

# GREAT RISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday, 6 September 2016 at the Great Rissington Club

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

In attendance: District Councillor Mark MacKenzie-Charrington, Local Government Electors (9)

## 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 County Councillor Nigel Moore.

## 2 Minutes of meeting held on 05 July 2016 were approved and signed by the Chairman as an accurate record.

## 3 Matters arising

It was reported by the Chairman that Helen Spooner had raised the issue of a new bin in the lay-by on the left, beyond New Bridge. Chairman Richard Cleverly believed that this location may come under the responsibility for Clapton. District Councillor Mark MacKenzie-Charrington added that arranging a collection for waste from the requested location for the bin would be difficult.

On the issue of village trees and hedges by the village school, Councillor Colin Campbell emphasised the health and safety issue regarding visibility for road users. Colin proposed for Bibury landscapes to cut the hedge twice a year. Mike Saunders is to arrange a quotation for the work consisting of one cut mid-way through spring and a final cut at the end of autumn.

Richard informed the room of the electrical issues experienced with the village defibrillator blowing the club house fuses. He reported that he had arranged for it to be moved to the end of the building by the changing rooms and hoped that this would solve the problem. Richard said that there had been a suggestion that the village phone box would be a better location for the defibrillator, but that the decision had been made to locate it at the Club for sound reasons. Councillor John Durrant said that it had been suggested that the PC should pay for relocating the defibrillator to the new location by the changing rooms and, if incurring a cost for relocation, it made sense for the PC to consider relocating it nearer to the center of the village in the newly acquired telephone box. Richard stated that he was happy to cover the costs for relocating to the new position by the changing rooms on behalf of the Club. Councillor Clive Billing added that the idea of a second defibrillator being situated in the phone box was popular. The matter of costs for a second defibrillator will be added to a future meeting agenda.

Additional dog fouling bins were suggested for the village. All councillors unanimously agreed on a decision to install a new bin on Sherborne Lane at the cost of up to £250.

## 4 Accounts and financial matters

Cllr Colin Campbell requested that Cllr Clive Billing submit to the PC an invoice for the agreed amount of £1300 for the work he had done on the PC section of the village website. The monthly accounts spread sheet was read and signed by Chairman Richard Cleverly as an accurate document.

## 5 Planning

In response to the application for a one dwelling house in the grounds of Waterbank, Colin expressed his disappointment in the application creep for the property. Councillor Michael Hoyle added that this precedent for the work is concerning. John Durrant said that he objected to the way in which the application started as a garage and developed into an application for a house, but that he felt it was not unusual for this happen and that an objection at this stage would likely be futile. Mark MacKenzie-Charrington had spoken to Martin Parkes on this planning application and had been advised that despite the application creep, the size of the application has already been established as a garage and that for an effective objection, there needed to be a demonstrable reason to object. This may include any possible future harm from the development or a way that it would not benefit the community. Colin responded with the belief that the spring under the property will be effected by the development and would be exacerbated by the felling of many trees on the property. Clive Billing asked what would happen if the development damaged his property. Mark insisted that the development must not affect the neighbouring properties. The vote to object to the property was called with four objections and one vote of no objection. Councillor Liz Bannister added that the development of a Parish Plan is needed in light of the issue.

No objections were raised to the plans regarding the removal of condition 5 incidental to Glebe Farm to enable the use as an independent dwelling.

The application to remove three large Ash trees at 7 Orchard Bank was objected to by the Council after Tree Warden, Mark Darwent raised his objection on the grounds that the work should be to pollard the trees, not to have them removed. However, Mark MacKenzie-Charrington informed the room that the application had been approved on the 5<sup>th</sup> of September.

No objections were raised to the plans to reduce the height of a sycamore tree near Gable Cottage.

No objections were raised to the plans regarding Porch roof, The Dairy.

No objections were raised to the plans to fell Picea Abies tree at The Yews, Rectory Lane.

No objections were raised to the plans regarding the extension above the garage to create an office and single story, rear extension at Pinewood Cotswold Meadows.

The Public Path Diversion order is considered to have little effect on Great Rissington and was therefore received with no objection.

## 6 District Councillor's Report

Mark's report stated that the plan for a new Waitrose in Bourton on the Water has been cancelled. The Devolution of powers to The Gloucestershire County Council are continuing and may result in additional Parish responsibilities. The Cotswold District Local Plan is now completed. This includes the strategic placement for suitable locations to feature 148 affordable housing sites for the next 15 years. Colin Campbell asked where the information regarding these sites are. Mark will make enquiries to find out.

## 7 Correspondence

The letter from Geoffrey Clifton-Brown MP, was read by all councillors prior to the meeting. Richard Cleverly commented that the letter offered very little help regarding planning issues and that the traveller site in the village is still on a list for future action.

Councillor Moore's offer to match 50% of funds for a 30mph Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) was rejected to be challenged for the provision of the full amount, as discussed in previous Parish Council meetings.

8 Any other business

John Durrant asked that CDC Legal Department be contacted for an update on the Parish Council's procedure regarding conflicts of interest. Currently, Councillors with a vested interest on an issue being discussed by the PC are not required to leave the room. This dispensation was given by CDC when the PC meetings were held in the old, single-roomed, clubhouse, and may not still be valid. Councillors agreed that an update on this policy is needed.

Mrs Brain raised the point that the Tree on Smith Bank needs cutting and/or felling. Richard Cleverly agreed to talk to Mark Darwent regarding the issue

Mrs Surch raised the issue of water on the road adding to damages to the roads condition. Mike Hoyle agreed to send a letter on the issue.

Regarding the speed signs near the village club, Mark MacKenzie-Charrington agreed to ask Councillor Moore for more signs.

9 Date of next meeting to be held on 04 October 2016

The meeting was closed by Chairman Richard Cleverly at 19:58