

GREAT RISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes - for meeting held at 7:00 pm on 4th February 2020 at the Great Rissington Club

Present	Councillors, Cleverly (Chairman), Durrant (Vice Chairman), Ramsay, Carter, & Stewart
Attendees present	District Councillor Andrew Maclean, County Councillor Nigel Moor & 5 members of the electorate & Debbie Braiden (clerk)

1.	Apologies & Interests: Apologies were received from Cllr Sheasby and there were no declarations of financial interest.
2.	<p>Report from District Councillor – Andrew Maclean</p> <p>Recycling In March, changes will commence to recycling collections. Green garden waste bins will be collected fortnightly. Other items will be added to the recycling list and collected such as small electrical items, clothing and shoes; full details of these changes can be found on the Cotswold District Council's (CDC) website. www.cotswold.gov.uk</p> <p>Railway link between Cirencester and Kemble CDC has recently agreed to fund a new study to look into re-establishing a light rail link between Cirencester and Kemble.</p> <p>Council tax benefit changes The savings bar has been raised for anyone claiming council tax support again full details can be found on CDC's website as above.</p> <p>Planning challenges Cllr Maclean confirmed that recently Little Rissington was successful on a couple of occasions in challenging planning applications. He enquired as to whether he could assist with recent planning applications in Great Rissington, but all agreed there were no comments to be made on those applications listed below. It is noted that Little Rissington are not objecting to the application at the airfield.</p>
3.	<p>Report from County Councillor – Nigel Moor</p> <p>Recycling Javelin Park is fully operational and generating electricity back into the grid. All items that are not able to be recycled which go in to the black bins/bags are incinerated at Javelin Park. Food bins are sent to a bio-digester and garden waste is sent for composting. The County have recently carried out a proportionate study of what waste is in black bins/bags across the whole of the county. The results of the study found that there was still room for improvement and more items could have been recycled and not sent to the incinerator.</p> <p>For information, 'The visitor's centre', at Javelin Park is complete and opens its doors in March 20. Please let Councillor Moor know if you are interested in visiting the centre.</p> <p>Footpath schedule for Gt. Rissington Cllr Moor met with Highways to find out a timeline for the footpath works as the scheme</p>

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	<p>had been approved & funded. It was confirmed the Gt. Rissington footpath works is listed on Highway's schedule of programmed works but a start date is not available yet due to the heavy work schedule of pothole resurfacing around the district. Highways are estimating the foot path works will commence by the end of the financial year/beginning of the new year in April. Cllr Moor confirmed he would continue pressuring Highways as he was aware how important this is for Great Rissington village.</p> <p>Burford High Street weight restriction As reported in last December's minutes a weight restriction was crowd funded for the permit scheme (cost £140K). There is no start date for this yet but it is hoped to commence between March and May 2020.</p> <p>Local transport review There is a Strategic freight route map guiding how freight should use routes through the Cotswolds. GCC are consulting to take the Fosse off of the freight route. There will be a drop in at Moreton Area Centre on 5th March between 11.00 – 15.00 hrs and a stakeholder event in the evening between 16.00 – 17.30 hrs for questions and answers. Can Parish councillors please let Nigel know if you would like to attend? Cllr Moor confirmed he would update the Parish as the plan goes through its various stages of adoption throughout the year.</p> <p>Budget for 20/21 GCC budget will go to full council on Wednesday for approval. It amounts to £468 million compared to last year's budget of £327 million. There are 700 children in care and 60% of the budget will be spent on vulnerable children and elderly.</p> <p>There will be a one million pound budget set aside for an action fund to assist climate change. Cllr Moor encourages all parish councils to come up with energy saving ideas for their districts or tree planting schemes and to make applications from this fund April onwards.</p> <p>£3 million of the budget has been allocated for an extension to Cotswold School, Bourton on the water.</p> <p>The County's resurfacing programme will continue and they are putting £50 million towards this programme for the next year. Each County Councillor has been allocated 20 thousand pounds for local highways in their districts. A further £5 million pounds is allocated towards improving street lighting and traffic signal upgrades.</p> <p>Cllr Moor confirmed that the County's carbon footprint has reduced by 80% compared to ten years ago since installing LED lamps across the district. The County are moving towards renewable energies across the whole council's estate including signs, schools, buildings and lamps. They are aiming to be a carbon neutral council by 2020.</p> <p>Cllr Moor confirmed he was looking forward to receiving the government's budget for this year which should give the go ahead financially for the missing link by pass on the A417. The commencement date for construction is hoped to be by 2020/21.</p> <p>Cllr Moor also confirmed he hopes for changes to start on junction 10 from the M5 to prevent queuing on the hard shoulder at the Cheltenham exit. Both of these schemes above, the missing link and the changes to junction 10 will realise a billion pounds of</p>
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	government funding coming to Gloucestershire.
4.	<p>Public Questions –</p> <p>Q: With Javelin Park in full operation does it mean that no waste is going to land fill now? <u>Reply from Cllr Moor</u> – Correct, some commercial waste will still continue to go to landfill but no domestic waste will be going to landfill but will be incinerated at the new facility.</p> <p>Q: Taking the weight restrictions being brought in for the Fosseway and Adlestrop how will you address the satnavs in avoiding these routes? <u>Reply from Cllr Moor</u> – We need to work closely with the freight industry to introduce the new restrictions so they are aware and their satnavs are programmed to avoid these routes with restrictions upon them. The police are supposedly there to enforce weight restrictions on roads but this will prove difficult to police all of the time. We have a small advantage in Stow on the Wold where a self formed group of residents living in Sheep Street, have taken it upon themselves to police obvious violations and will report the details to the authorities.</p> <p>Q: There has been a marked deterioration with pot holes in this area especially Leasow Lane, can you confirm is there still an impetus for repairs to be carried out? <u>Reply from Cllr Moor</u> – We are and most of the work has been taken up by pot hole repairs hence the programmed work in Great Rissington being delayed along with other programmed items. Come the end of March, April time, it is hoped the works for pot holes should be up together so that concentration can be taken to other areas. He confirmed that Leasow Lane is scheduled for resurfacing later in the year.</p> <p>Q: With the restrictions coming into play where will the traffic divert to, it may cause problems elsewhere, causing longer routes and more fuel which will be getting into another problem area we are trying to reduce. <u>Reply from Cllr Moor</u> – It is inevitable that longer journeys will be created due to the rescheduled routes but my own personal view is that as a community we have effectively subsidised the freight industry for a long time as they are using roads that were never designed to be used by freight. Freight industries will have to take it into account extra costs for longer journeys.</p> <p>Q: In respect to the tree planting scheme what kind of size did you envisage for this area? <u>Reply from Cllr Moor</u> – It has to be a sufficient scale for it to be viable; for example I received an enquiry today for a site of measuring approximately one and a half acres at Cleeve hill. I will be going to see the site and investigate if it is a viable site to plant.</p> <p>Q: A question about noise from gliders was raised especially if the gliders are towed, what can be done? <u>Reply from Cllr Maclean</u> – It is not a planning issue therefore I don't believe that we can do anything to object. Cllr Cleverly also confirmed that over the years it has been noted the PC are unable to object to noise from gliders being towed.</p> <p>It is noted Cllrs Moor and Maclean left the meeting at 19:25 hrs.</p>

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<p>5. Resolved</p>	<p>Minutes from the last meeting - Councillor Carter proposed and Councillor Stewart seconded that they are happy with the minutes recorded for 3rd December 19 and are a true record of the meeting. The Chairman duly signed the minutes.</p>
<p>6.</p> <p>Action</p> <p>Resolved Action</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Resolved Action</p> <p>Cllr Ramsay ongoing</p>	<p>Matters arising</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clerk's report and update on action sheet was received. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) It was proposed by Cllr Durrant to advertise in the magazine for a self employed odd job person through the summer months. Upper Rissington Parish Council were also interested in providing some work for the person. Cllr Ramsay reiterated that the PC should be careful and protect the precept by ensuring the odd jobs given are not items which should be covered by Highways work. b) <u>All unanimously agreed</u> to co-opt Mike Saunders to fill the 7th vacant seat as a new councillor. Mike was present and confirmed this intention. In light of the recent resignations of councillors, Cllr Carter confirmed that they are in discussion with a couple of other interested parties. c) The clerk confirmed that new email addresses had been created and there was a current outstanding invoice for 7 accounts @ £2 per month up to and including October 2020. The clerk was concerned she was paying for accounts up to October knowing that 3 councillors were nearing retirement from the council. However, if the current email addresses were cancelled it will cost another set up fee to reinstate future email addresses for future councillors whereas if the email addresses were left as status quo, it wouldn't cost anything to change names over. <u>All unanimously agreed</u> to keep and to continue with the 7 email accounts at £2 per month. d) Training for use of the new defibrillator in the telephone kiosk has been requested. Once a date has been given it will be posted on the notice board and on the website for the public to attend. Clerk to make checks with Council's insurance for cover on both defibrillators. Cllr Cleverly confirmed that the defibrillator at the club was bought by the PC; therefore it was not insured by the club. e) Cllrs Carter and Stewart are still looking at creating a data base of parishioners who wish to be kept updated by the PC. The database will be used to advertise PC business direct to individuals. f) Following contact with John at Dursley Town Council it is evident that to have a bank account with online banking the PC will incur small bank costs. All unanimously agreed for the clerk to continue the application with Lloyds bank to change over from Santander who can only do on line banking with one signatory for payments. 2. Update re Highways works around the district. Cllr Ramsay confirmed that some of the jetting for drains had been done but was aware that it hadn't been done down by the church leading to Rectory lane, as there appears to be visible blockages still around that particular area. <p>Highways confirmed that they have looked at the spring continuously running by Arcadia lodge but they were unable to form any conclusions from their site visit. They will revisit after April. Cllr Ramsay will contact Rhodri from Highways to</p>

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	<p>request they complete the drain works in the area of the main village green down the hill to the church and Cotswold Meadows.</p> <p>The programmed foot path repairs will be done from the Lamb going to Charity barn and the second part where it has eroded away between Rectory lane and Greens close.</p> <p>3. Cllr Carter suggested the PC wait until April when the parameters for the planting of trees become more apparent.</p>																				
<p>7.</p> <p>Action</p> <p>Action</p>	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>1. All were unanimous in supporting of the NALC consultation strengthening police powers to tackle unauthorised encampments. It was agreed the clerk will complete the questionnaire.</p> <p>2. Provision of a litter bin in the club overflow car park request by Helen Spooner. She confirmed that it was a real collection area for the dumping of rubbish – The car park belongs to the PC and the club currently lease the car park from the PC. Cllr Cleverly confirmed the club will not purchase the litter bin. It was agreed the clerk will enquire to CDC and GCC as to the procedure for purchasing and the collection of refuse from general public litter bins and to report back to members.</p>																				
<p>8.</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>Action</p>	<p>Finance</p> <p>1. The Treasurer’s bank account balance was reviewed as at 21st January £5,358.76 was agreed, proposed by Cllr Cleverly, seconded by Cllr Carter & signed by the Chairman.</p> <p>2. The Accounts spreadsheet balance as at 31st January 2020 of £5,358.76 was agreed, proposed by Cllr Cleverly, seconded by Cllr Carter and duly signed by the Chairman.</p> <p>3. Cllr Carter proposed and Cllr Cleverly seconded to authorise all cheques for the following bills presented: cheques signed in presence by Cllr Durrant and Cllr Cleverly. RFO to process the payments.</p> <table><tr><th>Payee</th><th>Service provided</th><th>Invoice/receipt number</th><th>Invoice Total</th><th>Cheque number</th></tr><tr><td>Debbie Braiden</td><td>Clerk Salary for January 2020 including home work allowance</td><td>January 20</td><td>Personal</td><td>22170</td></tr><tr><td>Debbie Braiden</td><td>Expenses sheet 8 – Mileage, print paper & printer cartridge</td><td>REF R9 & R10</td><td>£70.54</td><td>22170</td></tr><tr><td>Jenny Stewart</td><td>Christmas tree appeal with the church – repay Jenny who paid direct to church.</td><td>Invoice 29 - REF 19/19 from St John the Baptist church</td><td>£15</td><td>22171</td></tr></table>	Payee	Service provided	Invoice/receipt number	Invoice Total	Cheque number	Debbie Braiden	Clerk Salary for January 2020 including home work allowance	January 20	Personal	22170	Debbie Braiden	Expenses sheet 8 – Mileage, print paper & printer cartridge	REF R9 & R10	£70.54	22170	Jenny Stewart	Christmas tree appeal with the church – repay Jenny who paid direct to church.	Invoice 29 - REF 19/19 from St John the Baptist church	£15	22171
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	<p>Important note: The clerk presented 2 extra invoices to members which were overdue for payment and would not wait until the next meeting in March. The 2 bills are listed below:</p> <table><tr><td>Payee</td><td>Service provided</td><td>Invoice/receipt number</td><td>Invoice Total</td><td>Cheque number</td></tr><tr><td>PATA</td><td>Payroll service for clerk Oct, Nov & Dec 19</td><td>19/0515/PPS</td><td>£23.25</td><td>22174</td></tr><tr><td>Parish Council Websites</td><td>To set up and provide 7 new email addresses with extra storage</td><td>1800600</td><td>£172.00</td><td>22175</td></tr></table> <p>It was agreed to pay both items with the other already presented bills on the agenda. See earlier Agenda item 6. 1. c) invoice query by clerk for Parish Council Website charges.</p>	Payee	Service provided	Invoice/receipt number	Invoice Total	Cheque number	PATA	Payroll service for clerk Oct, Nov & Dec 19	19/0515/PPS	£23.25	22174	Parish Council Websites	To set up and provide 7 new email addresses with extra storage	1800600	£172.00	22175
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9.	<p>To consider Planning applications/issues:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">19/04553/TCONR - Works to trees in conservation areas for Two Salix Alba - Pollard of both trees at Walnut House Great Rissington Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL54 2LH – <u>No comments</u>19/04750/FUL - Full Application for Erection of 32 Bed Sleeping Accommodation Block (sui generis use), kitchen store extension, operations building extension and vehicle garage lean-to at 621/637 Volunteer Gliding Squadron Little Rissington Airfield Gloucestershire - <u>No comments (See previous discussions in public questions)</u> <p>To consider any other planning applications received since publication of the agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">20/00413/TCONR - Works to trees in conservation areas for Removal to ground level of heavily leaning small / medium sycamore tree into woodland area at Little Court Rectory Lane Great Rissington CHELTENHAM Gloucestershire – <u>No comments</u>															
10.	<p>AOB –</p> <p>An electorate raised an ongoing safety issue in the village regarding the missing lamp where the road narrows (?where) and is very dark. The lamp used to be located on the</p>															

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Action	<p>side of a private premise but has been removed. He had already spoken to GCC who has provided a new lamp but there is no immediate connection to a supply of electricity in the vicinity. Reconnection to the private premise has been refused.</p> <p>GCC confirmed it would prove to be too costly digging a 50 yard trench down the road taking a new supply from an alternative connection. The electorate is concerned the lamp will be soon be removed by GCC. As the lamp is a village resource and being threatened with removal, he would like the PC and Cllr Moor to assist with the issue. All agreed to support the case to see if funding can be allocated from the GCC budget for the reconnection by trench work. In the meantime the Chairman requested the clerk to contact GCC & Cllr Moor to request the lamp is not removed until further investigations can be made for funding.</p> <p>It would be favourable for a meeting on site with Cllr Cleverly, Highways and the electorate already involved. The electorate agreed to arrange the meeting on the PC's behalf.</p> <p>Cllr Ramsay suggested whether the lamping issue could be synergised with the new footpath works? Clerk will ask Cllr Moor.</p> <p>Helen asked if we were to have an odd jobs person could they assist with collecting rubbish around the roads. Cllr Cleverly confirmed it would depend on how much we would have to pay and what was arranged. It was suggested to have a litter day which was well received but apparently only 5 people turned up on the last arranged litter day. Helen Spooner would appreciate any assistance with litter and volunteers should contact her direct at Glebe Farm.</p>
11.	The meeting was duly closed by the Chairman at 20.00 hrs
12.	To confirm the next parish meeting will be held on 3rd March 2020