

NOT YET RATIFIED

GREAT RISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 1st May 2018 at 7pm at the Great Rissington Club

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

In attendance: Local Government Electors (14), District Councillor Mark MacKenzie-Charrington & County Councillor Nigel Moor.

1 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

No apologies were received. No declarations of interest were made.

2 Chairman's Report

Chairman Richard Cleverley thanked all the committee for their input over the year and for their help on village matters. Richard reported that the recent snow-fall presented some big issues for the village and thanked Bill Harbinson for his great work in keeping the village roads clear. Richard thanked Mrs Surch and Mrs Brain for attending all the meetings throughout the year.

3 Financial Officer's report.

Mike Saunders reported that from 2017/18 and the income from the precept and project grants, the council is in surplus and the total at the end of the financial year came to £3058.03 once committed funds were taken into account. Mike added that the Parish Council has supported a few projects over the year such as the village website and funding for a second defibrillator unit in the telephone box when restored. The council has also set aside £1000 of the annual precept for donations to good causes.

4 Election of the Chairman

Richard Cleverley was elected as Chairman, proposed by John Durrant and seconded by Simon Young.

5 Election of Vice-Chairman

John Durrant was elected as Vice-Chairman, proposed by Jane Carter and seconded by Tasha Sheasby.

6 Appointment of Parish Clerk and Financial Officer

Mike Saunders was appointed as both Parish Clerk and Financial Officer.

7 Appointment of Tree Warden

Mark Darwent was appointed as the Village Tree Warden after confirming his intention to re-stand prior to the meeting.

8 Appointment of Internal Auditor

David Turnbull was appointed as the Internal Auditor warden after confirming his intention to re-stand prior to the meeting.

9 Minutes of meeting held on 06 March and 03 April 2018

The minutes for March and April's meetings were approved as an accurate record and will be signed by the Chairman.

10 Accounts and financial matters

The annual accounts spread sheet was reviewed by all Parish Councillors and signed by Chairman Richard Cleverly.

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

Mike Saunders presented the annual budget which would come to £2845.50 for 2018/19 once all committed outgoings and project outgoings were considered. John Durrant added that £300 may be needed for fitting the phone box which left the total budget at just over at £2500.

11 Matters arising

Graham Ramsay updated the room that there are currently seven good and ~~seven~~ six less substantial grit bins in the village. Jane Carter proposed that seven new, one hundred litre grit bins ~~will~~ be purchased at the cost of £100 each. The proposal was seconded and agreed. It was further agreed that John Durrant would investigate the possibility of repairing rather than replacing the large black bins that are damaged. It was agreed that a bin, either new or old, should be located on the steep corner near Walnut House. Graham Ramsey will investigate the feasibility of sinking all bins into the ground to ease use and deter vandalism.

John Durrant reported that, following a request from Mrs Surch at the last meeting regarding litter in New Bridge Lane, refuse collection equipment – including sacks, gloves and hi-viz vests had been collected from CDC. He understands from Mrs Surch that the litter problem in New Bridge Lane has been temporarily resolved, and confirmed that materials were left with her for future use in this location. CDC require the return of the hi-viz vests, and will collect the sacks once filled. The main roads in and out of the village have already been cleared by volunteers on the council, and they will be cleared again in the autumn. Consideration will be given to including New Bridge Lane in that regular twice-yearly volunteer activity.

Clive Billing was invited to provide an update on the village phone box. He stated that restoration work was supposed to start in March but has been delayed. The labour and parts have all been appointed and Clive is happy to provide storage for the materials. The project is expected to take 4 days which is now expected to take place in May.

Richard Cleverley opened the meeting to the floor to ask questions.

John Durrant asked if electrical work will be included in the work. Clive replied that BT will pay for the electrical supply but not for the connection. John confirmed that payment for all works to the telephone

box must be channelled through the PC as owners, and that the PC would request the appropriate funds from the village charity, GRRSCF, as required.

12 Planning

No planning applications have been received.

13 Reports from County and District Councillors

Richard Cleverley invited both Councillors to provide their reports as part of the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

14 Correspondence

15 Any other business

AOB was included in the AGM.

16 Date of next meeting: 5th June 2018

The Meeting closed at 7.20

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1 County Councillor's Report

Nigel Moor's report covered the following:

There have been numerous complaints raised about potholes.

A lot of the County Council's work has focused on children and adults in care. There are 700 children in care and over 1000 children being monitored. Vulnerable and elderly care is expensive and costs £1000 a week per person.

Work with the county fire fighters is continuing in efforts to reduce domestic fires. There are so far 10,000 visits planned and domestic fires have fallen by 10%.

A new school is planned for Cheltenham.

The overall county budget comes to £413 million. An increase in tax of 4.5% has been required where 2% has been ring-fenced for elderly care provision.

The Lengthsmen scheme and community funds are continuing and a new road contract is going to tender in March.

Nigel reported that HGV use on the Fosse Way has increased by 10%. Nigel has been in contact with highways England who have confirmed that this route will be left off the National Strategic Roads Network.

Mrs Brain added that there are some bad potholes on the Fosse Way. Nigel informed the room that there has been a lot of work undertaken to catch up with road repairs following the winter snow-fall and that work on the road is scheduled.

Philippa Mitchel added that a lot of the repairs are not lasting a long time. Nigel added that these are the 24 hours emergency repairs.

2 District Councillor's Report

Mark MacKenzie-Charrington's report covered the following:

There have been few issues of concern affecting Great Rissington. There have been 43 planning applications that effect the village. 42% for trees and 15 are related to the Manor.

There are currently plans for 50 new homes in Upper Rissington where 50% will be 'affordable', a new nursery, pharmacy and vets centre where the old Co-op used to be.

The District Council will not increase tax for the upcoming year and have improved local services with 25% savings. The consultation for the local plan is expected to be signed off in June. A new decked car park in Cirencester is currently in the application stage which will cost £15 million.

3 Barbara Pond (Community Led Planning)

Barbara presented the room with information on the process involved with community led planning. This is typically initiated by a resident's survey where there is a focus on community design. The standard cost starts from £11,000 but would be less for a village of Great Rissington's size.

John Durrant asked which of the three outlined plans would provide the parish with more control over planning issues. Barbara advised that none of them would, although the PC would have slightly more say and influence on applications. Mark MacKenzie-Charrington added that community plans add weight to disputed applications. Barbara added that this mostly effects application for 10 houses or more.

4 AOB

Jed Brent asked about the traveller's site still appearing on the local plan. Mark MacKenzie-Charrington informed the room that the previously submitted plans for the travellers site will not be progressing.

David Bishop asked if there are or will be targets for new housing in the village to which Mark answered that there won't be.

Mike Hoyle raised the issue of litter in New Bridge Lane. As this matter was covered in the PC meetings in April and May, Mike Hoyle was asked to contact any council member regarding the supply of materials to assist with a clean up. Helen Spooner confirmed that litter in New Bridge Lane is still a significant problem, although she regularly clears the lane from the bridge up towards Clapton.

Philippa Mitchel asked if the new village grit bins will be dug into their locations. Graham Ramsay confirmed that this will be part of the consultation.

5 The meeting was closed at 8:26

