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GREAT RISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 07 June 2016, at the Great Rissington Club

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

In attendance: Local Government Electors (2)

- 1 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest
None made.
- 2 Minutes of meeting held on 3 May 2016
The minutes of the meeting held on 5 April 2016 were approved and signed by the Chairmen as an accurate record.
- 3 Matters Arising
A letter regarding the Parish Council's limited expression towards planning applications, to Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, MP for The Cotswold Constituency was signed by Chairmen Richard Cleverly. Richard noted that it is a very well written letter.

John Durrant asked for an update on the village obtaining the BT telephone box. Clive Billing confirmed the contract for the purchase of the box has been received and needs to be signed by Chairman Richard Cleverly and sent with a cheque for £1. All councillors agreed the signature of both the contract and the payment of £1. John Durrant asked that a poll of consensus be implemented, regarding the potential purpose for the phone box. Clive will make further investigations regarding the arrangements for the electricity supply to the box and red paint.

John raised the subject of Parish Council transparency, stating that there is a lot of work to do to reach a suitable standard. Clerk, Mike Saunders agreed to provide Clive with the memory stick containing the council documents from the previous two years' worth of activity. This information will then be displayed on the village website.

Clive enquired about future training for the Council members with reference to previous arrangements. Natasha Surch informed the council of her unavailability for future training. John therefore proposed that Parish Clerk training be provided for Mike Saunders. This was agreed by all councillors up to the sum of £250. Liz Bannister also stated her interest in Parish Council training but that this would be self-financed.

- 4 Parish Councilor Vacancy

Mike will post the vacancy notification on the Parish Council notice board.

5 Accounts and financial matters

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

The Parish Councilors agreed the payment of the Clerk impress of £50 pounds for all expenses incurred by Mike Saunders, Parish Clerk. A utility subsidy of £4 per week was also agreed to be paid to Mike dating back to his appointment on 5th April.

The renewal for the Parish Council Insurance for the sum of £181.84 was agreed by all councilors.

6 Planning

No objections were raised to the reconstruction of the outbuilding for Blue Close Bungalow, Great Rissington.

A planning application involving The Quarry, Nether Westcote was discussed. No objections to the development were raised. Chairman Richard Cleverly commented that the application has little to do with the Great Rissington for geographical reasons.

No objections were raised regarding the application for the pruning of Silver Birch Trees at Augereaus Barn, Great Rissington. It was commented that there could be a future problem with light availability.

7 Correspondence

None raised.

8 Reports from County and District Councilor

Due to the absence of both County and District Councilor, no reports were provided.

9 Any other business

Liz Bannister asked if a letter of thanks could be sent to former Parish Council Chairman, Elizabeth Meyrick, for her service after retiring. Chairman Richard Cleverly informed Liz that a letter was sent after the previous Parish Council meeting on 3rd May 2016.

10 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held at Great Rissington Club on 5 July 2016.

The meeting was closed by Chairman Richard Cleverly at 19:13