

GREAT RISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes recorded for meeting held at 7:00pm on Tuesday, 2nd April, 2019 at the Great Rissington Club

Present: Councillors Richard Cleverly (Chairman), John Durrant (Vice Chairman), Jane Carter, Natasha Sheasby, Jenny Stewart, Graham Ramsay & Clerk Debbie Braiden

In attendance: District Councillor Mark MacKenzie-Charrington, Local Government Electors (5) & Gray Elkington (Pristine Parish presentation)

1. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies were received from County Councillor Nigel Moor. It was confirmed by receipt of a letter dated 22nd March 2019 addressed to the Chairman that Councillor Simon Young had resigned from the Council. The Chairman asked if there were any financial interests to be declared for the meeting. No such declarations were made.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of meeting held on 5th March 2019 were agreed and signed by Chairman Councillor Cleverley.

3. Matters arising

A Pristine Parish presentation

Helen Spooner introduced Gray Elkington who gave a presentation about how he first thought of the idea for 'A Pristine Parish'. The concept is to arrange organised litter picks throughout the parish. He is creating an app called 'Eden' which will monitor areas picked throughout the country with a colour coded key to the cleanest areas. He started in Little Rissington and now has 14 other interested parishes.

Helen finished off the presentation by inviting anyone that would be interested in taking part to a coffee morning at Glebe Farm. Helen confirmed she would notify the Council of the coffee morning date and time in due course. It will be held in the Barn at Glebe Farm. Directions - Walk/drive in through the bottom gate, take 2nd track to the right and follow through to the farm yard.

Closed church yard

Two matters raised from the last meeting had now been dealt with. The Clerk confirmed that a copy of the closing order had been received from the Parochial Church Council (PCC). Cllr Young had also confirmed that the graveyard appeared to be in good order.

The Clerk could now take action for the resolution made from the last meeting dated 5th March 2019 and by virtue of its power under S215 of the Local Government Act 1972, to pass on responsibility for future maintenance of the closed graveyard to the Cotswold District Council (CDC) before the three months period ends on 12th May 2019.

The Clerk will write to both the PCC and CDC giving its intentions to this effect. It was agreed that Cllr Cleverley and Janne Bishop (PCC secretary) would accompany any site visits made by CDC to assist with any queries.

The Chairman opened discussions to the floor for any questions where an electorate asked which part of the graveyard was going to be transferred. It was confirmed that the grounds around the church would be transferred to CDC including the cremation plots.

Election update

The Clerk asked if there were any questions or issues regarding the elections. There were no items raised. Cllr Durrant received a report that the election was not advertised very well. Cllr Durrant confirmed it was advertised on the website, both notice boards and in the newsletter. The Clerk agreed these were the only avenues open to the Council.

Telephone box/defibrillator

Concerns were raised as it has been six months since the Council purchased the defibrillator and progress appears to be slow in organising the electrical works required to ready the telephone box for the defibrillator to be fitted.

Cllr Durrant confirmed that he had received a new contract to sign between the Council and British Telecom. The new contract was to replace the old contract signed in 2016 which is now out of date, therefore could see no reason why Cllr Cleverley should not sign. Apart from the contract there has been no information forwarded regarding the outstanding electrical works. He queried whether the electrical works were reliant on pledges still to come in for funding?

Cllr MacKenzie-Charrington confirmed he was led to believe that the electrics had been sorted. Cllr Carter confirmed that she had been contacted by the project lead since the last meeting. She has agreed to contact the project lead to offer assistance with moving the project forward to bring to conclusion.

Parking & White lining

Cllr Ramsay reported that the white lining had been completed in the village and paid thanks to Cllr Moor for his assistance with the matter. The Chairman mentioned that part of the road, the middle part of the green had not been done and people still park there. He requested the clerk to ask for a 'keep clear' signage for this tarmac area between greens. Cllr Carter confirmed that people were also parking on pavements, which is illegal.

4. Accounts and financial matters

The monthly account for March 2019 was prepared and presented by Cllr Durrant. They were agreed and signed off by the Chairman. Cllr Durrant confirmed they were also the closing accounts for the annual return of the 2018/19 financial year. He reported that they included the first two months of the Clerk's salary and the only payment not received in for the year was the rent of £20 for the over flow car park from the Gt. Rissington Club which was due last November 18. The Clerk will follow this up and request payment to be made from the club secretary.

Cllr Durrant notified everyone that he would be relinquishing the role of Responsible Finance Officer to the Clerk with effect from 1st April 2019.

Councillors approved payment for the annual subs of £94.87 for continued GAPTC membership. No topics were raised for discussion at the GAPTC AGM.

A request from the Air Ambulance Service for a donation was received by the Council. During discussions it was noted by the Chairman that the Council did not usually assist with this type of charity. The Council decided having previously agreed that no donations would be made to their local organisations (due to uncertainty of this year's finances) Cllrs agreed they could not make a donation to the Air Ambulance Service. Cllr Stewart stated that local organisations should take priority for receipt of Council donations. The Clerk and Cllr Ramsay suggested the Council could maybe reconsider in the next financial year with the other local organisations after considering how the finances cover the current year.

Confirmation was received from the Clerk that Cllr. Carter has booked on to the 'The good councillor guide', course run by GAPTC.

5. Planning

The Clerk spoke with planning admin who confirmed that all planning applications for Great Rissington parish are being forwarded for Council consideration. Cllr

Durrant confirmed he was still receiving notifications and continues to distribute to all. The Clerk was receiving the official letter by email. Cllr Carter confirmed that although she was registered on the planning portal she was still not receiving the notifications and was worried the Council may miss an application; she requested that all planning information be forwarded to councillors. The Clerk will request for changes to be made so that all planning information to be sent initially to the clerk who will then forward to the Councillors.

No comments were received in respect to replacement hawthorn for a spruce tree at Silverwood, Sherborne Lane.

No comments were made for retrospective permission to re-site garden shed, oil tank and new garden trellis at 39 Gt. Rissington.

Cllr MacKenzie-Charrington mentioned there was another planning application received after the agenda had been created. An application was received for Barn Cottage for a rear extension and changes to car port. No objection was made and all agreed as it was a listed building they were happy that Conservation and Heritage would decide on final material finish. The Chairman confirmed he had seen all the plans.

6. Correspondence and matters raised by residents

Village seat cleaning update- Cllr Ramsay confirmed he and his wife had cleaned both seats on the greens and will preserve them in better weather.

Cllr Ramsay reported he had received complaints about low flying at night. The Chairman confirmed the Council had no authority over this.

7. Report from District Councillor – Cllr MacKenzie-Charrington had nothing to report.

8. Report from County Councillor – None.

9. Any other business

Cllr Carter gave a phone to the Clerk for Council business. The Clerk was given permission by Council to obtain a pay as you go SIM card.

Cllr Durrant confirmed he had told Bibury contractors to continue grass cutting on same basis as previous year for same price until the Council decide otherwise. Cllr Stewart reported that her contact (Richard) could no longer offer the same service. All agreed to continue as per last year until a comparison procurement exercise could follow.

Chairman opened discussion to the floor

Mrs Brain wanted to thank Councillor Ramsay for cleaning the seats and asked when the elections were to be held. Councillors confirmed the 2nd May.

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The issue of pot holes alongside the verges were raised, the Chairman confirmed he thought Highways were due to do the road in that area. Cllr MacKenzie-Charrington confirmed there is a list.

An electorate raised the question of whether the Councillors walked around the village to notice things. Cllr Carter confirmed that she had noticed cars parked on verges and paths. The Chairman stated that it is in everyone's interest to report any issues and not leave to the Council. It was also reported that a large vehicle had been parked on the pathway causing an obstruction which had become a regular occurrence. Cllr Ramsay directed the electorate to call 101 and report the details and registration number. Cllr MacKenzie-Charrington confirmed that the report and call has to be made by the person who has seen the obstruction.

The next meeting held will be the annual meeting following the elections. It will be held on 14th May 2019, at 19:00 hrs at the Great Rissington Club. The meeting was formally closed by the Chairman at 19:50 hrs.