

Mark Carpenter, Chair of Upper Rissington Parish Council

UNCONFIRMED Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting for Upper Rissington held on Monday 14th May 2012 at Upper Rissington Village Hall

Present: Cllr Carpenter (Chair), Cllr Timms, Cllr Harrison, Cllr Arnell, Cllr Flint, Helen Parry (Clerk) and Siân Cassie (RFO)

In Attendance: Cllr Crosbie Dawson (CDC), Cllr Thorpe, PC Gary Brewer and 6 members of the public

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Aspinall, Simon Noonan Cocks (Gladedale)
2. **Declarations of interest:** There were none.
3. **Minutes:** The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 9th May 2011 were not available for approval.
The reports were heard out of order to allow people to move on to other meetings.
8. **To receive a report from Stow Police:** PC Gary Brewer gave a report on the crime figures over the last year.
7. **Cllr Venetia Crosbie Dawson** reported that CDC have managed to cut costs by sharing post with other councils, a joint waste venture with GCC, joint finance with Forest of Dean, Gloucester City and Cheltenham. The cost of licences for green bins and car parking charges have been frozen. There will be rigid plastic recycling later this year and all recycling will be collected by the same vehicle.
6. **Cllr David Thorpe** reported that GCC had saved £36m over the last year and plan on saving £140m over 2 years. Council tax has been frozen. They are keeping support for the elderly and vulnerable. They are building a waste facility with an incinerator and aiming for no more landfill in 2 years. They are investing in super-fast broadband and hope to implement it within 2 years. They are maintaining frontline services, schools and buses. Highways are putting money into maintenance rather than traffic management. He drew attention to BAD - Bourton Against Development. Proposed further development in Bourton would have an adverse effect on the development in Upper Rissington.
4. **Finance:** The RFO gave a summary of last year's finances.
5. **To receive a report from Gladedale:** None available.
9. **To receive a report from the Chair of Upper Rissington Parish Council:** Cllr Carpenter reported that numbers at Youth Club are increasing. There will soon be a car available for use when needed in the village. They have set up a new grass cutting contract, organised the firework display, are planning the creation of a Jubilee Garden and are working with the surrounding villages with a view to providing further youth services.
10. **To receive a report on social and community activities in Upper Rissington:** Cllr Arnell gave a report on the new Social Committee. They plan to have 4 events a year, the Jubilee celebrations being the first.
11. **To receive questions and comments from parishioners:** The following were raised:-
 - A sign is required to keep youths out of the play park.
 - Something is required for the older kids in the village, a shelter for example.
 - Could also do with some signs about dog mess around the play park.

The meeting started at 7pm and closed at 8.25pm

Signed

Chair of Upper Rissington Parish Council

Date