

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 July 2020, 7pm via Zoom

Present:

Declan TORRIS (Chairman)

Amos PEEK (Vice Chairman)

Don BOWIE

Kelvin WALKER

Vaughan TAYLOR

Christine HIGGS

Andrew MACLEAN

Absent:

Russell MCCANN

Samantha BROADHURST

Nigel MOOR

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

Members of the public: 11

32/20 **Apologies for Absence**

Councillors McCann and Moor sent their apologies.

33/20 **Declarations of Interest**

There were none.

34/20 **Applications for Dispensation**

There were none.

35/20 **Public session.**

There were no questions

36/20 **Planning Consent**

Consideration was made for Applications 20/01757/FUL and 20/01616/FUL. For both applications the date for commenting had passed but the Councillors agreed they had no objections.

37/20 **Proctors Surveyors**

Councillors discussed recent communication with Proctors surveyors and all agreed to offer a payment of £3000 + VAT as a full and final offer. If rejected this offer is off the table and a complaint will be made to RICS.

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38/20 **Discussion of letter from VHT and way forward**

The VHT secretary read a statement from the trust and management committee. This outlined their concerns that discussions regarding the VHT are often held in secrecy during PC meetings and lack of discussion between parties. The volunteers are looking to dissolve the trust and hand back the Village Hall to the PC. After a meeting on 1 July between the VHT and some members of the PC, the VHT have now outlined how they wish to move forward to prevent the trust dissolving. They stated that if the following 4 points are accepted the trust may not dissolve, if the points are not accepted then the trust will dissolve on 14 Nov 20.

- (1) The VHT would like the addition of a break clause for both parties requiring 4 months notice.
- (2) The PC should appoint a councillor to act as liaison between the parties and should attend the AGM and at least 3 management committee meetings. They should be available to discuss issues outside of these times.
- (3) VHT updates should become a permanent public item on the PC meetings Agenda.
- (4) The PC and NHT need to establish a process to manage and resolve building defects. It needs to be clear who is responsible for which items.

It was agreed that the PC need to meet with the VHT to specifically sort points 1 & 4. Point 2 is Councillor Higgs. Point 3 is agreed but as a VHT update not an open agenda item as this is not allowed under PC rules & regulations.

It was noted by the PC Chairman during the discussion that the PC are not in any way responsible for the Village Hall currently being closed. The village Hall Trust who operate the hall is entirely responsible for its reopening.

All Councillors agreed to take legal advice on point 1 as soon as possible to enable further meetings between the PC and VHT.

39/20 **Date of Next Meeting**

Next meeting via Zoom will be notified.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.40pm.

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Signature of Chairman upon approval of the Minutes [19/08/2020]