

Upper Rissington Parish Council

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CONFIRMED Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 8th October 2012 at Upper Rissington Village Hall

Present: Cllr Harrison, Cllr Timms, Cllr Flint, and Helen Parry (Clerk/RFO)

In Attendance: 11 members of the public.

1. **Apologies:** Apologies were received from Cllrs Arnell, Crosby-Dawson and Thorpe.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** There were none.
3. **Minutes:** The Minutes' of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd September 2012 were approved as a correct record.
4. **Matters Arising:**
 - 1) An enforcement notice was due to be served in the near future on the residents of 22 Sopwith Road stating the requirement to remove the shed in the front garden.
 - 2) Comments from the council had been forwarded to CDC regarding 12/03313/TPO
 - 3) The parish website was being used more to provide information to the residents of the village.
 - 4) The clerk had yet to send letters out regarding the Grass Cutting contract due to the workload of the Planning Applications.
 - 5) Broadband had been set up in the clerk's office.
5. **Public session:** A member of the public asked about the provision of faster broadband via a Fibre Optic cable that run the length of the village. It was stated that this belonged to the MOD and therefore, could not be used for public use. Another resident advised that they had written to BT regarding the provision of faster broadband to the village. A member of the public expressed his concern over the use of render on the outside of the new Community Hall due to the maintenance costs associated with it. There were also concerns over the designs of the some of the proposed new homes.
6. **District/County Councillors Reports:** There were no reports available.
7. **Election of a new Vice-Chairman:** There were no volunteers for the position and the item was deferred to the next meeting.
8. **Co-opting:** John Barber and Dawn Laird were co-opted onto the council.

Standing Orders were suspended whilst the new councillors signed their declaration of interest forms.

9. **Vacancy on Parish Council:** The vacancies were now filled.

10. **Planning:**

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a) **12/03810/REM:** Application for the erection of 368 dwellings. The chairman advised the meeting that a letter from GCC Highways had been forwarded to CDC planning regarding this application stating that they would refuse the application unless certain remedial actions were taken by the developer to the plans involving highways. It was agreed that in order to discuss the planning application in detail, it would be the subject of a separate meeting. The clerk was to arrange for additional planning meetings to discuss the applications.

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- b) **12/04065/FUL:** Installation of an all-weather gallop at Bobble Barn Farm, Little Rissington. There were no objections to this application.
- c) **12/03895/REM:** Application for new Primary School. It was agreed this application would also be discussed in detail at a separate planning meeting. The meeting would also look at the possibility of moving the school and village community centre locations within the confines of the outline planning permission, following concerns raised by residents. The clerk was to arrange a meeting. Clerk
- d) **12/03811/REM:** Application for development of new Business units. Concern was raised over the use of these units and the ability of existing business tenants to transfer across. As with the other planning applications, the clerk was to arrange for a separate planning meeting to discuss. Clerk
- e) **12/04275/TPO:** Reduce canopy of silver birch, 28 Sopwith Road. No objections were raised; the council was content to agree with the decision made by the Tree Officer in respect of this application.
- f) **12/03909/TPO:** Prune tress back to previously created pruning points, 12 Smith Barry Road. No objections were raised.
- (2)The Council noted the following planning decision made:
- a) **12/03313/TPO:** 5 Avro Road, request to fell a Whitebeam tree - **Application withdrawn.**
11. **Update from Bovis/Linden:** A newsletter had been published and would be distributed to all household in Upper Rissington by 10th October 2012. Clerk
12. **Bar Venture:** It was agreed that the clerk would take legal advice regarding the request for the return of property from the bar venture. Clerk
13. **Authorisation for Clerk to Apply for Funding:** As Cllr Aspinall had requested this item and was not present at the meeting, the item was deferred until the next meeting. Clerk
14. **Planting of Replacement Trees:** Workload had prevented the clerk from investigating this item further however it was agreed that trees that the council was responsible for would be checked first. Item to be deferred until the next meeting.
15. **Jubilee Garden:** Work has progressed and the garden was looking more established. It was hoped that a working party, involving some of the youth of the village, would be set-up next year to carry the work on. Clerk
16. **Lowering Kerb for Parking Bay:** The clerk had discovered that permission would be needed from highways before proceeding. The clerk was to investigate the cost of lowering the kerb before a decision on proceeding/funding could be made.
17. **Newsletter:** There was lots of interest expressed in the formation of a group to develop a regular newsletter for the village as well as a possibility that this could be combined with other 'Rissington' villages. Anybody who wished to help in the production of a newsletter for the village was asked to notify the clerk of their interest. Clerk
18. **Steering Group:** Questionnaires were in the process of being evaluation by GRCC. It was hoped that all analysis would be complete and a report finalised by Christmas 2012.
19. **Social Committee:** No formal request had been received for funding from the social committee and was therefore deferred until the next meeting.
20. **Finance:-**
- 1) The council agreed to fund additional hours for the previous RFO to assist the clerk in her role.
 - 2) The council agreed to fund the purchase of an oil-filled radiator, up to £50, for use in

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- the clerk's office when the village hall heating was off
- 3) The council agreed to renew the Parish Online Mapping facility for the forthcoming year.
 - 4) The council agreed that the clerk could sign up for a 2year contract with a new electricity supplier to ensure the best deal.
 - 5) The clerk apologised to the meeting that the finances were not available to review at the meeting. They were to be provided to the council at the next available meeting.
21. **Progress Reports:**
- 1) **Reports from Councillors:**
 - a) Cllr Timms advised that he was in the process of identifying which roads in the village required repairs by highways and would update the clerk.
 - b) Cllr Harrison informed the meeting that he had been contacted by the Cotswold Journal following the planning meeting held the previous week. He had given a report which had appeared in the newspaper.
 - c) Cllr Flint reminded the meeting that they should write to the CDC planning officer if they had any comments they wished to make about the proposed development.
 - 2) **Reports from the Clerk:** The clerk reported that the second instalment of the precept (£9375) had been received from CDC.
22. **Correspondence for Information:** No material matters to report.
23. **Items for future agenda:** The following items are to be on the agenda of the next Parish Council meeting:
- 1) To discuss the possibility of closing the path between Harris Gardens and Lancaster Drive.
 - 2) To discuss that lack of cycle/foot paths between the old part of the village and the new development.
 - 3) To discuss the setting up and management of Allotments.
18. **Date of next meeting:** To confirm that the next meeting will be held on Monday 5th November 2012 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

Clerk

Cllr
Timms

Chair's Signature:

Date: 5th November 2012