

GREAT RISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Great Rissington Parish Annual General Meeting held on

Tuesday, 14th May 2019, at 7:45pm, the Great Rissington Club

Present: Parish Councillors Richard Cleverly, John Durrant, Jane Carter, Graham Ramsay, Jenny Stewart and Debbie Braiden (Parish Clerk and Financial Officer)

In attendance: Local Government Electors (4) & newly elected District Councillor, Andrew MacLean representing the Green Party.

1 Chairman`s report

Cllr Richard Cleverly, Chairman, thanked everyone for their input and support for the last year. He especially wanted to thank Cllr Mark MacKenzie-Charrington for his input during the meetings and his good work over the last few years on behalf of the Rissington area and especially for Great Rissington. The Chairman asked the clerk to write to Mark to this effect. He also thanked Mrs Brain and Mrs Surch from the electorate for their continuous attendance and input throughout the year.

2 Report from Cllr Nigel Moor, County Councillor

Cllr Moor was unable to attend but sent in a report prior to the meeting, details of which will be listed on the website.

3 Report from Cllr Andrew MacLean, District Councillor

Cllr MacLean commenced by also thanking Mark MacKenzie-Charrington for his great work and confirmed that they had previously worked together and wished him the best for his new role as Chairman for Little Rissington PC.

Cllr MacLean confirmed he has lived at Upper Rissington for 20 years and regularly walks his dog in Great Rissington area. He works part time in international development for affordable housing in countries around the world. He is the first green elected councillor in the Cotswolds. He confirmed his intention is to listen to concerns for the Rissington areas and take up them up with the District Council. As he is the only green councillor he is not so bound by political boundaries within the District Council.

He confirmed he attended his first meeting at the District Council earlier that day where he found out that the Council had outsourced staff to a company called, Publica. The new councillors will be delving in to this particular arrangement noting the District Council has recently switched from a conservative majority to liberal democrats in the last election. He reported that the new leader of the District Council was a very young liberal democrat and that he was very keen to tackle affordable housing in the district with a return of the District Council renting out social housing due to certain

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government funds being available. The new council also want to tackle social isolation in rural areas and also the big topic of parking.

The new council is going to 'Declare a climate emergency' in the Cotswolds for a more sustainable lifestyle and practical measures which is very important for Cllr MacLean.

He has been elected to sit on the 'Overview and Scrutiny committee' which reflects upon services provided by the District Council and he looks forward to being an independent voice on the committee.

He was asked to vote for the allowance for District Councillors to be raised from £4000 to £5000 per year. He voted in favour for the increase in the hope it would encourage younger members to stand for council as the allowance is restrictive for younger people to be able to commit to public work at such a low wage.

Any other business

The Chairman opened up to the floor with no response.

- 4 The meeting was closed by the Chairman at 7:55pm