

GREAT RISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held July 1st, 2024

At Great Rissington Club

Present: Cllrs Andrew Keep (Chair), John Ovenden, David Turnbull, Caroline Taplin

Clerk Jane Carter; 2 members of the public, Cllrs Mark Mackenzie-Charrington and Andrew Maclean

Minutes	Agenda Items	Actions
240304/1	To receive and consider apologies for absence: None	
240304/2	To Receive Declarations of Interest on agenda items (Localism Act 2011): None	
240304/3	To approve the Minutes: The minutes of the Parish Council annual meeting held May 7th , at the Great Rissington Club were approved and signed as a true record	
240304/4	To receive report from Cotswold District Councillor Andrew Maclean: Cllr Maclean highlighted the change in the bin collection day to Tuesdays	
240304/5	To receive report from County Councillor Mark Mackenzie-Charrington: a report had been circulated and was noted. Road closures were still causing issues in the area	
240304/6	To receive comments and concerns from the public: a resident raised concerns about the state of the village greens.	
240304/7	Highways works and village maintenance (standing item): Village mowing: councillors had received complaints from residents about the state of the village greens. The clerk explained that a combination of bad weather and no mow May had led to the grass getting much longer than usual. It required two cuts in June and possibly a further cut. The charge for mowing did not cover grass collection. The current policy was 9 times a year, once a month March to October (not May) and twice in June and July. It was agreed to review the situation in September and then take a decision on the frequency of cutting for next year and whether no mow May should be continued. Replacement of bus shelter: The clerk said that despite being emails to GCC, she had received no reply. Cllr Mackenzie-Charrington said he would raise with a senior director at GCC Defibrillators update: A resident had offered to run defib training in the autumn. Cllr Taplin would make contact to arrange. A new set of pads had been ordered. Clerks report: complaints had been received regarding the parking of a caravan at the entrance to the village coming from Bourton. The clerk would make enquiries and if necessary report to highways	Clerk Cllr Taplin Clerk
240304/8	Finance I. To receive and approve the bank statement (as circulated): Balance stood at £8656. Reserves at £10000- APPROVED II. To receive and approve the bank reconciliation balance (as circulated) APPROVED III. To approve payments and note receipts (as circulated) APPROVED IV. The 2024 Model Financial Regulations had been circulated for review. These were adopted	

240304/9	Planning Applications:- None received	
240304/11	For Information Only: The clerk had received an email from a representative of the Royal British Legion asking if the PC would give permission for a memorial stone to be erected to commemorate Flight Captain Susan Slade. Her plane had crashed whilst taking off from Little Rissington airfield in July 1944. She was commended for her actions in avoiding crashing onto the village. Councillors felt the proposed four-foot memorial was too large and there was no obvious place to site it. It was also felt that as there were no other war commemorations in the village, it would not be appropriate to highlight one person. It was agreed a small plaque on one of the parish benches might be a suitable tribute. The clerk would write to the RBL.	Clerk
240304/12	Meeting closed at 7.40 p.m. Next meeting: Monday September 2 nd 2024	

Approved By _____

Date _____

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Payments/Receipts to be noted and approved at

July 1st 2024 Meeting

Amount £	Payee	Purpose	VAT to be re-claimed
845.39	Clerk	First quarter	N
108	Clerk	Expenses July- July 2024	N
155.94	Com Heartbeat	Replacement defib pads	Y
Amount	Receipt	Purpose	
578.18	HMRC	VAT reclaim 2023-24	

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Report from GCC Cllr. Mark MacKenzie-Charrington

Local Road Closures:

Tewkesbury Road at Upper Swell Road. Traffic lights 13th May to 5th July
Stow A429 traffic lights opposite cemetery for Thames Water. 3rd June to 12th July
Bledington Road B4450, King's Head towards Stow by 200m. Thames Water. 22nd to 26th July
Moreton, Coders Road for Thames Water. 22nd to 26th July
Moreton, A429 Batsford Road to Spitfire development, phased, National Grid 9th Sept to 13th Dec

- Trading standards are warning shop owners against selling vapes to underage buyers. Supported by police cadets went to 21 stores across the county during the last week of May. Five stores or 24% sold vapes to under 18-year-olds. A similar test was carried out in 2022 and no sales were recorded. If in future these or other stores are found selling to underage persons, the law will be invoked.
- The County Council has been appointed by the Arts Council of England to lead Gloucestershire along with Swindon and Wiltshire Music Hub from September, as part of an ambitious national programme to bring high-quality musical education to children and young people. A grant of £2.35m is being provided by DofE.
- The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) program has just been announced for the summer holidays. For those families eligible for free school meals can register as from 1st July by contacting the Cotswold District Council. Details can also be found by going to www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/haf
- Our county libraries are going to launch more choirs as a way to combat loneliness. The first was launched in Longlevens in November 2023 and now will roll out to Coleford and Tuffley libraries with the aid of £16,400 grant. No previous singing experience is needed.
- Highways are trying hard to combat the level of damage caused by last winter by investing in new technology to speed up and make longer lasting repairs before resurfacing. New Find & Fix crews are out and about, we have a Spray Injection Patcher that can deal with 100 potholes a day, new testing with an inventive material that can be used cold, 2 x JCB Pothole Pros – 13 tonne machines that remove whole sections of road and then resurfaced by the team behind, at the end of May Roadmender machines will start using recycled material to repair damaged areas and finally a Bobcat Planer to cut through layers of road surface, remove and resurface.
- The DofT has awarded the county £2.2m towards our new Bus Service Improvement Plan 2024. The proposals are to deliver faster and more reliable services, attractive fares and ticketing, better vehicles and a more comprehensive network, throughout the day, evenings and weekends. A fleet of 58 electric buses will be ordered by the end of the year at a cost of circa £6m, much enhancing our Net Zero targets. We have also been awarded £611k towards upgrading traffic lights across the county.

County Councillors have access to a further £10,000 in their Build Back Better funds, aimed at Levelling Up, targeting issues such as digital exclusion, cost of living, online harm and community transport. Additionally, £3,000 Youth Fund, specifically targeting such things as sport, recreation, leisure activities, wellbeing, mental health and digital innovation. Any unallocated funds for the year to 31st March 2024 can be rolled up into the new financial year

- 65 community projects have shared in £400,000 awards through the Thriving Communities Grant 2024. Organisations and groups are assisted in helping people to stay well and support them to live independently as long as possible. Since 2018 over 310 projects have received £2.4m of investment. Individual awards have ranged between £627 and £7,500.
- The county council has appointed Rethink Mental Illness to run the Mental Health Support & Advice Service. The charity will enter into a 5 year contract on 1st April working with people suffering mental illness. The investment over the contract period is £4.7m
- Gloucestershire continues to support Ukrainians fleeing the war. 254,900 visas have been issued nationally with 1,678 having arrived in Gloucestershire. Currently 242 guests are living with 63 families in the Cotswolds and 1,184 across the county. Additionally, many have moved into the private rented sector. Hosts housing guests are to receive £600pm over the next year, an uplift over the £350pm paid by central government.
- Gloucestershire Flood Guide–In light of the recent heavy rains the attached link shows you around what you can do in the event of flooding. <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/flood-risk-management/flooding-information/flood-guide/>
- The Robin bus service is being promoted in the North Cotswolds. Fares are capped at £2 till 31st December 2024 and free concessionary passes to qualifying customers. Booking details are found at www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/therobin or call 0345 2638139
- A new mental wellbeing helpline is launched with £1.4m funding to support adults across the county. The service is available between 2pm-9pm, 7 days a week 365 days a year to provide emotional support, contact details of other services GCC is able to offer. It is run by Rethink Mental Illness a leading charity in England. Phone: 0808 801 0606; Text: 07537 410 022; Webchat via: www.gloucestershirecando.org Email: cando@rethink.org

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