

BROCKWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6 APRIL 2011 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 6.45 P.M.

PRESENT J Hunt (Chairman), Mrs C Neal, Mrs I German, Mrs J Flounders, J Clarke, J Shellswell, Mrs S Lefeuve-Wellard, R Furolo, Mrs J Perez, M Collins, F Green, Mrs C Green, G Gair, Mrs J Shirley (Clerk)

Members of Public Present: 9 members present

Members of Press Present: None

181/FC TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology was received from Cllr Miles. The meeting accepted the apology and the reason given for the absence.

182/FC CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

The meeting discussed the County Council termination of the youth centre lease in confidential session and agreed to accept the terms offered by the County Council. **Action: Clerk.**

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Members of public were invited into the room and the meeting was adjourned for public question time.

Mr Flounders addressed the meeting concerning agenda item 189/FC.4 and asked that if the item is approved, could the council include provision that the tree be replaced if it dies.

Borough Councillor Rowcliffe-Quarry noted that she had items to add to the borough councillor report under item 188/FC.

Mr Hopwood, representative of the Youthbrary Working Group gave a presentation to the council regarding the library and youth centre proposals.

There were a number of questions raised. It was noted that the budget figures prepared so far will need firming up for the business plan. Mark Parker, GCC, confirmed that the library IT equipment will be supported by GCC indefinitely.

183/FC LIBRARY AND YOUTH CENTRE UPDATES

The meeting continued the discussion about the library and youth centre proposals. Cllr Collins proposed that the parish council continue to work along the lines of the proposals of the council commissioning the Project to run the library and youth work in order to save these important services and to underwrite to the worse-case scenario figures of £25,000 (£15,000 for library and £10,000 for youth) for the first year. Cllr Perez seconded.

Cllr Furolo amended the proposal that the commitment of funds is postponed until more accurate budget figures are known. Cllr Clarke seconded. Vote was 5 in favour, 7 against. Motion denied.

Vote was taken on Cllr Collins' proposal, 8 in favour, 3 against, 1 abstention. Motion carried.

It was noted that GCC will not proceed with the community asset transfer if the business case is unsound. The draft business plan will be available by the end of April, final plan must be with GCC by 1st June.

The meeting was adjourned briefly while some members of public left the meeting.

184FC CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr Hunt thanked all the councillors for their hard work over the past 4 years. The Clerk was also thanked for doing an excellent job since coming to the parish council.

185FC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

186/FC POLICE REPORT

No report.

187/FC

MINUTES

The minutes from the Full Council Meeting held on 2nd March 2011 were accepted as a true record of the meeting and were approved.

188/FC

COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

The report from the borough councillors was previously circulated. The next Community Litter Pick is taking place Wednesday 27th April at Pound Farm. TBC will be doing some additional promotional work in Brockworth regarding recycling.

Cllr Perez gave an update on the Joint Core Strategy. The Green Belt review has been completed but no information available yet. There will be a public consultation on the development options in September 2011.

The Whittle Square Public Art has been commissioned. There are some issues with the adoption of the art once it has been completed.

The report from Cllr Collins was circulated. Cllr Hunt thanked Cllr Collins for all his help as County Councillor. Cllr Collins confirmed he would continue to provide monthly reports.

It was noted that the new roundabout signs at Abbotswood Road / Ermin Street are still not lit and the previous road markings are still visible. **Action: Clerk to contact Glos Highways.**

The meeting discussed the letter from E&MS regarding the Cheese Rolling. It was noted that the parish council referred to in the letter was Cranham Parish Council.

189/FC

PARKS, OPEN SPACES AND BURIAL GROUND

1. To receive Play Park and Burial Ground updates

The council noted the written report that was circulated prior to the meeting. The meeting agreed to remove the broken springer from the toddler play area and repair the safety surface at a cost of £210+VAT. **Action: Clerk.**

2. To consider suggestions for renaming the Shell Land

The meeting considered the list of new names that members of the public had sent in for the Shell Land. The parish council agreed to adopt the new name of "Cross Hands Meadow" with 7 votes in favour. **Action: Clerk.**

3. To discuss ideas for summer play scheme

Cllr Collins proposed allocating £2,000 towards free summer swimming for Brockworth children at the Sports Centre. Cllr Furolo seconded and all in favour. **Action: Clerk to contact the Sports Centre.**

4. To discuss placement of Oak Tree on Mill Lane playing field

The meeting discussed the request to re-locate an oak tree sapling to the pocket park corner of the playing field. Cllr Furolo proposed planting the tree as suggested, seconded by Cllr Perez. All agreed. The meeting further agreed that the tree should be replaced by the parish council if this one does not survive.

190/FC

FINANCE

1. To receive the Management Accounts for the financial year to date.

The Council received and accepted the management accounts. Revised budget reports were circulated to the meeting.

2. To approve the schedule of invoices which are due payment.

The meeting approved the schedule of invoices totalling £10,602.07+VAT.

3. To discuss the renewal of the photocopier lease

Cllr Collins proposed accepting the proposal from C&G Equipment, seconded by Cllr C Green. All in favour. **Action Clerk.**

4. To discuss the future of the Community Bus

The meeting discussed the proposal from Third Sector Services. The meeting agreed that the Clerk should get a more detailed proposal from Gloucestershire Minibus Scheme so that the proposals could be compared.

Action: Clerk.

5. To approve Section 137 donations and grants

The meeting agreed to £50 for each: Gommersal Cup, Browning Cup, Swimming Club annual donation. **Action: Clerk.**

191/FC

PARISH PLAN

The meeting received an update on the parish plan. There has been a 25% return rate on the parish plan surveys. Cllr Shellswell noted his disappointment with the response rate and requested in future that surveys are conducted electronically. It was explained that it was a deliberate decision not to do electronic in addition to paper surveys due to the difficulties in controlling only one response per household.

Cllr Hunt chose 2 names out of the 'hat' for the Free Prize Draw. First prize was donated by The Chase Hotel, and the second prize was donated by Tesco. **Action: Clerk to write to the winners.**

192/FC

PLANNING MATTERS

1. The meeting noted the following planning matters:

Date app received	Reference & Ward	Location / Address	Details of Application	Comments from BPC
01.03.11	11/00091/OUT HORSBERE	Land to the rear of Invista, Green Street	Outline application for a mixed-use development of up to 220 dwellings, B8 floorspace, office space, provision of a cricket pitch and pavilion and other associated public open space and highway works	OBJECT 06.04.11
16.03.11	11/00199/ADV HORSBERE	Unit 6A Whittle Square Glos Bus Park	Internal illuminated fascia and projecting sign.	NO OBJECTION 22.03.11
16.03.11	11/00261/APP HORSBERE	Land to the west and south of Glos Bus Park	Construction of Phase 2A Spine Roads in accordance with planning condition 26 to provide precise details of surface materials for highways and hard surfaces (Reserved matters to application 01/01124/OUT)	NO OBJECTION 28.03.11
16.03.11	11/00262/APP HORSBERE	Land to the west and south of Glos Bus Park	Construction of Phase 2B Spine Roads in accordance with planning condition 26 to provide precise details of surface materials for highways and hard surfaces (Reserved matters to application 01/01124/OUT)	NO OBJECTION 22.03.11
17.03.11	11/00178/FUL WESTFIELD	8 Hillview Avenue GL3 4AZ	Proposed two storey extension rear extension.	
21.03.11	11/00290/FUL MOORFIELD	12 Twyver Place GL3 4AN	Proposed conservatory	

The meeting agreed to OBJECT to the Invista planning application and submit comments as prepared by the Clerk. The meeting discussed section 106 obligations and added wildlife / wetland area on Cross Hands Meadow and support for the 2 local primary schools (playground maintenance) to the list. **Action: Clerk.**

2. The meeting noted the following planning decisions:

Date app receiv'd	Reference & Ward	Location / Address	Details of Application	Comments from BPC	Decision
07.02.11	11/00085/FUL HORSBERE	Croft Amber, Green Street, GL3 4RT	Single storey extension	NO OBJECTION 14.02.11	PERMIT 18.03.11
08.02.11	11/00112/FUL HORSBERE	Phylstan, Seabrook Road, GL3 4LY	Alterations and extensions to dwelling to provide a replacement port and a two storey rear extension.	NO OBJECTION 14.02.11	PERMIT 18.03.11

193/FC

TO CONSIDER IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE

The meeting considered the following items of correspondence

Received Date	From	Details	Comments
17/03/2011	Glos Highways	Snow Plough Operator - request for BPC to help with snow plough purchase costs	Cllr Furolo proposed the parish council contribute £1,400 towards the snow plough. Cllr F Green seconded and all in favour. Action: Clerk
22/03/2011	GCC	Big Community offer - Practical Workshop on 18 April 5pm	Cllr Perez volunteered to attend.

194/FC

WARD REPORTS

Cllr Furolo requested that Mr Flounders look at the two trees opposite the primary school site which have tree preservation orders.

195/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.

The meeting discussed ring-fencing income for the youth centre to off-set the lost income of £7,500 per year from next year. Council could not agree so this will be re-discussed by the new council at a later date. The committed funds of £25,000 for youth and library will be provided from the current budget and general reserves.

Action: Clerk.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.40pm.