

GUITING POWER PARISH COUNCIL

UNRATIFIED Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held January 19th 2022 7.45 p.m.

At Guiting Power Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Tony Allcock OBE (Chair), Simon Gardner, Lisa Rose, Dawn Rimmer

County Councillor Mark Mackenzie-Charrington, Clerk Jane Carter

Minute	AGENDA ITEMS	Action
220119/01	Apologies: apologies were received from Cllrs Wallis, Cuthbert and Ogden	
220119/02	To Receive Declarations of Interest From Councillors- none received	
220119/03	To approve the minutes of previous Parish Council meetings: the minutes of the meeting held November 10 th 2021 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.	
220119/4	To receive comments and concerns from the public: none received. Cllr Allcock publicly thanked the residents of Caslett Farm for their donation of the Village Christmas Tree and nearby residents Mr and Mrs Hayes for the power to run the lights	
220119/5	Report from County Councillor: The report had been previously circulated. Cllr MMC agreed to explore if Build Back Better grant funding would be available for replacement of playground sand. The Clerk would write applying	Clerk
220119/6	Playground update: To approve purchase of new swing seats: Cllr Gardner confirmed that the swing seats had been broken and needed to be replaced. A price of £125 plus VAT had been quoted per seat. It was approved that Cllr Gardner place an order. Clerk to contact MCC for possible grant funding	Cllr Gardner/Clerk
220119/7	Queens Jubilee Update: Proposed position of the two Oak trees on the playground had been agreed with the Trust. Delivery was pending. It had been confirmed that any commemorative plaques would need to be purchased by the Parish Council. It was agreed the clerk investigate the options. The council had also received correspondence from the RCIS inviting the village to be part of the official beacon lighting event. Possible map coordinates for the sighting of the beacon had been provided. Cllr Rimmer would confirm the location of the proposed site. Any site would be Trust land. Clerk to write holding reply to RCIS confirming the PC support of the event and the trust would be consulted.	Clerk/Cllrs Gardner/Rimmer
220119/08	Ash Dieback Trees Replacement: the clerk reported that the trees had been delivered to the Estate for planting.	
220119/09	Highways Meeting: the clerk was trying to obtain a date for a site meeting to discuss improved car parking in in the Square and white line painting.	Clerk

220119/10	<p>The following planning application was considered: 21/04781/FUL Change of use to a flexible use for furniture upholstery and/or local community use [Use Class F1 to E(g) and/or F1] Guiting Power Baptist Church Guiting Power Cirencester Gloucestershire GL54 5UX</p> <p>It was agreed that COMMENTS be made to CDC ensuring sufficient parking being made available and that potential noise nuisance be considered in any planning conditions. The clerk to make comments to CDC.</p>	Clerk
220119/11	<p>Finance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. To approve current statement of accounts and bank reconciliation: Approved II. To approve payments and note receipts:- £282 Clerk Oct-Dec Salary £12.95- PATA Payroll December £51.80 PATA Payroll 2022 HMRC £144.40 III. Update of bank account mandate details: Cllr Allcock and Cllrs Rimmer had been added to online banking. The Clerk address had been updated. It was agreed to add the Clerk to full online banking IV. To appoint GAPTC auditor for 2021-2022 internal audit: Approved V. To approve precept for 2022-23: The budget circulated was approved and the precept increased by 3% to £4150. Clerk to submit to CDC 	Clerk
220119/15	<p>The Chair closed the meeting at 8.25 p.m. and thanked everyone for attending. The next meeting would be held on Wednesday March 16th at 7.45 p.m.</p>	

Approved By _____

Date _____

Guiting Power January 19th 2022 Report from GC Cllr Mark Mackenzie-Charrington

- Future local Road Closures include Upper Oddington – 4th to 11th January 2022 Maugersbury – 12th to 21st January 2022
- On 22nd December 2021 Cabinet agreed a Budget of £519.6m for the financial year 2022/23, an increase of £37m over 2021/22, that is open for public consultation until 21st January 2022.

Highlights include:

1. £100m extra for roads
2. £150m injection into school buildings
3. Investment into Market Towns & High Streets.
4. Support & protection for our most vulnerable communities.
5. Continued support fighting Covid-19 and supporting the counties Fire & Rescue Services
6. £14m additional investment into Children & Young People's Services
7. £9m towards services for vulnerable adults & those living with disability.
8. New cycle routes will benefit from £20m investment, including routes between: Cheltenham & Gloucester (£10.1m); Gloucester City Centre – cycle spine (£3.7m); Cheltenham to Bishops Cleeve (£5.3m).
9. £300k to the Community Speed Safety Fund working with local communities suffering from increased traffic, including those looking towards introducing 20mph zones. This is an initiative between the Fire & Rescue Service, the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner & Gloucestershire Constabulary.
10. County Councillors will have a Highways Fund of £30K to support local projects in 2022/23.
11. Further £1m towards continuing the Climate Change resolution.
12. £2.4m funding for Fire & Rescue services, ensuring that they have the best equipment available.
13. A further £2m towards the roll-out of broadband services.
14. A commitment of £70k towards settling up to 35 Afghan families, working with agencies – 53 people have now moved into 13 homes.
15. The GCC Climate Change target set in 2019 is well on course with an 83% net (77% gross) reduction in the 2030 target of an overall 80% reduction of carbon emissions.
16. More than half of the GCC 63 farms (7,000 acres) have signed to the Countryside Stewardship Scheme, working towards improved sustainability & biodiversity.

To achieve this the County Council have identified a further £13m of savings and are raising the average band D Council Tax by £3.50 per month via an increase of 1.99% and a further 1%, ring fenced, for Adult Social Services. The Council Tax will remain one of the lowest in the country. .

- The County Council announces the appointment of a new Director of Transport and Highways to drive forward the ambitious transport delivery program. Chartered Civil Engineer, Jason Humm is coming from the West of England Combined Authority where he is Head of Transport. He formerly held a similar position at Swindon Borough Council.
- The County Council continues to look for land where up to 1 million trees can be planted by 2030. Working with the Woodland Trust they want to plant 360,000 trees over the next 3 years as part of our desire to reduce global warming and are seeking landowners who are happy for trees to be planted and maintained on their land. To date 5,000 ash trees with die-back have been felled and are being replaced on a 2 for 1 native specimen basis. Latest figures show 10,400 have been planted. Current targets are for 28,300 new trees to be planted by March 2022. In some cases, quite tall

stumps will have been retained as suitable sites for the very rare violet click beetle which lives only in ash or beech trees in the UK.

- Fosse Cross recycling centre has now reopened after £160,000 refurbishment. Appointments are by booking only: <https://www.gloucestershirerecycles.com/household-recycling-centres-hrcs/yournearest-recycling-centre/fosse-cross-hrc-Cirencester/> Open Hours: Wednesday – Monday (closed Tuesday). Winter hours 10am – 4pm.
- 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.
- A statutory consultation into improvements to M5, Junction 10 and widening of the A4019 Tewkesbury Road opened on 8th December and will run till 15th February 2022. Details of the scheme, public events and feedback can be found online at www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/J10 . If it proceeds there will be a number of significant improvements in access to Cheltenham from the west as well as opening up for new housing and other community infrastructure.
- Sadly, my annual Highways £30,000 allowance for local projects has now been taken up so we will have to wait till the next financial year.
- Ubico the cross local authority services company that handles amongst things our waste collection is rapidly introducing all electric & hybrid vehicles to lower their impact on climate issues. In April Ubico will be taking on refuse collection in Gloucester increasing the number of households to 313,000. Other initiatives include a new tyre policy and contract to reduce replacement cost and carbon footprint. The new Cotswold fleet of refuse vehicles are fitted with 'Ubiconnect' software that monitors use and encourages drivers to drive more 'efficiently'.

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Budget 2022-2023

Forecasted Final Position 2021-2022

Title	2021-22	Apr - Sept	----- Forecast -----						2021/22		2022-2023
INCOME	Budget	Actual	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	TOTAL	Variance	Proposed Budget
Parish Precept	4,023.00	4,023.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,023.00	0.00	4150
VAT Refunds against eligible works	125.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		125.00	0.00	0.00	125.00	0.00	125
TOTAL	4,148.00	4,023.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	125.00	0.00	0.00	4,148.00	0.00	4,275.00
Grounds Maintenance	Budget	Actual	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	TOTAL	Variance	Proposed Budget
Grasscutting	144.00	0.00					144.00		144.00	0.00	150
Asset Maintenance/Playground	50.00	86.40							86.40	-36.40	100
Defibrillator	160.00	151.00							151.00	9.00	165
									0.00	0.00	
SUB TOTAL	354.00	237.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	144.00	0.00	381.40	-27.40	415.00
Administration	Budget	Actual	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	TOTAL	Variance	Proposed Budget
Clerk Salary	2,400.00	1,186.95			500.00			500.00	2,186.95	213.05	2475
Home allowance	312.00	0.00							0.00	312.00	0
Admin expenses	125.00	40.00							40.00	85.00	100
Computer costs	50.00	0.00							0.00	50.00	50
MS licence	24.00	0.00							0.00	24.00	24
Room Hire	96.00	0.00					96.00		96.00	0.00	100
Clerk/Councillor Training	100.00	0.00							0.00	100.00	150
Audit Fee	200.00	175.00							175.00	25.00	160
SUB TOTAL	3,307.00	1,401.95	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	96.00	500.00	2,497.95	809.05	3,059.00
Other	Budget	Actual	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	TOTAL	Variance	Proposed Budget
Subscriptions	200.00	135.00							135.00	65.00	200
Wreath	60.00	0.00			40				40.00	20.00	60
Newsletter	10.00	0.00							0.00	10.00	0
Annual assembly	10.00	0.00							0.00	10.00	75
Insurance renewal	600.00	452.00							452.00	148.00	465
SUB TOTAL	880.00	587.00	0.00	0.00	40.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	627.00	253.00	800.00
Total Income/Expenditure	Budget	Actual	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	TOTAL	Variance	Inc/Ex
Income	4,148.00								4,148.00	0.00	4,275.00
Expenditure	4,541.00								3,506.35	1,034.65	4,274.00
SUB TOTAL	-393.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	641.65	1,034.65	1.00
Earmarked Reserves	Budget	Actual	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	TOTAL	Variance	Reserves
Reserves Balance Brought Forward	8,206.70	8,206.70							8,206.70	0.00	8,848.35
										0.00	
SUB TOTAL	8,206.70	8,206.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,206.70	0.00	8,848.35
TOTAL	7,813.70	10,003.35	0.00	0.00	-540.00	125.00	-240.00	-500.00	8,848.35	1,034.65	8,849.35