

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting**  
**held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2014, 7.00pm at Upper Rissington Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllr Edward Timms (Chairman), Cllr Margaret Flint (Vice Chairman), Cllr Stuart Hepburn, Cllr Michael Triggs

**In attendance:** 4 members of public, Sharon Henley (Clerk/RFO) and Cllr Venetia Crosbie Dawson, Cotswold District Council

**Apologies:** Cllr Richard Arnell and Cllr Nigel Moor, Gloucestershire County Council

**1. Chairman's Report**

The Chairman reported some upheavals and changes in the Parish Council over the last year and he thanked Dawn Laird for all her work on the village hall and proposed youth shelter. He also thanked past Chairman, David Harrison, who is helping with Village Hall bookings and hall condition checks. However, there are new members in place with a total of five Councillors now in place and a fifth likely to be co-opted at this evening's Parish Council meeting. The Parish Council now has a closer working relationship with Linden Homes with regular meetings and the opportunity to give feedback from the Parish Council.

A full set of tree surveys have been completed and new software installed. The Parish Council have requested an on-going rolling programme of works from the contractor.

**2. Parish Council Vacancies**

The Chairman reported that there are currently two vacancies (with one anticipated co-option tonight) and one vacancy left thereafter. Any co-options would only be until the Elections in May 2015, but he would like to encourage residents to step forward.

**3. Report from County & District Councillors**  
**Cllr Venetia Crosbie-Dawson – Cotswold District Council**

There are now more shared services between West Oxfordshire District Council, Cotswold District Council and the Forest of Dean. A 20/20 vision has been circulated recently on delivering services more efficiently.

Grant Funding of £2,200 is available for youth projects and Rob French from the CUR:ve and the Parish Clerk have been contacted with regard to this.

**Cllr Nigel Moor – Gloucestershire County Council**

Not in attendance but report supplied:

- **Spring Newsletter** distributed in Upper Rissington which provides details on the budget of the county council and information on the new highways contract.
- **Local Highways Guide** - GCC have published a guide to the new highways contract with Amey – copies available from GCC.
- The **GCC Local Transport Plan** is being reviewed and Cllr Moor is working with colleagues to ensure that the Fosse Corridor neglected for 30 years becomes a priority.
- **Broadband:** *Fastershire* have improved their web site ([www.fastershire.com](http://www.fastershire.com)). Upper Rissington is promised a minimum of 2 Mbps by the end of 2015.

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- **Meeting the Challenge:** There is a public road show in Stow (Tesco Car Park) on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July which he urges councillors to attend.
- **Bus Service 802 Draft:** Gloucestershire County Council have consulted with residents and parish councils on the new draft bus schedule which includes Stow and Kingham Station. There have been discussions with the County's transport Officers Alan Barratt and Bill Carr on revisions to this schedule and the Parish Council has organised a meeting for the 31<sup>st</sup> July at 7.30 pm at the village hall for all residents.
- **Victory Felds:** Work has started on the construction of the new school site and new junction onto Barrington Road is nearing completion.
- **Youth Facilities:** Cllr Moor is keen to support improved facilities and he is awaiting details of what is needed at Upper Rissington to make an application for a grant to GCC.

#### 4. Report from Police – PC Jason Page

PC Page is the Local Community Officer for the area. Crime statistics for Upper Rissington for the first half of the year were the same as last year in same period. However, lighter evenings and summer holidays usually sees a rise in crime. In addition to PC Page, there are two PCSOs out on foot patrol duty covering the area.

#### 5. Public Session

##### Report from Liz Bannister - Head of Great Rissington School:

Construction of the new school buildings by Kier are following schedule at present. Both the School and Community Centre are planned for completion by 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2015 and the school plan to move in immediately after that date. The School will be using the Village Hall on a Monday morning from September and the school will be covering any insurance requirements.

There will be two new teachers from September. The school will have to reconstitute its governing body, and are currently proposing to rename it 'Rissington School'. There will be mainly children from Upper Rissington at this site and children from Great Rissington and other villages at the other site, with approximately 75 children on this site (3 classes). The school will be run almost as two parallel village schools and classes may have mixed year groups but this model has proved successful in other local schools so good results are expected.

##### Report from the CUR:ve (Church in Upper Rissington: valuing everyone) delivered by Caroline Maclean in Rob French's absence:

Thanks were given for grants from the PC, other organisations and individuals which were used to offer holiday clubs and sporting sessions in the school holidays, in addition to regular weekly activities such as Coffee@CURve. There is now a CUR:ve event every Sunday morning in the village hall. In addition to Sunday Cafe and Sunday Cafe Active, there is informal worship at Sunday Cafe Plus on the Sundays between.

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CUR:ve has been helping residents in the new development to feel settled by taking round a 'welcome pack' and some homemade cookies. More people are now getting involved with the sport on Saturday mornings and there are plans to offer more of this in the future with the facilities on the new development.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 19.50hrs.



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Edward Timms  
Chair of Upper Rissington Parish Council

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