

GREAT RISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held November 4th, 2024

At Great Rissington Club

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

Clerk Jane Carter; 8 members of the public, Cllr Andrew Maclean

Minutes	Agenda Items	Actions
240902/1	To receive and consider apologies for absence: Mark Mackenzie-Charrington	
240902/2	To Receive Declarations of Interest on agenda items (Localism Act 2011): None	
240902/3	To approve the Minutes: The minutes of the Parish Council extraordinary meeting held September 30th were approved and signed as a true record	
240902/4	To receive report from Cotswold District Councillor Andrew Maclean: CDC was disappointed with the national budget which gave little support to local councils.	
240902/5	To receive report from County Councillor Mark Mackenzie-Charrington: a report had been received and circulated. There were some dangerous trees in Leasowe Lane which the clerk would bring to the attention of Highways	
240902/6	To receive comments and concerns from the public: None raised	
240902/7	Highways works and village maintenance (standing item): Village mowing: i)The grass mowing schedule for 2025 was discussed. It was agreed to continue with the cuts 9 times throughout the year. After some discussion it was agreed not to participate in 'No Mow May' but to cut all the villages areas. This would mean 10 cuts per year and it was agreed to continue with the grass collection after each cut. The clerk would inform the contractor. Works to Secondary Club Car Park: the club had provided a quote for the removal of the hedge and replace with soft wood timer at a cost of £3997 plus VAT. It was agreed the Chair should first meet with the school head to discuss teaching staff and parents using the car park. The clerk would ask the village grass cutting contractor for a second quote Replacement of bus shelter: The original contractor had withdrawn from the job. The clerk was attempting to find a replacement contractor to take down the old shelter and create a new base. Designs of a similar bus shelter made in an oak frame and larch clad had been circulated. The supplier was SwiftOak at a cost of £2250 plus erection. It was agreed to proceed with the design and build. The clerk would first source and arrange the removal of the existing shelter and new base. A total budget of £9k was agreed and the clerk would circulate quotes as they were received. To approve donation to Great Rissington News: a £50 donation to Great Rissington News was agreed. The parish council uses the donated space to publicise the defibrillator. Defibrillators update: Cllr Taplin said the defibrillators were working correctly. The training session had been a great	Clerk Clerk Clerk Clerk

	success and Melanie Darwent was thanked for giving so generously of her time and expertise.	
240902/8	Finance 1. To receive and approve the bank reconciliation balance (as circulated)- APPROVED. The current balance stood at £6790.02. Reserves stood at £10071.59 2. To approve payments and note receipts (as circulated)- APPROVED 3. To note and approve national Clerk pay award 2024-25- APPROVED as set out by NALC 4. To review budget (circulated) and set 2025-26 precept: a budget had been circulated setting out the current position to the end of September and forecast expenditure to the end of March. It was agreed that more money was needed in 2025 for increased grass cutting and grass collection. The replacement of the bus shelter would be funded through reserves and grants. It was agreed to increase the precept by 5% to £10550. A copy of the budget would form part of the minutes and publicised on the website	
240902/9	Planning Applications:- 24/03106/FUL Single storey rear extension and infill porch 14 Greens Close Great Rissington Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL54 2LJ: a resident had contacted the Chair to with concerns about the size of the proposed extension. These were noted. 24/02661/PLP Permission in Principle application for up to five residential dwellings. Land To Rear Of The Yews Rectory Lane Great Rissington GL54 2LL: it was noted the application had been REFUSED	
240902/11	For Information Only: No matters were raised.	
240902/12	Meeting closed at 7.35 p.m. The date of the next meeting was confirmed as March 3rd 2025	

Approved By _____

Date _____

Payments and Receipts November

Amount £	Payee	Purpose	VAT to be re-claimed
240*	Kingham Gardening	September	N
845.39	Clerk	Quarterly salary	N
288	PC Websites	Hosting	N
5.40	Unity Trust	Service charge October	N
18.00	Unity Trust	Quarterly service to September	N
Amount	Receipt	Purpose	
69.33	Unity Trust	Reserves interest	
2512	CDC	Final precept	