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GREAT RISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday, 05 September 2017 at the Great Rissington Club

Present: Parish Councillors Richard Cleverly (Chairman), John Durrant (Vice Chairman), Colin Campbell, Jane Carter, Natasha Sheasby, Mike Saunders (Parish Clerk).

In attendance: County Councillor Nigel Moor, District Councillor Mark MacKenzie-Charrington, Local Government Electors (8)

1 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Chairman Richard Cleverly asked if there were any financial interests to be declared. No such declarations were made.

2 Minutes of meeting held on 04 July were signed by Chairman Richard Cleverly.

3 Accounts and financial matters

The monthly account spread sheet was reviewed by all Parish Councillors and signed by Chairman Richard Cleverly.

4 Matters arising

John Durrant was elected and appointed as Vice Chairman of the Parish Council.

Jenny Stewart was co-opted into the Parish Councillor vacancy. Graham Ramsey had previously expressed an interest in standing but did not wish to stand against Jenny. Graham declared his interest for future councillor vacancies.

John Durrant informed the council that C.D.C had advised that they could not comment on the legality of the proposed formula for donations to good causes. John advised that the donations agreed for this year are not affected by this as they were voted on when councillors with conflicts of interests left the room during the respective vote. All councillors were in agreement to adopt the proposed formula for donations in future years.

A request for the council to fund Citizens Advice was received. Jane Carter advised that the organisation had helped local people in the past. It was agreed that funding will only go to causes within Great Rissington.

An email from Andrew Mitchell, leading campaigner for the Upper Rissington Neighbourhood Development Plan, advised that some land in the plan belongs to Great Rissington. It was agreed that John Durrant will meet with Andrew to discuss further.

A Spindle bush on Parish Council-owned land has been reported as substantially growing and breaking a nearby residence's wall. The council agreed to classify the bush as a bush so that it could be taken down without a planning application required and John Durrant will arrange for its removal.

Clive Billing was invited to speak where he informed the room that the village website is now up to date with the transparency compliancy requirements. He informed the council that all large exercises undertaken by the council were now published on the village website and that the council qualifies for further funding to go towards increasing transparency. Jane Carter and Mike Saunders are to apply for this funding.

Clive Billing was invited to provide an update on the village phone box. Clive informed the room that a full account of the phone box activity is available on the village website. The campaign has now received sufficient funds to carry out restoration work. Clive is yet to apply for a grant to fund the purchasing of a new defibrillator. It was agreed that the telephone box remain under the ownership of the Parish Council and not be transferred to the Village Trust.

5 Planning

No objections were raised to the following applications received:

- Replace entrance gates at The Manor.
- Pool and associated landscaping, The Manor.
- Tree works, Gable Cottage.
- Full application for cottage at 40, The Yard.
- Reduction to Silver Burch, The Dairy.
- Conservatory, The Dairy.

6 Correspondence

None received.

7 County councillor's report

County Councillor Nigel Moore's report contained the following updates:

The Police and Crime Commissioner's scheme to merge the local fire and police services has been ceased following an independent report that it would be neither be cost nor performance efficient.

87 resurfacing operations have been successfully implemented and an LED street lighting scheme is now in effect to update county street lighting with energy efficient bulbs.

The contract for the county's roads with Amey has now expired and the County Council are now sourcing three contracts – for routine, structural and professional road works.

A grant scheme for spending on local children is still available and Nigel informed the council that he will help the school apply for the funding.

Finally, Nigel offered the funding from the rejected Vehicle Activated Sign to instead be put toward hiring Lengthsmen for a week of work to the village. The council accepted this offer. All requests for work are to be sent to Mike Saunders to compile a work schedule.

8 District councillor's report

District Councillor Mark MacKenzie-Charrington's report focused on the plans for a weight restriction of 7 ½ tonnes to Burford's high street. Mark's concern centred on his belief that the larger traffic on route to Bourton or Stow will instead use the road towards and/or through Great Rissington. Richard Cleverly advised that this road has a weight restriction but Mark stated his belief that policing and enforcing this will be difficult. Mike Saunders is to compile an objection to the application.

9 Any other business

None raised – Richard Cleverly opened the item to the floor.

Bob Sterling asked if the council's position on developing new single dwellings has changed recently in light of it's no objection to the recent application to 40, The Yard. Colin Campbell advised that applications are reviewed based on their individual merits and that the objection to Waterbank occurred based on issues with the application. John Durrant informed the room that the council had been made aware that the recent application to 40, The yard was, in part, prompted by the recent development to Waterbank.

10 Date of next meeting to be held on 03 October 2017