TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
Apologies were received from Cllrs Flounders and Clarke. The meeting accepted the apologies and the reasons given for their absence.
- 134FC CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**
No announcements.
- 135FC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
Cllr Perez declared an interest in a letter from Severn Vale Housing Society.
- 136/FC POLICE REPORT**
The crime figures for December were noted. A report from Inspector Chester was also circulated. There were several questions from councillors which PCSO Mitchell answered.

PCSO Mitchell left the meeting.

- 137/FC MINUTES**
The minutes from the Full Council Meeting held on 1st December 2010 were accepted as a true record of the meeting and were approved. The councillors confirmed that they would like to continue to receive the draft minutes as soon as they have been typed up. **ACTION: CLERK.**

The minutes from the Building Management Committee meeting held on 15th December 2010 were noted.

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COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Perez gave a verbal Borough Council report. Delegated Permit had been given to 147 Ermin Street. The next Borough Councillor surgery will be held from the library in February. Cllr Rowcliffe-Quarry will be organised another community litter pick in due course. Tewkesbury Borough Council waste collections were missed for one week before Christmas due to the snow and blue plastic recycling bags were provided via the parish council for households wishing to put out extra recycling. The working party looking at the advice service will be visiting Brockworth. The consultation for the Public Art is still ongoing and they are now looking at an aviation theme.

Cllr Collins gave a verbal County Council report. The roadworks on the A46 were going very well and due to be finished on time. Phase 1 of the Ermin Street roadworks is due to be complete around the end of January. There are no timescales yet for phases 2 and 3 and no information on funding. Cllr Collins has put in a number of questions to the County Council full council meeting regarding the Brockworth proposed closures of library and youth centre.

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PARKS, OPEN SPACES AND BURIAL GROUND

1. To receive Play Park and Burial Ground updates

The council received a written report that was circulated prior to the meeting.

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CHRISTMAS CARD CONSULTATION

Cllr Collins read out the results received so far: 197 in favour of keeping the library open, 149 in favour of keeping the youth centre open, 113 in favour of continuing the community bus. 13 responses did not want any of the services, and 29 responses had additional suggestions. Approximately 7% of the cards had been returned. Cllr Collins felt that the data did not support the parish council committing funds at this stage and suggested a public meeting and open dialogue with the Community Project for a multi-agency approach.

Cllr Furolo felt that Brockworth should show the County Council that they will not accept the proposed closures. Cllr Collins responded that the low-response rate could be used as evidence that the low-numbers are showing that the community do not want to take on the services themselves.

Cllr Collins suggested writing to County Councillors Hawthorne, Noble and Windsor-Clive to invite them to a public meeting so they can outline the proposals. Cllr Miles proposed the motion, and Cllr Shellswell seconded the proposal. All in favour. It was agreed that the public meeting should be held as soon as possible and advertised in the newspaper, notice boards and website. Cllr Shellswell suggested having a new banner on the side of the building to advertise the meeting date, proposed by Cllr Neal and seconded by Cllr Shellswell, all in favour. **ACTION: CLERK.**

Cllr Perez suggested bringing forward the letter from Brockworth Community Project as it related to this agenda item. Agreed.

Cllr Rowcliffe-Quarry was invited to address the meeting on behalf of the Brockworth Community Project (BCP). BCP is looking at the possibility of taking on the library and youth provision. BCP has put in an expression of interest to the County Council regarding taking on the library service and received a very positive response. Sue Lawrence from GCC had suggested a Joint community proposal would present a stronger case. BCP would like to meet with the Parish Council and have a parish councillor on BCP management committee. BCP has also suggested an open morning at the Project offices for councillors to find out more about the Project.

Cllr Collins proposed that the parish council meets with BCP, seconded by Cllr Perez. Cllr Collins suggested that the full council be involved as the council does not have a specific committee with the necessary remit.

Cllr Furolo expressed his concerns about working with BCP, namely where additional monies would be sought if BCP failed to get grant funding to run the services. Cllr Collins noted that the County Council would require a business case that would show how BCP could take on the library for a number of years. Cllr Neal also expressed concern about funding sources.

All in favour of the full council meeting informally with Brockworth Community Project to discuss library and youth provision in Brockworth. **ACTION: CLERK to liaise with BCP secretary to arrange the meeting.**

The meeting discussed the parish council having a representative on BCP Management Committee. It was noted that the parish councillor would not be able to vote on BCP matters at council. Cllr Perez proposed Cllr Miles, seconded by Cllr Collins. Vote was 10 in favour and one abstention. Motion carried.

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FINANCE

1. The Management Accounts for the financial year to date

The Council received and accepted the management accounts.

2. Invoices due for payment

Cllr Gair proposed withholding payment to the Christmas Card printer and distributor. Cllr Shellswell seconded. All agreed. Cllr Collins amended the proposal and suggested that council pays for 100% of the printing costs and 50% of the delivery costs and carry out analysis to see how many deliveries were missed before paying the

other 50% or negotiate a discount. Cllr Gair agreed with the amendment, and all were in favour. ACTION: CLERK.

The meeting approved the rest of the schedule of invoices totalling £8455.46+VAT.

3. To receive an update regarding the Santander Business Bond Application

The meeting received the written update and Cllr Collins proposed deferring opening a business bond application until other financial commitments were agreed. Cllr Miles seconded, all in favour.

4. To receive an update regarding the pre-paid debit card

The meeting received the written update and agreed not to go ahead with a prepaid debit card.

5. To receive an update regarding the Local Government Pension Scheme

The meeting received the written update. Cllr Furolo suggested leaving the Pension scheme entry as it currently stands, all agreed.

6. To consider advice from GAPTC regarding the Precept 2011/12

The meeting received the advice. Cllr Collins proposed keeping the precept at £153,000 as discussed at the last council meeting. Cllr Miles seconded. Vote was 11 in favour and 2 abstentions. Motion carried. ACTION: CLERK.

7. To approve the budget for 2011/12

The Clerk made 2 amendments to the budget which was accepted by the meeting. Cllr Collins proposed accepting the budget, seconded by Cllr Gair. All in favour.

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STANDING ORDERS

Cllr Collins proposed adopting the new Standing Orders. Cllr Barnes seconded, all in favour.

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GOOD CITIZEN AWARD

Two nominations had been received for Mrs Kelly Noble. Cllr Collins proposed supporting Mrs Noble receiving the Good Citizen Award. Cllr Miles seconded. All in favour. **ACTION: CLERK to invite Mrs Noble to the next full council meeting to receive the award and certificate.**

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PARISH PLAN UPDATE

The meeting received the written update. Cllr Neal spoke regarding the parish plan questionnaire and felt that it wasn't worth putting out a survey based on the low-responses of the Christmas card survey. Cllr Perez proposed looking into a parish plan questionnaire and coming back to the parish council with a firm proposal. Cllr Collins seconded and all in favour with 1 abstention.

Cllr Furolo proposed allocating a budget of £1,200 for the questionnaire and if more money was needed then to refer back to full council Cllr Collins seconded. All in favour. **ACTION: CLERK.**

The meeting considered the artwork that had been produced for the parish plan drop-in sessions. The council agreed that the artwork was very good but could not spend money on copyright on artwork that may not be used again. Cllr Shellswell proposed that the artwork could be financed as and when it was needed. Cllr Collins seconded. Vote was 4 in favour, 7 against, 2 abstentions. Motion over-ruled.

Cllr Gair seconded the original motion that the council does not buy the copyright or licence. Vote was 8 in favour, 2 objections and 2 abstentions. **ACTION: CLERK to respond to the artist.**

The meeting considered the artwork for the new road sign. Cllr Shellswell proposed keeping "Brockworth Parish Council" around the artwork on the sign. All in favour. **ACTION: CLERK.**

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STREET LIGHTING

The meeting considered the amended plan of street lights that could be turned off at midnight and back on at 5.30am. Fifteen amendments were made, 14 lights to be retained as all-night lighting and one light proposed for part-night lighting in addition to the others already identified. The next step would be a public consultation. **ACTION: CLERK to pass on the amended plan to Gloucestershire County Council.**

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PLANNING MATTERS

There were no planning matters.

TO CONSIDER IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of correspondence were considered:

03/12/2010	GAPTC	Precept Advice	Discussed under Agenda Item 141/FC
06/12/2010	Arts in Rural Gloucestershire	Donation request	Donation request turned down.
06/12/2010	GCC	GCC Electoral Review - inviting suggestions for where electoral boundaries should be located	Noted.
03/12/2010	Citizens Advice Bureau	Donation request	BPC already funds weekly Tuesday advice sessions.
08/12/2010	Mr Spencer	Good Citizen Award Nomination	Discussed under Agenda Item 143/FC
10/12/2010	TBC	PlayRanger Information	Noted.
16/12/2010	GCC	Charter Group Meeting Dates for 2011	Noted
24/12/2010	Severn Vale Housing Society	Partnership Working: Estate Walkabouts - Brockworth 22 February 10am	The walkabout would be at Green Bank. Noted.
29/12/2010	TBC	Street Naming Land Parcel 2 Brockworth Airfield	No suggestions.
30/12/2010	Iain Selkirk	Independent Internal Auditor 2010/11	Mr Selkirk was appointed as the Independent Internal Auditor for 2010/11.
04/01/2011	Brockworth Community Project	Brockworth Library Meeting request	Discussed under Agenda Item 140/FC
05/01/2011	GCC	Temporary Road Closure Ermin Street 16 th January, 23 rd January and 30 th January.	Noted
06/01/2011	GRCC	Follow up to GCC Scrutiny Review on Speed Limits	Noted
07/01/2011	GCC	Your chance to have your say on public transport	Noted
07/01/2011	GCC	Changes to the Library Service - Consultation & Community Run Libraries	Noted
10/01/2011	TBC	Kennel Lane, Brockworth, 10/01342/APP	Action: Clerk to add to February Full Council Agenda
11/01/2011	Friends of Glos Libraries	GCC's proposed cuts to the library service - additional information	Noted.
11/01/2011	Mr & Mrs Witt	Proposed closure of Library and Youth Centre	Noted. Action: Clerk to acknowledge letter.

148/FC**WARD REPORTS**

Cllr F Green noted the lack of gritting during the bad weather. Cllr Collins explained that the County Council is looking at a scheme of volunteers that live on steep gradients or corners that are willing to store grit and carry out gritting at specific locations. The Clerk noted that 6 requests had been received for new grit bins and GCC had been emailed to request approval for those new locations.

A resident noted that the parish council could commission a local gritter to grit the estate roads and would only need to pay for the salt and not the fuel.

149/FC**SEPARATE BUSINESS**

The Chairman will move the adoption of the following resolution;

That under Section 100(A)(4) Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded for the following items on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.05pm.