

GUITING POWER PARISH COUNCIL

UNRATIFIED Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held March 16th 2022 7.45 p.m.

At Guiting Power Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Simon Gardner (Chair), Lisa Rose, Geoff Cuthbert, Else Ogden

County Councillor Mark Mackenzie-Charrington, Clerk Jane Carter

Minute	AGENDA ITEMS	Action
220316/01	Apologies: apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Allcock, Wallis and Rimmer	
220316/02	To Receive Declarations of Interest From Councillors- Cllr Rose declared an interest in the Well Lane Car Park item	
220316/03	To approve the minutes of previous Parish Council meetings: the minutes of the meeting held January 19th 2022 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.	
220316/4	To receive comments and concerns from the public: none received.	
220316/5	Report from County Councillor: The report had been previously circulated. He confirmed the continued concerns about the applications to increase the size of the North Cotswold Quarry Cluster and that campaigns and legal actions were ongoing. There would also be a DofE Environment Assessment	
220316/6	Playground update: A grant of £1032 had been confirmed from the Build Back Better Fund which would be used for the purchase of swing seats and replacement of sand in the play area. Cllr Gardner thanked Cllr Mark Mackenzie Charrington for his support in securing the grant. Cllr Gardner would confirm order of the sand.	Cllr Gardner
220316/7	Queens Jubilee Beacon Request: The council had also received correspondence from the RCIS inviting the village to be part of the official Jubilee 'anchor chain'. Possible map coordinates for the sighting of the beacon had been provided. Cllr Gardner would confirm the location of the proposed site with the Trust and get their permission to hold the Beacon lighting on the evening of Thursday June 2 nd . Clerk would confirm GP participation.	Clerk/Cllr Gardner
220316/08	Jubilee Tree Planting: the trees to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee had been planted in a small ceremony on the Playing Fields. The clerk queried if plaques were now required to mark the planting. A wrought iron seat had also been proposed. It was agreed to discuss at the next meeting when all councillors were present.	
220316/09	Parish Meeting Arrangements: the meeting was confirmed as Tuesday May 31 st at 7.30 p.m. The clerk to arrange publicity leaflets and to contact group organisers to present reports. Refreshments would be provided	Clerk

220316/10	Jubilee Celebration Event: a request had been received from the Social Group for a donation of £100 towards the Jubilee event on Sunday June 5 th . This was agreed	
220316/11	Guiting Power Village fete: the council approved arrangements for the Village Fete being organised by the Social Group. A Parish Councillor would carry out the necessary risk assessment for insurance purposes	
220316/12	Well Lane Car Park Plan: Cllr Allcock had attended a meeting with Guiting Power Trust to discuss plans for using the vacant allotments in Well Lane to alleviate parking congestion. A plan was presented (attached). There were no objections to the proposal, and it was agreed to support it.	
220316/13	The following planning application was considered: 22/00756/FUL Demolition of existing toilets/lobby and erection of single storey extension between outbuilding and main pub. Conversion of outbuilding for toilets Farmers Arms Guiting Power Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL54 5TZ- NO COMMENT	
220316/14	Finance: I. To approve current statement of accounts and bank reconciliation: Approved II. GAPTC Subscription: renewal of the GAPTC annual subscription was approved. III. The following payments were approved: £325.50 Wicksteed. Replacement of Swing seats £40- ICO. Renewal of Data Protection Licence £81.31. GAPTC. Annual subscription renewal IV. Clerks Pay Award: it was agreed to approve the National clerks' pay award backdated to April 2021 as recommended by NALC.	
220316/15	For Information: Cllr Rose reported that she and Cllr Rimmer had attended a forum on the Cotswolds Local Plan. Consultation was still continuing, and it was expected to take a further two years. There had been a call for sites for possible development. There was an increased focus on climate change/renewable energy.	
220316/16	The Chair closed the meeting at 8.25 p.m. and thanked everyone for attending. The next meeting would be held on Wednesday May 18 th at 7.45 p.m.	

Approved By _____

Date _____

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Report from GC Cllr Mark MacKenzie-Charrington

- Future local Road Closures include Stow – Well Lane 14th to 18th March Lower Oddington 22nd to 25th March Icomb Hill 6th and 7th April Upper Oddington 18th to 22nd April Lower Oddington 20th to 29th April Moreton, Coders Lane 3rd to 5th May
- Gloucestershire Fire & Rescue Service is donating to Ukraine an Aerial Ladder Platform vehicle, along with equipment including portable generators, batterpowered saw, cable reels, batter chargers, jerry cans and body armour. The vehicle was scheduled to be sold by auction.
- Tarmac have been awarded a £40m road surfacing contract over the next 2 years with an option for a further 2 years. Tarmac have been resurfacing in the county since 2018. This contract is all part of the commitment to invest an additional £100m into improving our roads.
- The Central Government support grant for bus services has, after lobbying, been extended until October this year having been originally set to finish at the end of March. Special bus arrangements are in place in Cheltenham for the Festival Week. • The School Streets trial, where cars are banned during arrival and departure times, is being extended to 4 further Primary Schools in Cheltenham after a 2-year trial with Tewkesbury C of E & Warden Hill Primary Schools in Cheltenham.
- Future Bridleways and Footpath closures or diversions include: HMM10, Evenlode Road, Moreton across the 'polo ground' from 26th Feb for a period of 6 months.
- A new support service has been launched for adults suffering bereavement following suicide in the family. Run by Rethink Mental Illness, the service will include help for friends, colleagues, health and social care professionals and those who might have witnessed the death. Information can be found via 07483 375516 or e-mail glossupportaftersuicide@rethink.org or visit www.rethink.org/glossupportaftersuicide .
- The County Council approves the £521m budget for the 2022/23 on 16th February. £10m on roads; £150 into school buildings; £14m additional funding into Children & Young People's Services; £20m into cycling and pedestrian ways; a further £9m into support for vulnerable adults & those with disability. Additional amendments include £550,000 for Community Speedwatch; £45,000 for a biodiversity officer to identify opportunities in Council owned land; £120,000 to establish recycling shops at county recycling centres. A further £2m to the Fire & Rescue Service in addition to a similar sum last year.
- Moreton Market has joined the 'Real Deal Charter' to ensure that traders are offering legitimate produce and products for sale and ridding markets of counterfeits. There are over 500 markets across the county who are signed to the Charter,
- The proposed 26 mile 'cycle spine' has been announced that will extend from Stroud in the south, through Gloucester and Cheltenham to Bishop's Cleeve in the north. Funding was approved at the recent Council Budget meeting.
- Libraries have opened up 'Green Together' sections specialising in ecology, waste management, how to reduce energy consumption & more climate friendly approach to energy at work.
- The County Council will be working with the Aspire Foundation providing additional support for families in need of additional support who don't have easy access to existing Children & families

Centres. A fund of £920,000 is being provided through the Gloucestershire Health and Care NHC Foundation Trust.

- Trading Standards are reminding people to keep poultry under cover while avian influenza is prevalent in the county.
- CDC car parking charges in Stow & across the Cotswolds are to rise by 5%, rounded to the nearest 10p. 'Free After 3' introduced in 2015 will also be removed as of April 2022. The 6 day a week charging times will be 8am to 6pm.
- Don't forget my 'Build Back Better' Fund where Councillors have access to £40,000 over the next 4 years to support projects, such as Nature and Environment Physical and Mental Wellbeing Digital Inclusion Building Connections and Improving Neighbourhoods The funds will be open to community and voluntary organisations, charities, sporting groups and other non-for-profit groups, town and parish councils.
- Innovation Labs located in libraries across the county are being rolled out. They will work with schools, businesses and the community offering training in virtual reality, computer skills, digital design, 3D modelling and printing. Experienced volunteers are now being sought to help manage these.
- £1.7m has just been made available as New Year bonuses of £185 per care worker throughout the county as a thank you for their unstinting work during the Covid pandemic. To qualify the individual needs to have completed 6 months continuous service. Two further bonuses are scheduled to be paid in the Spring & Summer months.
- A central government fund of £3.7m is available for greater support for vulnerable households for food & fuel vouchers, white goods and essential household items. A sum of £123,000 will be given in addition to each of the 6 district councils for their own targeted schemes.

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