

GREAT RISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes - for meeting held at 7:00 pm on 3rd December at the Great Rissington Club

Present	Councillors, Richard Cleverly(Chairman), John Durrant (Vice Chairman), Jane Carter, Jenny Stewart & Graham Ramsay
Invitees present	District Councillor (Andrew Maclean), County Councillor (Nigel Moor) & 4 members of the electorate & Clerk/RFO Debbie Braiden

1.	Apologies & Interests: Apologies were received from Cllr Sheasby and there were no declarations of financial interest made.
2.	Public Questions – At the Chairman's request this section was moved to AOB at the end of the meeting.
3. Action put on website	<p>Report from District Councillor – Andrew Maclean</p> <p>Cllr Maclean reported that there were still monies left in the District Council's Activities Scheme budget for the Rissington area. The remaining budget is £1500 and needs to be used by the end of March 20 as it will not be carried forward to the next financial year. If there are any sports groups who need assistance with an activity in the area please make contact with either your District Councillor or Cotswold District Council. Please note the money cannot be used for capital projects.</p> <p>Pound lane in Little Rissington is being resurfaced in January and will be closed.</p> <p>The waste collection diary dates are available from CDC web site for the Christmas period.</p> <p>A new tracking system is being fitted to refuse vehicle cabs. The system will provide better records for the whereabouts of the vehicles and will be used for tracking missed bins.</p> <p>CDC is considering whether or not to have new social housing 'in house' again. The social housing will consist of 1 & 2 bedrooms and will not be affordable housing but remain rented accommodation managed by the District Council. The decision is in its early stages and will help fill the gap of desperately needed social housing. The decision is still in its early stages with the Council currently only having two areas of land available for the project, Southrop & Kemble. Please note this will not affect or include properties already managed by Bromford and other housing associations.</p> <p>New planning regulations for new housing estates will allow for an increase in car parking spaces available per new building to help relieve parking and traffic congestion on main roads around the estates.</p> <p>As mentioned by Cllr Moor in last month's minutes the final Glover Report has been received and recommends making the Cotswolds into a national park. He reported that both Gloucester City and Cotswold DC are voting against the report and would like to be left as an AONB. The Council's both believe the national park status will create more problems by raising house prices and preventing job creation in the area than, alleviating existing problems. Both councils will be confirming their decision in writing.</p>

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	<p>The Chairman opened up the meeting for public questions towards the District Councillor:</p> <p>An electorate wanted confirmation as to whether the existing Bromford housing stock will remain with Bromford or go back to the District Council. Cllr Maclean confirmed that existing housing will remain with the housing associations. She also mentioned that Chamberlain House in Stow on the Wold is made up of 25 flats but only 7 are currently occupied. Cllr Maclean reported that in the Cotswolds 650 empty properties have been identified as unoccupied and there is a new strategy with a new timetable for the length of time properties can remain unoccupied. Cllr Maclean thanked the electorate and confirmed he will report the information back to the housing officer.</p> <p>The Chairman confirmed that there were no planning issues to discuss with Cllr Maclean therefore the District Councillor left the meeting following the delivery of his report.</p>
<p>4.</p> <p>Action</p>	<p>Report from County Councillor – Nigel Moor</p> <p>Highways completed some of our works today; the jetter cleared out some of the debris from the blocked drains but there was so much silt it will have to be dug out. The dig out of silt will be scheduled in and combined with the footway scheme after Christmas.</p> <p>The remaining maintenance works have been programmed in to be carried out in the next couple of weeks.</p> <p>Cllr Ramsay confirmed the work carried out by the jetting team today was satisfactory for the equipment they had on site.</p> <p>On 20th December Cllr Moor is taking to cabinet their Climate Change strategy which will include a parish council tree planting challenge. He reported that there are over 300 parishes in Gloucestershire and if all of the councils engaged with the project, together with the money that has been put aside for grants, it would facilitate tree planting throughout the county. Therefore he asked the parish council to consider if there were any areas where trees could be planted within the parish for the county to assist with.</p> <p>GCC are reviewing their transport plan to the year 2031. Cllr Moor will be taking a report to cabinet in December and it will be up for consultation in the new year. It will include reviewing a freight strategy along the Fosse; he had hoped to remove the Fosse from freight routes altogether but Warwickshire have a different view of the Fosse as it covers their industrial areas. The Fosse is an important link for them between the M40 and the M4. Therefore, Cllr Moor has motioned having a hierarchy of freight routes, stating some routes as the most important freight routes with the Fosse not being one of those. Over time it is hoped the Fosse will not be used as much for freight passage. He would also like a speed restriction of 20 mph to be considered through the High Street at Moreton in Marsh, which will hopefully assist in deterring more freight from using the Fosse.</p> <p>GWR are introducing a new timetable next week for services into Paddington stopping at Moreton and Kingham. County officers have been asked to liaise with Pulhams transport to ensure the 802 service to Kingham fits in with the new train schedule.</p> <p>Rural transport – Cllr Moor reported that the County spend 6.5 million on concessionary fares, which reimburses the bus companies for the use of their service. 100,000 people are eligible for the service across the county with approximately a 70% take up of the</p>

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	<p>service. The County also spend 3.5 million on subsidising services where there is no commercial case to keep the normal services running and for rural transport. The County experience problems in the retendering renewal contracts for the service with inflating costs. Therefore, the County are holding a pilot scheme starting in the Forest of Dean and North Cotswolds for a bespoke public service where the public can book up a journey over the internet from 7 a.m. to 7p.m. Monday to Friday. If this service proves successful, the County hope to extend the service to cover weekends. Smaller vehicles such as mini buses will be used giving greater access across the rural areas. It is hoped to attract the elderly and students across these two districts and hope to feed in with the main network of transport. The scheme involves working together with Cotswold Friends in Moreton and Community Connections in Cheltenham. If the scheme proves successful it is the intention to roll out the scheme across the whole of the county.</p> <p>The Chairman opened up the floor for public questions directed to the County Councillor:</p> <p>An electorate raised an issue where the bus providing a service for her child to school was very expensive and being 16 was no longer entitled to free transport, therefore parents drive children to school. This causes chaotic parking issues at the school and is not energy efficient for climate change. She queried why should a bus to a school at Bourton on the Water cost more than catching a bus to Cheltenham. Cllr Moor confirmed he knows there are issues and as above confirmed how much budget the county spends on the service. He asked the electorate to email him direct so that he could investigate the issue and reply direct.</p> <p>The issue of no disabled access at Kingham was brought up again, Cllr Moor confirmed it is in the schedule to do but no date has been given.</p> <p>Following public questions, Cllr Moor left the meeting.</p>
5. Resolved	<p>Minutes from the last meeting - Councillor Carter proposed and Councillor Ramsay seconded that they were happy with the minutes recorded for 5th November 19 and are a true record of the meeting. The Chairman duly signed the minutes.</p>
6.	<p>Matters arising –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Clerk reported that she had completed a new income and expenditure spread sheet. She believed that for the remainder of the year an estimated £1000 expenditure is expected to year end; this would be spent mainly on clerk salary and expenses. Therefore, carrying forward an estimated bank balance of £4,700 to the next financial year which is a slight increase on last year's figure brought forward.
Action	<p>The Clerk confirmed that she had attended a training course today with GAPTC for Agenda & Minutes. She will forward details on to members.</p>
Action	<p>All the details recommended to go on the PC's website were now showing, apart from two register of interests we are awaiting from the District Council. Clerk to follow up and chase CDC for copies.</p>
Action	<p>The Clerk has received Precept forms for 2020 from CDC which she will post back before January.</p>
Action	<p>The Clerk emailed the Estates office at CDC and was still waiting to hear back in</p>

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	<p>respect to the Ubico costs for cutting the grave yard. Clerk to chase.</p> <p>Cllr Durrant raised the subject of the Clerk's hours to check all was budgeted and the new hours were satisfactory for the coming year. It was agreed to see how the next year progresses with workloads.</p>
Action	<p>2. Cllr Ramsay confirmed that as per the information provided by Cllr Moor above, there was nothing more to report regarding the blocked drains with verge cutting to be done within the next two weeks.</p> <p>3. Cllr Ramsay wanted to confirm that the PC was still considering the idea of having a person to carry out odd jobs around the village. Cllr Durrant said that he thought it was worth asking around the village to find someone on a self employed basis paid per hour. The clerk confirmed this was still on her list of actions to do.</p>
Action	<p>4. Cllr Ramsay was asked by electorates to review the amount of grass cuts during the year to make some savings. Cllr Durrant reported that the contractor said at the beginning, if they came out fewer times it would only create more work & waste material to clear up at the time of cutting; therefore savings would be minimal plus the look of the village would start to suffer. Cllr Durrant also checked that the telephone kiosk green was being cut, the clerk confirmed it was. Cllr Durrant wanted to know how much the costs had gone up for doing this green. The Clerk will work out how much the green is costing and forward to members.</p>
Resolved	<p>5. Although Highways have cut back between Heaven field and Rectory Lane today, Cllr Stewart proposed and Cllr Carter seconded that the PC order Bibury contractors to carry out biannual cut backs of the hot spot verges (the length of the field) above for health and safety reasons. One cut to be done in spring and one cut back in early autumn. Clerk to produce an order for the works commencing 2020.</p>
Action	<p>6. Cllrs Ramsay & Durrant confirmed the new salt bins had been put in situ around the village and Cllr Cleverly filled them up yesterday. All members agreed that the clerk would order a pallet of bags to top up the store at the club house with Richard to be on site to direct where to store it. Cllr Carter reported that she had received a request for a grit bin to be situated opposite or outside Heaven View. Cllr Cleverly confirmed there was still a spare round bin which he could put there. She also wanted to confirm as snow warden, there were now no concerns regarding grit as all the bins were now full. Cllr Cleverly confirmed this to be the case. Cllr Carter also requested the contact details for James Blackwell who operates the plough in bad weather and whether he would come out or did she need to call him out. Cllr Cleverly reported that last time he did come out but both were appropriate.</p>
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Action	<p>Cllr Carter volunteered to be the primary contact for SSE in the event of storm notifications. Clerk to notify SSE details.</p>

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7.	Resolved	Finance 1. The Treasurer’s bank account balance was reviewed as at date 21/11/19 £5704.92 this was agreed by all & signed by the Chairman. 2. The Accounts spreadsheet balance as at 30/11/19 was agreed by all and duly signed by the Chairman. 3. Cllr Carter proposed and Cllr Stewart seconded adoption of the model of financial regulations for England and Wales set by NALC 2019. The clerk to send the final version to the members and post on to the website. 4. Cllr Durrant 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.																				
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8.	To consider Planning applications/issues: No Comments re - Application received 19/04159 Works to trees in conservation areas for 2 x Sycamore - fell to ground level at Little Court Rectory Lane Great Rissington Cheltenham Gloucestershire No comments re - Application received Full Application for Variation of Condition 2 (drawing numbers) of permission 18/01428/FUL (Erection of a cottage) involving amendment to design of approved dwelling at Damson Cottage Great Rissington Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL54 2LL No comments re - Full Application 19/03859 & 03860 for Installation of ground source heat pump plant and associated subterranean pipe array (Retrospective) & Listed Building Consents at The Manor Great Rissington Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL54 2LN																					
9.	Any other business for information only or for future discussions Cllr Carter asked what the outcome of the lamp was. Cllr Cleverly confirmed nothing had been achieved and that there had to be an agreement between the 2 parties to negotiate as the connection for the lamp is to a domestic dwelling.																					

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Cllr Cleverly	The defibrillator has been fitted but the light in the cabinet appears not to be working. Cllr Cleverly will investigate with the electrician.
Action	Cllr Carter will transfer the remainder of the Trust money for the defibrillator to the PC to recompense for the installation. The clerk will send the bank details for the transfer to take place.
Action	<p>The Chairman announced that he will be resigning and leaving at the end of the financial year. Cllr Durrant wanted to recognise and appreciate the work and years Richard has served on the parish council. Cllr Durrant also went on to confirm that he too had tendered his notice of resignation a couple of weeks ago, but as the Chairman was also going he was happy to stay on for a reasonable time until replacements were found. He asked for ideas in order to attract people on to the parish council. There were suggestions made of delivering leaflets, website, word of mouth and the magazine to be used as different avenues for advertising for candidates.</p> <p>Cllr Ramsay followed on and also confirmed that he will also be resigning for the new financial year. This would mean there will be four seats to canvass for, although the PC would still be quorate with the remaining three councillors.</p> <p>An electorate asked if the works carried out today by highways covered the area to the start of the pathway leading to the club. Cllr Ramsay was unsure as it was too dark on inspection. Cllr Cleverly stated it should be cut back by the landowner but confirmed they will be covered by the hot spot biannual cuts.</p> <p>Cllr Stewart wanted confirmation as to where the meetings were being held in future, Cllr Cleverly confirmed the meetings will take place upstairs in the club house until the spring.</p> <p>Cllr Ramsay requested the PC minutes to say a thank you to Mr & Mrs Murdoch who kindly stored the new grit bins in their empty garage until they were positioned in the village.</p>
10.	Closure of business and meeting at 19:55 hrs
11.	The next parish meeting will be held on 4th February 2020