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## GREAT RISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF MEETING TO BE HELD ON

TUESDAY, 6 NOVEMBER, 2018 AT THE GREAT RISSINGTON CLUB

*Present:*

Parish Councillors Richard Cleverly (Chair), John Durrant (Vice Chair), Jane Carter, Simon Hughes, Graham Ramsay, Natasha Sheasby, Jenny Stewart, County Councillor Nigel Moor,

Local Government Electors (4)

#### **1 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest**

Apologies were received from District Councillor Mark MacKenzie-Charrington. There were no declarations of interest.

#### **2 Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed off by the Chair.

#### **3 Matters arising**

##### *Parking*

Graham Ramsay reported that a notice had been posted asking residents and visitors to park considerately, especially on the corner below the Lamb Inn, on the village noticeboard, on the parish council website and in Great Rissington News.

The situation seems to have improved a little, but the restoration of the white lines on the bend should produce the desired results in the longer term. He understood from Rhodri Grey, the newly appointed GCC Highways Manager for the Cotswolds, that the GCC Highway team would be refreshing the white lines throughout the village within the next few weeks, having recently conducted a survey of their condition. Councillor Moor undertook to remind Mr Grey when he is next in contact with him.

##### *Grass cutting*

Graham went on to say he met with Rhodri Grey and Harry Roberts (Amey) on 29 October to discuss the grass cutting on the bank between Heaven Field and Rectory Lane.

GCC had confirmed it was their responsibility to perform this task, but experienced difficulty in getting their equipment in situ so offered to make a financial contribution if the parish council agreed to add this location to the grass cutting contract with Bibury Landscaping.

Having taken measurements, it had been calculated that the contribution would be in the region of £9 per cut, compared to the quote from Bibury of £70 per cut, plus VAT. The parish council was understandably reluctant to foot the bill from its precept when this is a GCC responsibility.

Another option offered by GCC Highways was to make this work a standard feature of the Lengthsmens Project. It was agreed the latter option was preferable. Graham undertook to liaise with GCC Highways seeking 2 cuts per year, in May and September if possible. Again, Councillor Moor said he would speak with Mr Grey to confirm his support.

#### **4 Accounts and financial matters**

The accounts were prepared and presented by John Durrant, and were agreed. They were signed off by the Chair.

It was agreed to review the budget and determine the level of precept to be applied for for 2019/20 at the December meeting. John advised that the precept has not gone above £4,000 per annum for over 20 years as functions such as the parish clerk role have been undertaken by volunteers.

An expression of interest in the clerk vacancy has been received from a lady from Fairford who is soon to retire from Cotswold District Council. There were no objections to someone from outside the immediate area being employed as the clerk, but the costs and expenses need to be taken into account when preparing the precept bid, which Jane Carter said needs to take account of grass cutting, maintenance of the website, etc as well as parish clerk costs, so a significant increase could be required.

#### **5 Planning**

There were no planning applications to be discussed. Richard Cleverly had been asked whether planning permission was required to remove some diseased elm trees. John Durrant confirmed that application has to be made but can be fast tracked if the planning officer agrees.

#### **6 Correspondence and matters raised by residents**

There were no items for discussion.

#### **7 Review of Community Emergency Plan**

Graham Ramsay had circulated the current community emergency plan prior to the meeting. It was agreed to remove the former parish clerk, Mike Saunders, as one of the primary points of contact for the emergency services and district council, and replace him with Graham Ramsay. Graham reported he has arranged for a copy of the revised plan to be placed on the parish council's website and a short item prepared for Great Rissington News so that residents can contribute to the review and know who to contact in the event of an emergency. A fresh appeal is being made for residents with specialist skills and/or equipment that might be useful in an emergency to register their details. It

was agreed to review and hopefully formally approve the plan at the December meeting. Councillor Moor commended the parish council for the rigour of their review.

## **8 Preparations for winter weather: Report from Snow Warden**

Simon Young reported that the salt and grit bins had been replenished in readiness for the winter weather. A further 90 bags of salt and grit in due for delivery and will be stored beside the clubhouse so the bins can be replenished again should the need arise. Simon undertook to speak with the snow plough operator, James Blackwell, to clarify what he is willing and able to do in terms of coverage. It is understood that he will clear only Leasow Lane, and then only those parts that are not obstructed by parked vehicles. It was agreed that expectations need to be carefully managed, as some residents seem to expect the whole village to be cleared.

It was agreed that the list of volunteers with 4 x 4 vehicles who might be willing to collect prescriptions, urgent food supplies, etc needs to be refreshed as part of the review of the community emergency plan.

## **9 Report from District Councillor**

District Councillor Mark MacKenzie-Charrington was unable to attend.

## **10 Report from County Councillor**

County Councillor Nigel Moor reported that he has spoken with Mr Grey of GCC Highways regarding the resurfacing of the footpath between the Lamb Inn and Green Cottage that had been raised by a local resident and discussed several meetings previously. This will be completed as soon as possible.

He said GCC has pledged to complete £150M of resurfacing work over a 5 year period and is on target to do so. £7M is being spent in the Cotswolds district in the current financial year, encompassing 45 schemes and 50 miles of roadway, mainly A roads. More minor roads will be included in the programme for 2019/20, including Barrington Lane by Victory Fields, which is also now included on the gritting round.

Amey are being replaced by Ringway as the GCC's highways contractor from April 2019, and will carry out resurfacing works, pothole repairs, gritting, gully clearance and verge cutting.

Councillor Moor also reported that GCC has maintained funding of care for adults and young persons as a priority, and has been able to do so as a result of the disposal of certain properties and land which has raised £60M to date with a further £33M planned by 2021. He was particularly excited at the prospect of a joint venture with a commercial company in Moreton area. He concluded by saying the County Council's 3 year strategic plan is currently out for consultation.

In response to a question from Simon Young, Councillor Moor said GCC are looking to take articulated vehicles off the A429 (Fosseway) as the road is not included on the major roads network and they are looking to remove it from the freight network also.

## **11 Any other business**

Janne Bishop said that all local businesses and organisations are being invited to take part in a Christmas tree festival at the church and invited the parish council to become involved. This was agreed.

Marion Surch asked if something could be done to trim a hedge that is protruding over the footpath in the main road down to the church. It was understood this is subject to a planning application involving some other trees.

Sheila Jesson was pleased to note the progress with road resurfacing locally, but expressed concern that the sides of Leasow Lane have eroded to a dangerous level in recent times. Councillor Moor undertook to put this forward for inclusion in the programme for 2019/20. He advised residents to submit photographs and coordinates when reporting potholes to the Highways team at GCC.

## **12 Date of next meeting**

It was agreed the next meeting will take place on Tuesday 4 December 2018 at 7.00pm at the Great Rissington Club. The meeting was formally closed at 7:28pm.