

GREAT RISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 1st November 2022 7p.m.

At Great Rissington Club

Present: Cllrs Andrew Keep (Chairman), John Ovenden, Lynne Marsh, David Turnbull (Part)

Clerk Jane Carter; Cllr A Maclean

Minutes	Agenda Items	Actions
221101/1	To receive and consider apologies for absence: Cllr Langston	
221101/2	To Receive Declarations of Interest on agenda items (Localism Act 2011): None	
221101/3	To approve the Minutes: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held August 31st, 2022 at the Great Rissington Club were approved and signed as a true record	
221101/4	To receive an update on the co-option of Councillors to Great Rissington Parish Council: Following the resignation of Cllr Jenny Stewart, the vacancy had been advertised. David Turnbull had agreed to join the council. Proposed by Cllr Keep and seconded by Cllr Marsh, Cllr Turnbull was elected unanimously. A declaration of acceptance was completed. Cllr Langston would be leaving the village shortly and had resigned from the parish council. The vacancy would be advertised.	Clerk
221101/5	To receive report from CDC Councillor: Cllr Maclean said that he was supporting the planning application at Lower Farmhouse which would be referred to a planning committee. CDC was introducing various measures to help residents with the cost-of-living crisis. Information on the CDC website	
221101/6	To receive update report from County Councillor Mark Mackenzie-Charrington: Cllr Mackenzie-Charrington had sent apologies. A report had been circulated and the contents were noted.	
221101/7	To receive comments and concerns from the public: none	
221101/8	Clerk Contract: The SLCC model contract for Clerks had been issued to the clerk. Cllr Keep signed the contract and formally welcomed her to the role. Highways works and village maintenance (standing item): A trench had been dug across the road surface by the water board. The 20mph signs needed replacing The speed of lorries driving through the village was a concern. Clerk to contact Windrush Estates Cllr Ovenden had cleaned the village signs	Clerk

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	Footpath bed: a quote for reinstating and seeding the bed had been received. The clerk said that 3 were needed. Cllr Ovenden agree to speak to two suppliers and report back to the next council meeting Adding additional verges to mowing contract: this would be discussed within the budget item. The clerk had made enquiries about the contribution from GCC, but this would be minor. The number of replacement grit bins required was six. Dimensions were confirmed and clerk to get a cost. All would require covers. Item to be added to budget discussion The purchase of a dog bin to site outside The Old Forge had been requested. Councillors did not feel this was the right position but that the entrance to The Manor public footpath would be better. Clerk to speak to CDC regarding siting, cost of installation and collection.	Cllr Ovenden Clerk
221101/9	Bus shelter: It had been confirmed that no buses stopped at the bus shelter. The surveyors report confirmed the bus shelter was safe to use but repairs were needed. It was agreed that removal of the bus shelter and reuse of the land with a bench and planters be considered. Cllr Marsh suggested that this could be a project to commemorate the Coronation. It was agreed that an amount be included in the budget and that ideas for use of the space would be considered at the January meeting.	Clerk
221101/10	Defibrillator update: Both were working. A notice with details of what to do if either defibrillator was used had been placed in the Great Rissington News at a cost of £50 a year. Clerk to settle invoice.	Clerk
221101/11	Great Rissington News Donation: It was agreed not to proceed with a donation in the current financial year.	
221101/12	Finance:- I. To receive and approve the bank statement (as circulated): this was approved II. To receive and approve the bank reconciliation balance (as circulated): this was approved III. To approve payments and note receipts (as attached): these were approved IV. To approve purchase of easypc accounts software at £75 per annum: this was approved V. To approve moving of bank account from Santander to Lloyds Bank: this was approved. Clerk to begin mandate changes VI. To consider the 2023-24 budget and precept application: the clerk had circulated a draft budget for	Clerk

	2023-24. This showed income totalling £9720 and expenditure of £15070. With the forecast budget and current reserves that would leave reserves of £3600 at the end of the financial year (March 2024). That was in line with recommendation for councils to only hold 3 months of precept in reserves. The clerk explained that £4500 of the forecast budget expenditure was due to one-off costs for projects including the Coronation Commemoration, a budget for the council elections, repairs to the bus shelter, works to the footpath bed. The council was also paying a salary to a clerk for the first time since 2020. Monies had been allocated for replacement of the grit bins spread over the current and new financial years. Training for new councillors was required and had been included. The cost of mowing was now significant as areas traditionally mown by residents were now being maintained by the parish council. The number of areas had also expanded. There was a lengthy discussion around the cost of maintenance. It was agreed that mowing be reduced to once a month rather than twice as currently. The council would also support “no mow May” in conjunction with many other councils throughout the country. It was agreed not to add any further areas of mowing to the schedule. The schedule would be reassessed at the end of the year. It was agreed that the clerk would obtain quotes and costs for items agreed and present a revised budget to the January meeting	Clerk
221101/13	Planning Applications: To Note: 22/02598/FUL Erection of a new outbuilding Waterbank Great Rissington Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL54 2LP- PERMIT To Consider:- 22/03112/FUL Demolition of single garage and erection of 2 storey side extension and single storey rear extension and other associated works The Steps 30 Great Rissington Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL54 2LN Councillors supported the comments of the Conservation Officer. It was agreed to OBJECT to the application on the grounds of design, impact on a Conservation area and over - development 22/03111/FUL Erection of oak framed garage and creation of new vehicular entrance. Rebuild dry-stone boundary wall	Clerk

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	to 1.6m high The Steps 30 Great Rissington Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL54 2LN A letter of support for the application had been received from a resident. Councillors agreed that the removal of cars from parking the road to a driveway would be beneficial as parking was a problem in that area. It was considered that the size of the garage was too large for the proposed site and the impact would be detrimental to the building and the Conservation area. It was agreed to OBJECT to the application. 22/03120/FUL Replacement of all windows The Fold Cotswold Meadows Great Rissington Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL54 2FN There were no comments	Clerk
221101/14	For Information Only: matters to be brought to the attention of the council. <i>Note: no decisions can be made on matters raised</i> No matters were raised. The meeting was closed at 9.15 p.m.	
221101/15	Date of Next Meeting: It was agreed that for 2023 the meetings be moved to the first Monday of the month where possible. The dates for the 2023 meetings were confirmed as: Monday January 16th Monday March 6th Monday May 15th AGM Monday May 22nd Parish meeting Monday July 3rd Monday September 4th Monday November 6th	

Approved By _____

Date _____

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Amount £	Payee	Purpose	VAT to be re-claimed
404.40*	Bibury	Mowing and verges August	Y
47.95*	PATA	Payroll Set Up	N
726.60*	Bibury	September and Rectory Lane verge	Y
374*	Parish Council Websites	Annual website hosting and emails	N
80*	Parish Council Websites	Mourning page functionality	N
500.94*	Clerk	Salary August- September	N
202.20	Bibury	Mowing October	Y
Amount	Receipt	Purpose	
2125	CDC	25% Precept	N

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Meeting 1st November 2022

Report from GCC Cllr. Mark MacKenzie-Charrington

- Future Local Road Closures Include:
Icomb – 10th & 11th Nov
- A Cost-of-living “Support Hub” is launched by the GCC alongside a county warm bank offer. Following county wide consultation the Hub will focus on five key areas – money, food, energy, warm spaces and protecting health & wellbeing – all of which is available on-line and shortly in printed format.

“Warm and Welcome” spaces will be located in libraries and offer: Warm places to relax, Hot drinks, Free access to the internet & Wi-Fi, Access to computers, Charging points, Advice for further support, Free activities such as homework support, Knit & Natter and Library Clubs

- Waste Wizard. A new webtool has been launched by the Gloucestershire Resources & Waste Partnership to help households recycle sustainably. By typing in the item, you want to get rid of and your postcode it will tell you how and where it can be collected/ deposited and recycled. This will assist in what goes into what bin and whether it can be recycled or even given to charity. People are asked to crush cans, plastic bottles, cardboard boxes etc to more will be able to fit into the collection vehicles, this reducing the number of journeys.
- Increased support for Ukrainian guests and sponsors in response to cost-of- living increases. From Nov – Jan 2023 a payment £125 towards fuel cost increases. ‘Hosts’ who extend their welcome over and above the initial 6 months will receive a further £100pm on top of the standard £350 monthly payment. Currently the numbers are:

UK Applications Issued 192,600, with 138,400 people arriving. 1,501 issued in the county and 1,231 having arrived. In the Cotswolds we have 314 issued and 257 people having arrived and staying within 135 family homes. Across the county 350 children have been placed in schools near to their new homes.

- New Electric Vehicle Charge Points. The GCC will install vehicle charge points within council owned land including Quayside car park by Shire Hall and up to 37 sites such as fire stations, libraries & highway depots.
The Edge of Care team will replace their vehicles with Nissan Leaf electric vehicles as part of the councils plan to improve our sustainability to net zero by 2045 and reduce emissions by 80% by 2030.
- New Waste Local Plan. Officers are preparing for waste disposal over the next decades, concentrating on the most environmental outcomes. Land owners across the county are being asked to come forward with options for consideration.
- Gloucestershire’s Armed Forces Covenant Partnership is inviting the local Armed Forces community to have their say on a new community hub to provide information and support.

The partnership comprises over 50 organisations, including the county council, police, district councils, health service and charities. The partnership is looking to get feedback from those in the community who have personal or family knowledge of the Armed Services.

- Stagecoach is to cancel as many as 300,000 journeys from their timetable owing to ongoing staffing shortages. This could well have a severe effect on getting to school, work, medical appointments and leisure activities. This will have a big impact on isolated rural communities. The County Council subsidizes bus operators to the tune of £10m a year.
- The County Council wants growth. A bid has been made for two Investment Zones, should the government proceed with the initiative announced a few weeks ago. One would be Central Gloucestershire City Region, including 4 sites and the Berkeley Alternative Energy Park.

The Central City Region sites are:

Golden Valley – creating 2,424 homes & 45 hectares of mixed employment. Elms Park – 6,373 homes and a 10 hectare business park.

Tewkesbury Garden Town – 10,195 homes and 100 hectares for employment.

Gloucester Airport – up to 650 homes and 21 hectares of employment land.

The attraction of Investment Zones are:

Streamlined and faster planning.

Tax incentives over 10 years, including 100% relief from Business Rates and Stamp Duty Land Tax relief for land bought for both commercial and residential development.

Prioritised infrastructure funding to ensure the potential of the zones.

- Levelling up Together - £1.5m grant scheme. 10 of the most deprived communities, mainly in and around Gloucester and Cheltenham, and across the county are eligible to apply for grants towards making life better for children and adults by offering opportunities in wellbeing, skills and employability.
- The Robin - Rollout of the rural minibus service has started. Residents within the north Cotswolds have now a new service for remote rural communities that have no other bus service. It's an on-demand service taking people to local transport hubs and train stations. Booking will be by either an App or telephone running between 7am & 7pm Monday to Saturday, excepting Bank Holidays. The area covered is north of the A40 to the county boundary in the north serving 58 communities. www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/transport/the-robin/where-can-i-travel/cotswolds-north/main
- Book on the Day recycling. The service is now able to offer same day bookings www.gloucestershirerecycles.com/ Since the pandemic figures show that people are taking fewer but larger amounts for recycling resulting in a significantly lower number of visits to the centres, an equivalent of 250,000 journeys. This means a large reduction of CO2 emissions.