

GREAT RISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD JULY 6TH, 2021 AT THE GREAT RISSINGTON CLUB

Present: Councillors Jane Carter (Chairman) (JC), Lynne Marsh (LM), Andrew Keep (AK)

Acting Clerk: Jane Carter

Attendees: None

1.	Apologies: Cllr Jenny Stewart
2.	Declarations of interest- None declared
3.	<p>To receive update report from GCC Councillor Mark Mackenzie-Charrington: The report was noted and is below for information:-</p> <p><i>This is my first opportunity to meet the residents of Great Rissington in person since I was elected. I'm delighted to be here but this time as your County Councillor not, as previously, your District Councillor. To put into perspective the difference between the County and District Councils is that the County has tax revenues of nearly £0.5b. Additionally they receive £660m education funding from Central Government and further infrastructure grants. Whereas the Cotswold District Council has Council Tax revenue of circa £12m. Turning to different topics I can report the following:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Covid-19 infection rate in Gloucestershire is sadly on the increase. Figures for the 7 days to Thursday 1st July were 1,154 confirmed new cases against 725 in the previous 7 days, a 59% increase. The Cotswolds is one of the lowest areas with 14 new cases the previous period. Children and younger unvaccinated people are now the majority of new cases. Luckily with very few in hospital.• The County Council has announced that free counselling will be offered to teachers and support staff, in both the state and private sectors, who are having issues as a consequence of the pandemic.• The County has a new Chief Fire & Rescue Officer, Mark Preece, who has over 30 years' experience and has been Deputy-Chief in Gloucestershire since December 2019.• The Re-use cabins at recycling centres have reopened but it is still necessary to pre-book visits. When looking the other day several slots were available at Fosse Cross, for example, the following day.• It was announced the other day that the Atomic Energy Authority has passed the initial application by the Severn Edge partnership to proceed to the next stage towards being awarded the right to build the world's first Fusion Centre, located at Berkeley and nearby Oldbury. It's a unique process of environmentally friendly, carbon free energy to produce electricity. If successful it could be online by 2040 and provided thousands of jobs during construction and highly skilled employment thereafter.• Late last year it was announced that the County Council had won funding of £1.352m from the Department of Transport's Rural Mobility Fund. Two new on-demand rural bus services will start next spring for a trial period of 2 years. One will be in the North Cotswold, the other South Forest of Dean. Currently, 46% of North Cotswold residents and 24% of South Forest of Dean residents do not live-in walking distance of regular – 1 per every 2 hours – bus service. The pilot will offer affordable journeys between designated pick-up/ drop-off points between 7am to 7pm weekdays and Saturday with links to local transport hubs and train stations. The aim is to improve transport at an affordable level and reduce the reliance of the use of cars and thereby a reduction in our carbon footprint.• Following public consultation, it has been announced that a significant upgrade of M5, Junction 10 will go ahead, resulting in traffic being able to enter and exit from both the north and south, which is not the case currently. This will make significant improvements for access to north west Cheltenham. Works will also include junction enhancement to A38/ A4019 at Coombe Hill and widening the A4019 between the M5 and Cheltenham. Government funding of £249m has been secured. A consequence of these improvements will allow the start of a number of major housing schemes under Homes England's Housing Infrastructure Fund.• The Care Quality Commission have reported that Gloucester Royal Hospital has maintained an overall rating

	<p><i>of 'Good' in what has been an extremely challenging year. Some areas in A&E need improvement by better use of department space, introducing more ambulance drop-off points and walk-in patients seeing the most appropriate doctors first off. • The Cabinet is to approve government funding of £2.6m to boost Adult & Community Learning through the Education & Skills Funding Agency, targeting English, mathematics & general language skills of adults. • A recent review of Children in Care by Electoral Division shows that at 1st June there were no children within the Stow, Bourton or Wotton under Edge Divisions in council care. At the same date there were however a total of 833 children in care elsewhere across the County. As part of the ongoing policy to reduce our carbon footprint the County Council Cabinet has approved investing £620k into providing 500 double (100) on-street electric vehicle charging points. The first 25 being installed in Gloucester and Cheltenham within the current financial year. This will to make it easier for people who are unable to gain access to off-street charging near to their homes or employment. • The County Council is working in collaboration to develop low-carbon bus services. • The Gloucestershire Fire & Rescue Service is set to acquire up to 12 new environmentally friendly fire appliances at a cost of £3.7m over the next 3 years with each new vehicle costing circa £310k. A further 8 vehicles are scheduled over the following 2 years at additional funding. • Chris Nelson has been elected as the new Police & Crime Commissioner. He's pledged to work closer with the Fire & Rescue Service, specifically on road safety, training & development and shared access to premises. He has pledged to increase the number of police officers and to concentrate on rural crime</i></p>
4.	To receive update from CDC Councillor Andrew McClean: none received
5.	To approve the minutes of the meetings held May 11th and June 1st :- the minutes were approved as a true record and were signed by the Chairman
6.	To receive comments and concerns from the public: there were none
7.	<p>Matters arising:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To receive update of Highways works – The Council is still awaiting confirmation of dates for the work to the spring outside Arcady Lodge and blocked drains. Cllr Carter is in regular contact with the Highways Department. Conversations were still taking place regarding road resurfacing. Defibrillators Update (standing Item)- Nothing to report Consider internal auditors report and recommendations: the clerk outlined the key recommendation from the internal auditors report. The completion and publication of the assets register was the most pressing. It was agreed the acting clerk prepare the necessary papers and updates for circulation and approval at the September meeting when all councillors would be present.
8.	<p>Finance-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To receive and approve the bank statement as at July 5th : APPROVED To receive and approve the 'Accounts' spreadsheet reconciled balance as at July 5th- APPROVED The council noted the dates of the publication of the Annual Audit Notice of Public rights as June 14th to July 23rd 2021

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	4. The following payment was approved:-				
	Cost Centre	Item	Payee	Amount	VAT
	Grass Cutting	Monthly grass cutting	Bibury	630.60	Yes
9.	<p>To consider and note the following Planning Applications:</p> <p>I. 21/02466/FUL Single storey rear extension, addition of roof light to the rear roof and window to first floor on front elevation 2 Barn Cottage Great Rissington Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL54 2LH- NO OBJECTIONS</p> <p>II. 21/02573/LBC Repair and refinishing works to front boundary wall, along with selected demolition of boundary wall; to allow for the erection of stone piers. Black metal entrance gates for vehicle and pedestrian use to be installed to new boundary opening The Manor Cottage Great Rissington Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL54 2LN</p> <p>The council object to the planning application on both design and highways grounds. The proposed access is on a busy junction and allows no pull-in for incoming vehicles which would need to park on the road while waiting for the gates to open or be opened. It was also felt the proposed black iron gates were out of keeping with conservation area and street scene. Properties with gates in the vicinity were solid or open bar wooden gates. The acting clerk to inform CDC of the objections.</p> <p>To consider any planning applications received since publication of the agenda:</p> <p>21/02305/FUL Full application for two storey side extension and basement at Rosemary Cottage, Rectory Lane, Great Rissington- NO OBJECTIONS</p>				
10.	For Information Only:- no items				
11.	Closure of business and meeting The meeting commenced at 7.20 p.m. and closed at 7.45 p.m.				
12.	Next meeting: The next Parish Council meeting would be held Tuesday September 7 th at 7.00 p.m. at The Great Rissington Club				

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