

NOT YET RATIFIED

GREAT RISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday, 09 May 2017 at the Great Rissington Club

Present: Parish Councillors Richard Cleverly (Chairman), John Durrant, Clive Billing, Colin Campbell, Mike Saunders (Parish Clerk).

In attendance: District Councillor Mark MacKenzie-Charrington, Local Government Electors (11)

1 Election of Chairman

Richard Cleverly appointed Chairman. Proposed by John Durrant and seconded by Colin Campbell.

2 Election of Vice Chairman

Clive Billing appointed Vice Chairman. Proposed by Colin Campbell and seconded by John Durrant.

3 Ratification of Parish Clerk, Financial Officer and Tree Warden

Mike Saunders to continue as Clerk and Financial Officer. Mark Darwent to continue as Tree Warden.

4 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 received from Parish Councillors Mike Hoyle, Liz Bannister, Tash Search & County Councillor Nigel Moor

5 Minutes of meeting held on 04 April

Minutes to be received and signed offline.

6 Accounts and financial matters

The Parish Audit and Annual Return was disseminated to Parish Councillors and approved.

Mike Saunders delivered annual budget including the following:

- Opening balance of £1060.81
- Closing balance of £4078.31
- Annual spending predominantly on grass cutting, insurance, clerk's expenses and utilities.

Mike Saunders delivered a cash flow projection for the financial year 2017/18.

7 Matters arising

Role of Parish Clerk to be mandated to notify CDC of Parish Vacancies.

£500 to be budgeted for training. Mike Saunders to research future training activities.

The Parish dog bin on Sherbourne Lane has been moved without permission. A fence has been constructed around the involved land. The Parish Council do not wish to dispute the movement of the bin or take legal recourse however retrospective permission to move the bin will not be provided.

8 Planning

No objections were raised regarding the following planning applications:

- Tree works at Greens Cottage
- Telegraph pole at Great Rissington Sports and Community Ground
- Internal alterations at The Manor
- Full Application for Link extension between house and outbuilding at 2 Bank Cottage

9 Correspondence

None received

10 Any other business

Concerns were raised regarding the planning application for 2 Bank Cottage regarding reduction of light. District Councillor Mark MacKenzie-Charrington agreed to talk to the CDC planning officer and to visit the site. Mike Saunders to invite the planning officer to visit the site with Chairman Richard Cleverley.

Vice Chairman Clive Billing has received 4 objections, 3 abstentions and 58 votes in favour of participation in the Village of the Year competition. Clive added that the competition would be good for the local community and if successful would result in a £10,000 prize.

The possession of land on Sherbourne Lane to be added as agenda item for the next meeting.

The bench on Smithy Green was reported to be broken in part. Clive Billing to source quotes for repairs.

Budgeting to be added to the next agenda. This will include: the defibrillator, charitable causes and expenses towards the phone box.

The Parish Council commended their thanks to Mr Spooner for cutting and maintaining Smithy Green. Bibury Landscapes are to cut and maintain in future.

11 Date of next meeting to be held on 13 June 2017

Minutes for the Annual Parish Meeting to be held at 7:30 on Tuesday, 09 May 2017 at the Great Rissington Club

1. District Councillor's Report

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

- £1400 available for young adult's – this is currently being held at Upper Rissington but is for all four Rissingtons if required.
- Plans for a unitary council with West Oxfordshire have now been discarded.
- The Local Plan is still within the consultation period.
- Parking in CDC car parks will remain free of charge after 3pm until April 2018.
- CDC have announced a freeze on Council Tax.
- £2000 allowance for defibrillators across the district.

2. Chairman's Report

Chairman Richard Cleverley's report contained the following updates:

- Thanks to the Parish Council for help and support
- Thanks to both County and District Councillors.
- Successful implementation of the post across 'The Lamb' slipway
- The village phone box has been acquired for a new role.
- Mrs Pearce is leaving the Parish Council and employment at the school. Richard added that she has done a remarkable job.

3. Open Session

Mrs Brain raised concerns that Parish Councillor Mike Hoyle has been absent from a number of meetings. Vice Chairman Clive Billing added that Mike has made important contributions. The room was informed that a councillor can be dismissed after six months of missed meetings.

A concern regarding the Parish Council's treatment of local government electors was raised. The Parish Council will now provide 2 minute open-sessions, if requested.

Concerns of low broadband speed in the village were reported. Colin Campbell informed the room that high speed broadband is available if purchased for an additional sum.

The large tree on Smithy Green is currently blocking the scenic view from the main road. Mark MacKenzie-Charrington to talk to tree officer at CDC for recommendations. The issue is to be added as an agenda item with Mark Darwent's attendance.

White lines surrounding potholes were reported. Mark MacKenzie-Charrington informed the room that with a Conservative majority now in place at Shire Hall, £150 million is to be invested in local highways which will focus on resurfacing damaged roads.

Mike Saunders to write a letter to residents of The Chimneys to request that they cut their verge which is currently blocking the foot path.