

## GREAT RISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday, 06 February 2018 at the Great Rissington Club

Present: Parish Councillors Richard Cleverly (Chairman), John Durrant (Vice Chairman), Graham Ramsay, Simon Young, Jane Carter, Jenny Stewart & Mike Saunders (Parish Clerk).

In attendance: District Councillor Mark MacKenzie-Charrington & Local Government Electors (7)

### 1 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

The Chairman asked if there were any financial interests to be declared. No such declarations were made.

Apologies were received from Natasha Sheasby & County Councillor Nigel Moore.

### 2 Minutes of meeting held on 05 December were signed by Chairman Richard Cleverly.

### 3 Accounts and financial matters

The monthly account spread sheet was reviewed by all Parish Councillors and signed by Chairman Richard Cleverly.

The Transparency grant of £2005 has been received. Clive Billing is to invoice the Parish Council for his work on the village website. The remaining sum is to be put towards IT hardware for the council. Mike Saunders is to draft a budget of proposed uses for this amount.

Councillor Jane Carter raised the required estimated amount of £650 needed for the NAPTC audit regarding data protection of the Parish Council's data. Mike Saunders advised that he raised this with GAPTC who advised that details on this have not been finalised and their advice was to wait for clarity and certainty on the amount needed for the audit.

#### 4 Matters arising

On the issue of the village grit and grit bins, after residents expressed enquiries on how the grit is ordered, Richard Cleverley informed the room that the order for grit is placed in June by the snow warden for the upcoming winter and Gloucestershire County Council replenishes as needed. Richard added that due to high demands, requests during winter are not expected to be met. Councillor Graham Ramsay noted that the black paint that has been applied to the blue circular grit bins by Mrs Spooner some time ago was peeling, that the bins were becoming misshapen and are generally unsightly. Mrs Spooner was present and offered to repaint them. Graham thanked Mrs Spooner but felt that consideration should be given to replacing the circular bins with more robust ones such as those at the main entry points to the village, His research indicated the likely costs to be in the region of £85-150 each. Mrs Spooner thought there were 6 such bins, making a total cost for replacement between £510 and £900. Graham suggested the costs could be spread over 2 or even 3 financial years if necessary. Richard Cleverley undertook to identify where grit bins are currently located and where new bins are required so the matter can be reviewed at the March meeting.

Richard informed the room that the current village snow plough operator will retire this year. Mike Saunders is to write a letter of thanks to Bill Harbinson for his years of service to the village. Richard informed the room that he has met with the new snow plough operator who informed Richard that due to the size of the ploughs, they will not be able to plough the main road to the village church or Rectory Lane due to the parked cars on the roads which could be damaged by the plough.

Mark MacKenzie-Charrington added that snow training is available from the County Council to support the snow warden. Following Councillor Simon Young's interest in taking the role of snow warden, Richard Cleverley announced that he will retire as current warden in March.

As an update on the community emergency plan, Graham Ramsay announced that the draft plans were circulated prior to the meeting and that a list of volunteers has been co-ordinated by Mike Saunders. The council agree to implement the new emergency plan and publish it on the website.

John Durrant informed the room that Lengthsman from Gloucestershire Highways undertook three days-worth of work from the previously submitted list, including clearing gulleys, cleaning signage and filling potholes. They later returned to fill potholes on the road leading down to the church.

Clive Billing was asked to provide an update on the village phone box renovation project. Clive informed the room that he will seek approval from the ambulance service so that a defibrillator can be fitted into the phone box upon completion. Upon approval Mike Saunders will submit a defibrillator grant for the unit. BT have agreed the supply power to the box and will cover costs incurred. A company have agreed to undertake the renovations and have their own paint for their spraying equipment. The wooden front door needs replacing which will cost £206. The estimated cost for the project comes to £1450. Local residents have raised £1600 and £1050 has been raised via the village website. The phone box will also host local art and maps. John Durrant added that as the project comes under the parish council's remit, the tax can be claimed back for the works.

## 5 Planning

No objections were received regarding:

- Works to trees in conservation areas for 10-20% Reduction and tidy up of Turkey Oak; 10-20% reduction of Norway Maple; Thin and reshape one side of Weeping Birch at Jacobs Cottage.
- Full Application for Erection of first floor front extension and two story rear extension at Staddle Stones.
- Works to trees in conservation areas for Birch - Fell at The Fold.

- Listed Building Consent for Alterations to existing building to form workshop as per application 17/00661/LBC and replacement windows to existing dwelling and internal alterations at The Barn Lower Farm.
- Full Application for Erection of 24 residential dwellings, car parking and associated landscaping and the erection of 2 x B1 (Business) units with associated car parking and landscaping at Land Parcel at Upper Rissington.

## 6 County councillor's report

County Councillor Nigel Moor sent his apologies for absence ahead of the meeting.

## 7 District Councillor's report

District Councillor Mark Mackenzie-Charrington's report contained the following updates:

On planning in Upper Rissington, 24 residential dwellings are planned to be built on Delphine Way where a previously build business sector was provided but remains unused. A former military building has been purchased which is purposed to be used as a supply centre for veterinary supplies. The old Co-op in also currently being sought for use as a new veterinary practice.

A government inspector has reviewed the local plan and upon completion of the review, made a few minor changes. The formal review will be finished by spring which will then lead into a 6-week consultation period. The inspector added that the plans for a traveller's site in the village is unfit for purpose and the plans have been struck off.

2350 homes have been provisionally planned for Cirencester by the Royal Agricultural University. Mark added that this will probably go down to 1600 by the project's completion date in 20 years-time.

Mark finished his report with news of council grant availability for community projects and a world war one memorial.

8 Correspondence

None received.

9 Any other business

Mike informed the room that he has yet to receive an offer of funding for the village church roof in return for parking in the village for a photo shoot by French Vogue.

Graham Ramsay informed the room that he had attended a Glos 2050 event in Cheltenham which explored the future prospects for Gloucestershire. He felt that younger members of the village should be encouraged to engage with the project as it will affect their future.

Graham said he had reported the problem parking on the bend below the Lamb raised at the previous meeting to the police who have undertaken to pay passing attention to the issue. Mrs Brain said she had raised concern about the manner of parking of a member of school staff by the main village green with the headmistress, who had responded swiftly. Unfortunately, another vehicle is now parking in the same space.

Simon Young reported that he has looked at recent damage to New Bridge on the way to Bourton on the Water. This damage has now been reported to the county council.

Large rocks at the top end of the village near The Follies were reported by several villagers over concerns of road safety. Mike Saunders is to inform the County Council of this danger.

David Bishop asked the council if the practice of turning outbuildings into dwellings is now acceptable. Mark MacKenzie-Charrington added that this is not the case unless the new building is attached to the current property.

10 Date of next meeting to held on 06 March 2018.