

GREAT RISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday, 4 October 2016 at the Great Rissington Club

Present: Parish Councillors Richard Cleverly (Chairman), Clive Billing (Vice Chairman), John Durrant, Mike Saunders (Parish Clerk).

In attendance: County Councillor Nigel Moore, District Councillor Mark MacKenzie-Charrington, Local Government Electors (4)

1 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

The Chairman asked if there were any financial interests to be declared. No such declarations were made. Apologies were received from Parish Councillors Natasha Surch, Mike Hoyle, Colin Campbell and Liz Bannister.

2 Minutes of meeting held on 06 September 2016 were approved and signed by the Chairman as an accurate record.

3 Matters arising

On the issue of The Parish Plan, the decision to implement a plan will be actioned by Councillor Liz Bannister who had raised an interest at the September meeting.

The issue of The Straw Poll was raised by The Cotswold District Council asking for any known voluntary sites suitable for social housing in Great Rissington. District Councillor Mark Makenzie-Charrington stated that there is no obligation to submit a response and that answering the poll would not lead to any commitment on sites. Mark also added that some sensitivity is needed to avoid nominating someone's property as a site.

In response to David Robert's concern regarding rocks/ boulders on the village highways, the Parish Council wishes to increase general awareness on the issue. County Councillor Nigel Moore agreed to research where the responsibility lies for any damage done as a result of rocks on the highways. District Councillor Mark MacKenzie-Charrington stated that rocks should not be within one meter of the road as that area falls under the highway agency's management.

On the changes to the 802 Pulhams bus service, Chairman Richard Cleverly handed the floor to Parish Clerk, Mike Saunders, as he is a regular service user. Mike commented that removing the 18:09 service from Kingham to the Rissingtons would be severely detrimental to the service as this allocated route is the most demanded service for commuters from Bourton and the Rissingtons. Mike also observed that the proposed route would involve a service gap between 05:38 and 10:08. Mike commented that a four-hour gap is too long and asking for this to be amended to include a route in between these two times. Finally, Mike asked that Pulhams improve the out of hours' service that is currently offered as there is not a facility in place to contact Pulhams after 17:00. This would be useful in the event of a late or cancelled service. County Councillor Moore agreed that Mike's observations are appreciated and that the service will hopefully improve in the future along with improved bus shelters in the Rissingtons.

Richard informed the room that the defibrillator situated in the Club is now working with no foreseeable problems arising. Richard agreed to source the cost for a second defibrillator unit. On the

telephone box, Vice Chairman Clive Billing informed the room that he has received a lot of donations and that the most popular suggested uses for the box includes housing the second defibrillator unit and a gallery for local artists. Clive also stated that he is now in a position to source competitive costs for the refurbishment of the box.

4 Accounts and financial matters

The monthly accounts spread sheet was read and signed by Chairman Richard Cleverly as an accurate document.

Clive will raise an invoice the Parish Council for £1050 for work he completed on the PC part of the village website.

5 Planning

On the general issue of planning, John and Clive both expressed their feelings of being uninformed on planning issues and developments in the area.

An updated planning application was received regarding Waterbank. This contained a new map and more information on water drainage.

6 County Councillor's Report

Nigel's report contained information on road works in the area in the near future. Including:

A429, Moreton-in-Marsh, Improvement Works to commence on Wednesday 5th October 2016 for approximately 9 days. In order to minimise disruption, works within the carriageway will be undertaken during three overnight road closures, between Tuesday 11th October and Friday 14th October (7:00pm – 7:30am).

Fosseway Junction with A429, for carriageway resurfacing works. The work is programmed to take place between the 13th - 14th October 2016. The road will be subject to a Road Closure. Access for vehicles during the works will be extremely limited due to the nature of the work and the size of machinery to be used. There will be a signed diversion route via Burford and the A40 returning on the A429.

A429 High Street, Moreton in Marsh. This road will be closed for three nights, 11th 12th and 13th October from 19:00 to 07:30. Any inquiries can be directed to 08000 514514.

7 District Councillor's Report

Mark's report stated that currently, there is no available funding for dog refuse bins. The cost will therefore go to the Parish Council. John Durrant agreed to source a competitive price for a new bin. At Upper Rissington, planning has been agreed for a Nursery School and there is current District Council activity to consider a Pharmacy.

8 Correspondence

Councillor Moore offered to contribute 75% of a £4000 total amount for a 30mph Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) on the understanding that the Parish Council funds the rest of the amount. The offer remains open and to be discussed between all Parish Councillors.

9 Any other business

John Durrant asked that CDC Legal Department is contacted for an update on the Parish Council's procedure regarding vested interests. Currently, Councillors with vested interests on an issue are not required leave the room. The Councillors agreed that an update on this policy is needed.

The Parish Council's involvement with donations and good causes is to be added to the next meeting agenda.

John Durrant said that he had been asked to raise the issue of where people store their rubbish bins as this is an area of outstanding beauty. Clive said that he will look into what is permissible. Mark MacKenzie-Charrington advised that the Cotswold District Council help desk would be able to help.

10 Date of next meeting to be held on 01 November 2016

The meeting was closed by Chairman Richard Cleverly at 19:40