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## GREAT RISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday, 05 July 2016 at the Great Rissington Club

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

In attendance: District Councillor Mark MacKenzie-Charrington, Local Government Electors (10)

### 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 Councillor Colin Campbell and County Councillor Nigel Moore.

### 2 Minutes of meeting held on 07 June 2016

The minutes of the meeting held on 07 June 2016 were approved and signed by the Chairman as an accurate record.

### 3 Parish Council Vacancy

After one month of the vacancy being advertised on the village website and notice board, the council had been granted the ability to co-opt a new Councillor. Three people had declared their interest for the role and all candidates were contacted prior to the meeting and asked to prepare a presentation to support their application for the vacancy. With one applicant present at the meeting, Chairman Richard Cleverly put the case to a vote, either to co-opt the present applicant or to wait until September. All councillors agreed to co-opt during the current meeting. As the sole candidate present, Mr Michael Hoyle was co-opted into the vacancy.

### 4 Matters arising

Richard asked Clerk Mike Saunders to email all councillors for their interest in attendance as delegates for the Rural Services Conference and the GAPTC AGM. Richard added that all issues will be posted onto the village website. Richard asked for District Councillor Mark MacKenzie-Charrington's analysis on the Local Plan Submission Draft Reg:19 and the Community Infrastructure Levy, during his allocated slot. Richard also asked for particular reference regarding the planning of the gypsy site in the village.

### 5 Accounts and financial matters

The monthly accounts spread sheet was read and signed by Chairman Richard Cleverly as an accurate document. Councillor John Durrant asked that all cheques including those unbanked can be added to the monthly balance review.

The Clerk's expenses were read by all of the Councillors without objection and a new impress of £50 was agreed to be paid to Mike to cover all clerical expenses.

## 6 Planning

No objections were raised to the plans regarding Bramble Cottage for a replacement kitchen extension glass roof.

No objections were raised regarding the alterations to ground levels to the side of the dwelling and construction or retaining the boundary walls for Waterbank. Neither were any objections raised to the felling of one leylandii and two spruce trees. Tree Warden, Mark Darwent informed Mike that he would visit the property for more information regarding the proposed work to the trees.

## 7 Correspondence

No significant correspondence has been received with the exception of a GCC Highways email reporting that the cleaning of the drains has yet to be completed in Great Rissington.

## 8 County Councillor and District Councillor's report

Due to County Councillor Moore's absence, the report was not read and is available online.

Mark Mackenzie-Charrington reported that the Upper Rissington Nursery plans have now been submitted and that there were also delays to the purposes of some smaller units on the new site. The advisory board for the location of a new Badhams pharmacy have agreed to change policy regarding the method of assessing the needs of a community for a pharmacy. This could allow future progress for Badhams to make a permanent establishment at Upper Rissington. Regarding issues involving Great Rissington, Mark informed the council of his involvement with the proposed gypsy site in Greens Close. Mark has provided photographic evidence in correspondence to the planners, identifying several limitability's with the site's inappropriateness as a location for the gypsy camp site. There have also been reports of two burglaries in the area with five shot guns and jewellery now reported as stolen. Mark made a general reminder to all to ensure that valuables are locked away and that nothing of interest to burglars is on display. Additionally, in the event of a deficiency in parking spaces, Mark is now available to contact. In regards to the new Infrastructural Levy, Mark informed the council that this will be advantageous to the Parish as it can expect to receive a share ranging from 10% to 25%. Finally, the Youth Activities Fund for eleven to fifteen year olds, has now been redirected to Upper Rissington. From this, all youths from all four of the Rissington can expect future activities and functions with a pool table and an X Box One.

## 9 Any other business

Mike Saunders proposed Great Rissington Parish Council membership of the Society of Local Council Clerks for a cost of £53. This would serve for discounts on materials and educational courses, of which Mike is interested in taking part in. John Durrant asked if Mike could become a member simultaneously with any future applications for educational courses. This arrangement and cost was agreed between Mike and all Councillors.

John queried the progress of a new illuminated/flashing village speed sign, promised by Councillor Moore. Clive Billing asked the council for agreement on further querying this issue. All councillors agreed. Mark MacKenzie-Charrington added that the signs are horrendously expensive and that Great Rissington may not qualify for one.

Clive informed the room that the village phone box has now been obtained and belonged to the village for a cost of £1. Clive added that he is currently in the process of obtaining quotes for professional sandblasting and repainting. These would be paid from current funds raised for the project. John asked if there was to be a method for consensus regarding the box's use. This will be organised after the work was completed and will probably take place as a forum on the village website. When asked by John, Mark Mackenzie-Charrington added that the village phone box library in Little Rissington is a great asset to the village and is used regularly. Richard then opened the meeting to the floor.

The chalk boards in the car park of The Lamb Inn were raised as a possible issue if planning permission is need for the fixed structures. Mark MacKenzie-Charrington advised the council that for fixed signs, planning permission is needed in a conservation area such as Great Rissington. Richard asked Mark to make further investigations regarding the chalk board. In light of the issue, Councillor Liz Bannister asked if the church chalk board would be problematic. John thought that this would not be a problem because the sign was not fixed in place.

The availability of the minutes on the village website was brought to the attention of the council. Clive insisted that both the minutes and agendas were up to date and currently present on the village website.

The question of the location for the promised flashing speed sign was asked. Clive believes that the proposed plan is to situate the sign on the road leading into the village on top of the hill.

The issue of hedge cutting on Rectory Lane and the corner of land when entering the village from the top of the hill were brought to the attention of the council. Richard asked Mike to write a letter to the County Council regarding the responsibility of the unaddressed work.

The future work to the phone box was raised, regarding the availability of a local decorator to reduce costs. Clive stated his passion for the box's restoration and felt that a professional restoration project will be significantly worthwhile without cutting costs.

10 Date of next meeting to be held on 06 September 2016

The meeting was closed by Chairman Richard Cleverly at 19:45