GREAT RISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held November 3rd, 2025

At Great Rissington Club

Present: Cllrs Caroline Taplin, Melanie Darwent, Kate Bishop, David Turnbull (chair)

Clerk Jane Carter; 5 members of the public, CC Daryl Corps. CDC Cllr Andrew Maclean

Minutes	Agenda Items	Actions
251103/1	**To receive and consider apologies for absence**: Cllr Keep (accepted). Vice Chair Cllr Turnbull chaired the meeting	
251103/2	**To Receive Declarations of Interest on agenda items (Localism Act 2011**): None	
251103/3	**To approve the Minutes:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held September 1st 2025 were approved and signed as a true record	
251103/4	**To receive report from Cotswold District Councillor Andrew Maclean:** Cllr Maclean informed the meeting he would be stepping down as district councillor due to health reasons. He said it had been an honour to represent the ward and the parish of Great Rissington. Cllr Turnbull thanked him on behalf of the parish for his hard work and support for the village during his tenure and said he would be greatly missed.	
251103/5	**To receive report from County Councillor Daryl Corps**: A report had been circulated. Cllr Corps updated the meeting on unitary discussions and the vote at the end of the month. There was funding available for grass roots projects that encouraged wellbeing. The recent 20 mph consultation had received 176 applications which now needed to be reviewed so little progress was expected before next summer. The village had a new temporary highways engineer, and he would be meeting to discuss progress on highways projects. He and the clerk had written to Highways and Thames Water protesting at the closure of the Rissington road through to Bourton at Dikler Close from November 17th to December 22nd. The utility company had confirmed they would complete the work and reopen the road as quickly as possible.	
251103/6	**To receive comments and concerns from the public**: A resident raised concerns at the parking of vehicles in the village. He said that one resident had up to five vehicles parked at various points for long periods taking up valuable spaces outside people's homes. The council sympathised but parking within the village was open and highways would not support the introduction of yellow lines or residents parking permits. Residents were reminded that vehicles parked on the road need to be taxed and have a current MOT	
251103/7	**Highways works and village maintenance (standing item): Grass cutting**: the maintenance schedule for 2026 was discussed. It was agreed that the number of cuts be reduced from two per month to monthly or 3 weekly in the growing periods. The clerk would speak to the contractor to confirm an agreed schedule. Cllr Darwent had received a report that a street light was being obscured by tree foliage in Greens Close. It was agreed the issue did not warrant any further action at this time.	**Clerk**

	Secondary car park: Access to and from the small secondary car park leased to the Great Rissington Club was now dangerous due to the overgrown hedge. It was agreed that discussions begin with the club regarding removing the hedge and adding in post and rails fencing so the area could be cleared and the car park better used. The parish council would consider a contribution to the costs and grants would be investigated. The clerk would contact club representatives to discuss. **Defibrillators update:** Both in working order but a new battery was required for the telephone box defib. It was still being used for storage. It was agreed that the items be removed and left outside for a short period. If not collected they would be disposed of. Cllr Taplin would review the list of first responders and add a list to the defib boxes. They would be removed from the magazine.	**Clerk** **Cllr Taplin**
251103/8	**Finance** **1.** To receive and approve the bank reconciliation balance (as circulated)- APPROVED. The current balance stood at £6294.48. Reserves stood at £6252.81. **2.** The budget to end October was noted **3.** To approve payments and note receipts (as circulated)- APPROVED **4.** Budget and precept: a proposed budget for 2026-27 had been circulated for review. This was discussed. Monies were required for planned tree works but it was planned to reduce the grass cutting schedule for the year. It was agreed that a precept request for £11000, an increase of 4% on the previous year's precept be submitted as per the budget circulated. The budget would be publishedon the website	**Clerk**
251103/9	**Planning Applications:-** **The following were noted:** **25/03157/FUL|**Installation of swimming pool with stone copings and oak decking, solar panels with battery on approved ancillary accommodation (23/01291/FUL), and conservation-style rooflight to flat roof of Old Swan House|Old Swan House Great Rissington Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL54 2LH: NO COMMENTS **25/02928/FUL**|Erection of a single storey extension on the rear elevation|The Fold Cotswold Meadows Great Rissington Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL54 2FN: NO COMMENTS **25/02936/FUL**|Erection of single storey timber extension with new chimney internal reconfigurations, recladding of façade, replacement of all windows and doors, installation of 5 conservation style rooflights into existing roof|Church View Great Rissington Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL54 2LN: NO COMMENTS **25/02651/AGPA**|Prior approval for the construction of an in-ground organic slurry lagoon (digestate lagoon) with associated bunding and a leak detection system for the secure	

	storage of organic fertiliser (digestate)|Barrington Park Estate Land To The South East Of Great Rissington Great Rissington Gloucestershire GL54 2LR: PERMIT	
251103/11	**For Information Only:** The dates for 2026 meetings were confirmed Monday January 5th, Monday March 2nd, Tuesday May 5th and Parish Meeting , Monday July 6th, Monday September 7th, Monday November 2nd	
251103/12	**Meeting closed at 7.45 p.m.** The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Monday January 5th 2026	

Approved By_____

Date_____

Great Rissington Parish Council

Monthly figures - 2025-2026

Figures exclude VAT

Payments

	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	TOTAL	TOTAL	Variance	Proposed 2026-2027	
	This year	This year	This year	This year	This year	This year	This year	This year	This year	Budget			
Other Payments													**Opening Balance 2025** **11055**
Miscellaneous Payments	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	0	-55	0	**Forecast Expenditure** 15752
Donations	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	50	100	50	50	**Forecast Receipts** 14897
TOTAL Other Payments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	105	100	-5	**50**	**Forecast Closing Balance March 2026** **10200**
Administration													
Clerk Salary	1,763	0	932	0	0	950	0	0	3,645	3,600	-45	3950	
Training	0	0	45	0	0	0	0	0	45	100	55	100	Domains and emails
Website	0	0	288	0	0	100	0	0	388	400	12	400	
Insurance	268	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	268	260	-8	275	
Subscriptions	113	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	113	220	107	150	
Audit	105	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	105	150	45	120	
Councillor Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	75	50	
Stationary/consumables	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	50	25	
PATA Payroll	96	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	111	75	-36	120	
Clerk Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	200	0	0	200	150	-50	200	
Bank charges	24	0	0	0	10	0	0	24	58	45	-13	60	
TOTAL Administration	2,369	0	1,280	0	10	1,250	0	24	4,933	5,125	192	**5450**	
Maintenance Costs													
Grass cutting	1,980	480	480	240	0	0	0	240	3,420	1,920	-1,500	3200	12mows x£240 plus grass collection
General Maintenance	175	0	0	0	0	0	1,200	0	1,375	650	-725	2000	Trees. Additional work moved to 2026-27
Defibrillators	0	0	0	200	0	0	0	0	200	350	150	300	
Bus shelter replacement	3,506	2,213	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,719	6,500	781	0	
TOTAL Maintenance Costs	5,661	2,693	480	440	0	0	1,200	240	10,714	9,420	-1,294	**5500**	
TOTAL Payments	780	1,096	1,373	0	0	0	0	0	15,752	14,645	-1,107	**11000**	

Receipts

	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	TOTAL	TOTAL	Variance	**Receipts**
	This year	This year	This year	This year	This year	This year	This year	This year	This year	Budget		
Other Receipts												
Car Park Rent	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	20	20	0	20
Bank Interest	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	72	50	-22	60
Grants	4,255	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,255	0	4,255	0
TOTAL Other Receipts	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	4,347	70	4,255	
Precept												
TOTAL Precept	7,913	2,637	0	0	0	0	0	0	10,550	10,550	0	11000
TOTAL Receipts									14,897	10,070	-4,827	

3.5% inflationary increase