

# Upper Rissington Parish Council

## Minutes of Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting

held on Thursday 25 October 2018, 7:30 pm at Upper Rissington Village Hall

Councillors present: Matthew Barley, Dawn Laird, and Amos Peek (Chairman)

In attendance: Pauline Rigby (Clerk) and four members of the public

1. **Apologies:** Councillors Brian Hanks and Bob Hazard were unable to attend. Ward Councillor Mark MacKenzie-Charrington and County Councillor Nigel Moor sent their apologies.
2. **Declarations of Interest and Applications for Dispensation:** None received.
3. **Public Session:** The following questions and comments were received:
  - When are the grass cutters coming back to complete last week's cut?
  - Why didn't Highways fill the salt bin on Wellington Road?
  - The land behind the old Co-op is up for discussion but it belongs to the developer.
  - The surface of the new play park is uneven; is it going to stay like that?
  - Bushes on Barrington Road exits at Sopwith Road and Grebe Square are blocking visibility.
  - An overgrowing tree on Sopwith Road needs to be trimmed.
  - Coming out of Grebe Square and turning south, the hedge forces pedestrians onto the road.
  - Could these areas be added to the grounds maintenance contract? Councillors agreed to supply details, so the Clerk can follow up.
4. **Public Open Spaces:**
  - a) **To consider suggestions to put forward to Cotswold District Council about the open space behind the Old Co-Op:** This area is currently part of the open spaces owned by the developer, but there are no proposals for development on that land, and the Planning Officer has asked the Parish Council for suggestions about what it would like to see there. Council **resolved** to put forward the suggestion that it is an ideal location for a Village Shelter with solar panels and plug-in points for WiFi. Councillors emphasized that there's no guarantee this could be delivered; it's a suggestion to Cotswold District Council that they will then negotiate with the developer. The Clerk was asked to write to CDC officer with the proposal, and to ask that, if the proposal is accepted, would the developer consult with the Parish Council on the design.
  - b) **To consider the Parish Council's response to the new details for planning application 17/04151/FUL:** Council discussed the new details for the public open spaces in Victory Fields, including skate park, bin style and locations, benches, Maze, hoggins and mown paths, a ramp at the tennis courts, water to the allotments, and improved traffic calming near the school. The Clerk read back the points raised, and Council resolved to submit the comments.  
  
[A copy of the comments will be available on Cotswold District Council's planning portal].
5. **Winter Action Plan:** Potential locations for new grit bins were considered, and it was resolved to buy 3 large grit bins and one smaller bin at a cost of up to £500 + VAT.
6. **Spring Bulbs:** Councillors discussed plans to plant spring bulbs around the village. Expenditure of £500 to purchase bulbs and equipment had been agreed in October 2017. Councillor Barley offered to complete the Risk Assessment, and work out which bulbs to purchase. The Clerk was asked to forward the plan of the agreed planting areas, and place the order for bulbs.
7. **Date and Time of Next Meeting(s):** Wednesday 14 November 2018, 7:30pm.

The meeting closed at 9:25 pm.

Signature of Chairman upon approval of the Minutes ..... 26 November 2018

Copies to:

County Councillor Nigel Moor

District Councillor Mark Mackenzie-Charrington