

BROCKWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2011 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 7.00 P.M.

PRESENT J Hunt (Chairman), Mrs C Neal, Mrs I German, Mrs J Flounders, J Clarke, J Shellswell, Mrs S Lefeuve-Wellard, Mrs J Perez, M Collins, F Green, Mrs C Green, Ms F Miles, I Barnes, Mrs K Gardiner, G Gair, M Tester, Mrs J Shirley (Clerk)

Members of Public Present: 19 members present

Members of Press Present: Two members of press present

A number of residents were at the meeting following a letter they wrote regarding the proposed cheese rolling event plans. Mr Sewell spoke on behalf of the residents and outlined their concerns. The group of residents accepted that the event had to change and agreed with a 2 day event providing the days were short with no overnight camping and no alcohol on sale and no Friday night event. There was someone from the cheese rolling committee who stated that the current proposals included a small area that will be controlled and a free area where 9000 people stood last year. The Cheese Rolling Committee member noted that they couldn't comment on the viability of plans at the moment but should know more in the next few days.

Cllr Hunt then presented Mrs Noble with the Good Citizen Award and read out the letter from Brockworth Community Project who nominated Mrs Noble for the award.

The meeting opened at 7.25pm.

150/FC TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Furolo. The meeting accepted the apology and the reasons given for his absence.

151/FC CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements.

152/FC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Perez and Cllr Gair declared an interest the planning application for Land off Kennel Lane.

153/FC CHEESE ROLLING 2011

The meeting discussed the recent letters and concerns raised by residents about the proposed plans for the Cheese Rolling event. Cllr Collins proposed that this item be deferred until a detailed proposal was available for discussion from the Cheese Rolling Committee. Cllr Flounders seconded, and 15 in favour, with 1 objection. Motion carried.

154/FC POLICE REPORT

The crime figures for January were circulated.

155/FC MINUTES

The minutes from the Full Council Meeting held on 12th January 2011 were accepted as a true record of the meeting and were approved.

156/FC COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

The report from Cllr Collins was circulated. The meeting noted that Phase 1 of the Ermin Street traffic management had slipped by 2 weeks. The County Council Cabinet meeting that day had voted to recommend to full council that the library reduction proposals be accepted in full.

Cllr Perez gave a verbal update on behalf of the borough councillors. TBC is continuing to review the advice service and visited Brockworth Community Centre to see the advice service in action. The Joint Core Strategy is reviewing the green belt within the next 2 months which could have an impact on Brockworth. The Whittle Square artist is working on a redesign with an aviation theme for the public art. It's not available for public consultation as yet but will be in due course. The saved oak will not be used in the art and will be utilised elsewhere in Brockworth.

157/FC 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. The new goalposts are being used and the football club sent in a letter of thanks.

2. To consider applying for a community tree planting pack from the Woodland Trust
 Cllr Perez proposed that the parish council applies for another pack of free trees from the Woodland Trust. Cllr Shellswell seconded and all in favour. **Action: Clerk.**

3. To review the Allotments lease arrangements.
 Item deferred to the next parish council meeting.

158/FC

GCC BUDGET CUTS

1. To discuss next steps following meeting with Brockworth Community Project.
 Item discussed under Confidential Business agenda item 165/FC.

2. To consider submitting a proposal to GCC for taking on services being offered to the community to run.
 The meeting agreed to put in a proposal to GCC stating "We are committed to resolving the lease arrangement with GCC and progress continuing youth and library provision within Brockworth." **Action: Clerk.**

159/FC

FINANCE

1. To receive the Management Accounts for the financial year to date.
 The Council received and accepted the management accounts.

2. To approve the schedule of invoices which are due payment.
 The meeting approved the schedule of invoices totalling £6,268.83+VAT.
 Cllr Collins proposed paying the outstanding balance to Keep it Gloucestershire as they had re-printed and re-delivered to a number of houses that were missed on the first delivery. Cllr Miles seconded, all in favour.

3. To consider appointing an external accountant to prepare the end of year accounts.
 The meeting agreed to use an external accountant to prepare the end of year accounts at a cost of £400+VAT.
Action: Clerk.

4. To consider the cost of new Brockworth road signs.
 The meeting agreed to the purchase of 4 new Brockworth road signs that incorporated the artwork at a total cost of £1,200. **Action: Clerk.**

160/FC

PARISH PLAN

The Clerk gave a verbal update regarding the parish plan.

161/FC

PUBLICITY

1. To discuss the increased cost in delivering parish newsletter
 The meeting approved the 1.5p per newsletter increase for the Scout group to continue delivering the newsletter.
Action: Clerk.

2. To discuss using Twitter for the parish council
 The meeting considered the idea of using Twitter to promote parish council activities. Cllr Shellswell proposed using Twitter, seconded by Cllr Miles and 13 were in favour with 2 abstentions. Motion carried. **Action: Clerk**

3. To receive the Model Publication Scheme details for the parish council
 The meeting approved the details of the Model Publication Scheme. **Action: Clerk**

4. To consider writing a monthly Brockworth column in The Citizen newspaper
 Cllr Miles volunteered to write the monthly Brockworth column. It was noted that there was a weekly column in The Echo also available which Cllr Miles agreed to write. The meeting were in favour of Cllr Miles writing both columns.

162/FC

PLANNING MATTERS

1. To consider planning matters.

14.01.11	10/01388/APP HORSBERE	Parcel 4, Gloucester Business Park	Proposed development of 94 residential units with associated roads, footways, parking, drainage and landscaping.	Cllr Miles expressed several concerns about the exterior styling of the proposed housing. It was also noted that there was a lack of cycleways. The meeting agreed to Object to the planning application.
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2. To discuss the Land off Kennel Lane planning application.
 Cllrs Gair and Perez were invited to speak but would not take part in the vote. The meeting agreed to Object to the planning application and submit comments as prepared by the Clerk.

TO CONSIDER IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE

To consider the following items of correspondence

Received Date	From	Details	BPC Comments
13/01/2011	GCC Highways	Refusal for 6 new grit bin locations	Cllr Miles proposed the parish council insists on a grit bin at Abbotswood due to the proximity of the doctors' surgery and chemist. Action: Clerk.
17/01/2011	TBC	Timetable for May elections	Noted
18/01/2011	TBC	Town & Parish Council Seminar Invitation 3rd March 6pm	Cllr Neal and the Clerk will attend.
19/01/2011	Mr Griffiths	Cheese Rolling objection from Green Street residents	Discussed under Agenda Item 153/FC.
21/01/2011	GCC	Manual for Gloucestershire Streets - Consultation draft	Deferred to March full council meeting
24/01/2011	Mr Burbanks	Youth & Library Centre	Noted and acknowledged.
24/01/2011	Coopers Edge School	Travel Plan for Coopers Edge School - request for support	Meeting agreed to support. Action: Clerk
24/01/2011	GAPTC	Buckingham Palace Garden Party nominations (12 July)	Cllr Flounders proposed that Cllr Hunt be nominated. All agreed. Action: Clerk.
31/01/2011	GCC	Press Release: Extra £500k for libraries	Noted.
01/02/2011	Invista	Surplus land - application for Outline Planning Permission letter	Noted.
01/02/2011	GCC Highways	Part Night Lighting Scheme	Public open evening to be organised. Action: Clerk
02/02/2011	GAPTC	Public Forest Estate Policy Consultation	Deferred to March full council meeting
02/02/2011	TBC	Renewal application for Street Trading - Ice Cream	No objection. Action: Clerk

164/FC**WARD REPORTS**

To consider matters from Councillors in respect of the Wards which they represent.

Cllr Clarke noted that there had been an increase of foreign lorries using Ermin Street. It was agreed to ask Lorry Management Watch for a report on action taken on lorries using Ermin Street. **Action: Clerk**

165/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.

1. Review of 3-month trial for the Clerk bringing ex-Guide Dog into the office.

The Clerk left the room for this item.

The meeting agreed that the Clerk could continue to bring in her ex-Guide Dog into the office and the arrangement would be reviewed annually in February.

2. Discuss settlement figure for the termination of the youth centre lease

The meeting discussed the settlement figure to propose to GCC to allow them to terminate the youth centre lease. It was agreed to propose a figure of £15,000 per year for 10 years based on the lost income and the cost involved in continuing the youth centre provision. The estimated annual amount that would be payable if GCC remained in the lease without providing a youth centre was £3,000 per year for the remainder of the 999 year lease. **Action: Clerk.**

3. Discuss next steps following the meeting with Brockworth Community Project

The parish council agreed to form a joint working party with the Community Project to explore the options of continuing library and youth provision in Brockworth. Cllrs Perez, Miles and Shellswell will represent the parish council. The role is to gather information, explore options and report back to full council. It was agreed that the Clerk would not have any involvement.

The meeting discussed the public meeting being held on 9th February and agreed that the Clerk and Assistant Clerk would make notes of the questions and answers.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.30pm.