

Great Rissington Parish Council Zoom Meeting Tuesday 7th July 2020

Report by County Councillor Nigel Moor

Road repairs

Following the last meeting I did inspect the highways in the village and reported repairs needed to GCC Highways and copied to the parish clerk. Some have been white-lined for repair but I am pleased that the clerk is to meet our Local Highways Manager on site so that a list of priorities can be agreed.

Climate Change

Gloucestershire County Council has joined the new Countryside Climate Network, set up by UK100 , designed to amplify rural voices and signed the UK100 pledge on achieving 100 per cent clean energy by 2050. Although there has been some disruption during the Covid-19 pandemic, the Climate Change Team at the county council has been working on the Action Plan. The team has considered ways to decarbonise highway activities, developed processes to allow organisations to access the £1m “ Action Fund”, applied for Government funding to improve infrastructure for cyclists and pedestrians and progress has been made on a county – wide Electric Vehicle (EV) Strategy. The council has switched to buying 100 percent renewable electricity for its buildings and other assets, such as lighting, signs and bollards across Gloucestershire `s roads . As a result, county council corporate emissions for 2019/2020 show a 70 percent reduction from 2006/7 levels.

Emergency Active Travel

The Department of Transport (DfT) has given Gloucestershire £321,757 for emergency “pop-up” walking and cycling improvements, against the initial allocation of £288,000 . In the award letter the DfT praised the proposals which are four trial schemes : Bath Road in Cheltenham, Bourton on the Water village centre, Tewkesbury High Street and London Road in Gloucester. GCC are working with CDC on a range of 10 schemes across the district to introduce social distancing in town and village centres so that residents and visitors can visit safely.