

Upper Rissington Parish Council

Village Hall, Wellington Road, Upper Rissington, Gloucestershire, GL54 2QW

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on

Wednesday 24 June 2020, 7pm via Zoom

Present:

Declan TORRIS (Chairman)

Amos PEEK (Vice Chairman)

Don BOWIE

Kelvin WALKER

Russell MCCANN

Vaughan TAYLOR

Christine HIGGS

Nigel MOOR (County Councillor)

Andrew MACLEAN (District Councillor)

Absent:

Samantha BROADHURST

In attendance: Kath FINCH (Covid 19 co-ordinator).

Members of the public: 6

1/20 **Apologies for Absence**

There were none.

2/20 **Declarations of Interest**

There were none.

3/20 **Applications for Dispensation**

There were none.

4/20 **Report from the County Councillor**

Longmore Walk lighting is still an issue. Contractors have visited the site but not reported back. Councillor Moor is meeting with them 25/6/20 and will request an update. It is complicated as lighting wasn't an initial condition for this footpath. We will do a feasibility study for costings to see if it can come from the Highways budget but the most likely successful outcome will be from a community match scheme with GCC's support. There was a similar issue in a new development in Moreton and this route was successful in getting the lighting resolved.

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The parking area in front of Little Rissington Village Hall where the defibrillator is housed, will be marked to keep clear as those not local to the area can't find it if large vehicles are parked in front. This has sadly been a problem recently.

5/20

Report from the District Councillor

The District Council have made a number of small business grants recently to help local small businesses in these difficult times. Medium size businesses fall between the gaps for support. District Council are chasing the Secretary of State regarding this matter. To date our District Councillor hasn't been made aware of any medium size businesses needing support but would like to be informed if there are any.

Roadworks advanced warning:

A424 will be partially closed in July. Details to follow.

Bourton to Little Rissington Road, Thames water installing a new water main 21-27 July.

District Councillor is chasing information about an initial request for planning permission from Bovis on the site initially earmarked for a Nursery.

13 houses have approved for development in Little Rissington but the village and District Council are appealing.

6/20

Public Session

- It was pointed out that Longmore Walk isn't Avenue – there is some confusion with signs.
- The items in the confidential section of the meeting were questioned as to why these aren't public especially as one point was about planning permission. It was explained that there are some confidential parts that need discussing but the Chairman explained that Bovis are hoping for permission to build 10 houses on the site originally intended for a Nursery building. The other confidential part about the Village Hall Trust was to enable the councillors to have a frank discussion but not to be secretive. Open discussions will continue.
- It was asked if the PC's decision on the planning application is binding and that they shouldn't allow the building of more houses on this land which is supposed to be for employment opportunities. Councillor Maclean confirmed that CDC are determined to keep employment space.
- The PC were informed that the RAF have put in an air space change request which will protect the airspace round the airfield adding protection to the gliders. There is no intent to increase flying at the airfield. Ref ID ACP-2019-45.

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- Playparks can open from 4 July. PC only own the one by Farman Crescent and it will be opened as near to that date as possible once it has had a safety check. Bovis are responsible for opening and checking the others.
- The PC is still waiting to hear from Bovis about removing the fencing around areas such as the allotments.

7/20 **Approve and sign minutes of previous meetings**

With some minor alterations to be made it was AGREED by all councillors to approve and sign the minutes from the previous meeting.

8/20 **Consideration of a sensor light over the defibrillator.**

Councillor Taylor will arrange an electrician to quote, PC will ask permission from the VHT, a budget of up to £250 was agreed.

9/20 **Review Village Clerk advertisement**

Councillor McCann will update the spec to include items discussed. Further discussion needed on the title of the role eg Parish Clerk, Responsible Officer confirm with GAPTC. If recruiting an unqualified person, training can take up to 2 years but is worth it for the right person to work as a team. Look at channels for advertising widely.

10/20 **Authorise expenditure to purchase spring bulbs**

It was agreed to spend up to £1000 to purchase spring bulbs for around the village. Volunteers will be sought to help plant them in October.

11/20 **Review Chartered Surveyors report on POS**

Proctors Chartered Surveyors correspondence was discussed and it was decided that the best way forward was for Councillors Torris, Walker and Bowie to try and meet with them to bring this matter to a conclusion.

12/20 **Finance**

- a. No Income received
- b. Payments in the schedule were approved.

13/20 **Confidential Session**

All members of the public left the meeting.

14/20 **Planning Proposal from Bovis Homes**

Councillors discussed the issues and agreed a response, 1 councillor abstained.

15/20 **Claim for Village Hall car park lighting**

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Councillors discussed the issues and it was agreed that a face to face meeting was thought to be the way ahead to resolve the issues.

16/20 **Date of Next Meeting**

Next meeting via Zoom will be notified.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

Signature of Chairman upon approval of the Minutes [15/07/2020
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