

GREAT RISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Great Rissington Parish Council Meeting held Monday July 6th 2026

The Great Rissington Club

Present: Cllrs Andrew Keep (Chair), Kate Bishop, Melanie Darwent, David Turnbull

Attending: Clerk Jane Carter, District Cllr Craig Thurling (CDC), 4 Members of the Public

Apologies: County Cllr Daryl Corps and Cllr Caroline Tappin

Minute	AGENDA ITEMS
260706/1	Apologies: Received and accepted from County Cllr Daryl Corps and Cllr Caroline Tappin.
260706/2	Declarations of Interest: None declared.
260706/3	Approval of Minutes of Meeting held May 5th 2026: APPROVED as a true record.
260706/4	Report from Cotswold District Councillor: Verge cutting: Cllr Thurling is chasing an update on when verge cutting will be completed along LeasowcLane towards Bourton. Flooding and drainage: Cllr Thurling reported on a recent flooding meeting; an El Niño event is expected to peak around December and may increase the risk of heavy rainfall. He continues to press Highways over recurring blocked drains on the roads leading down to the church, which have previously been assessed as not meeting the threshold for action. Council may send photographs of the blockages to support the case. Waste collection point: CDC has agreed an arrangement allowing a designated waste collection point to be cleared within a day of a call or email for Pristine Parish collections Recycling changes: Kerbside recycling will be expanded to include plastic bags, film, and carrier bags from April 2027; paper and cardboard collections will be combined, expected from October 2026. Community Hero Awards: Nominations are open for local Hero Awards. NOTED. NHS letter: Following the Council's previous unanimous support for a letter to NHS chiefs regarding service reductions at local hospitals, a response is still awaited. Local Government Reorganisation: A Government announcement on the future structure of local authorities is expected in mid-July.
260706/5	Report from County Councillor: Written report circulated by Cllr Corps, covering support for local speed watch groups, local government reorganisation, transport and highways matters, and the forthcoming road closure. NOTED.
260706/6	Public Forum: Grass cutting on the green: A resident had raised concern that grass cutting is not carried out around the trees on the green, Clerk will ask the contractor to trim around the trees. Traffic on Stow Hill: A query was raised about plans to reduce traffic heading up Stow Hill. NOTED as a County Council matter, not covered in Cllr Corps' report.
260706/7i	Highways Works and Village Maintenance (standing item): Two separate works are scheduled near the Old Bakehouse and St John's Church: a water/drainage-related closure to install a new drainage chamber, and separate Highways patching and white-lining works currently scheduled for August 17th–18th. Dates remain subject to change; the Clerk will issue a bulletin nearer the time.
260706/7ii	Bourton ETRO Update: Cllr Turnbull reported that the Bourton-on-the-Water Experimental Traffic Regulation Order had been refused; Highways has rejected extending the order to cover Rissington Road and Station Road. Further studies are ongoing. NOTED.

260706/7iii	Defibrillators Update (standing item): No matters arising
260706/7iv	Adoption of gov.uk Email Addresses: APPROVED. Addresses will follow the format firstname.surname@greatrissington-pc.gov.uk, covering up to ten accounts.
260706/7v	Traffic Calming Measures: Members discussed options to reduce speeding through the village. A 20mph limit was considered unlikely to be approved by Highways, as the average traffic speed must already be 24mph or below to qualify. AGREED to request a Highways site visit, attended by at least three councillors, and county councillor to review speed, parking and access concerns, and to obtain costings for traffic calming gates.
260706/7vi	Parking Issues Within the Village: Members discussed problems caused by coaches and other vehicles parking or waiting within the village, including near the school and the chicane. AGREED to write to the project manager for the Old Rectory site requesting contractors park considerately, and to arrange a targeted mail drop reminding residents and visitors, including the cricket club, of careful driving and parking. An untaxed vehicle parked near the defibrillator was noted and will be reported via the online enforcement tool.
260706/8	Finance and Governance: i) Bank statement (as circulated): APPROVED ii) Bank reconciliation (as circulated): APPROVED iii) Payments and receipts (as circulated): APPROVED iv) Financial Regulations: RE-ADOPTED, unchanged from the previous year.
260706/9	Planning Matters: i) Application for gates and associated works at the Old Rectory: No comment ii) Footpath diversion at the Old Rectory: Extension granted for a further 12 months. NOTED. iii) Land at rear of Greens Close: Members discussed whether the Council should adopt a policy position ahead of any future planning application, given short consultation deadlines. Cllr Thurling advised that a formal, legally-binding planning policy would require a Neighbourhood Plan, a substantial undertaking of at least three years. AGREED to continue considering applications on a case-by-case basis.
260706/10	For Information Only: None raised.
260706/11	Next Meeting: Monday September 7th 2026 at 7.00 p.m.

Approved By _____ Date _____