

GUITING POWER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held November 16th 7.45 p.m.

At Guiting Power Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Tony Allcock OBE (Chair), Geoff Cuthbert, Else Ogden, Simon Gardner, Simon Wallis, Dawn Rimmer

Attending: Clerk Jane Carter, Cllr Mark Mackenzie Charrington, 4 members of the public

MINUTE	AGENDA ITEMS	ACTION
221116/1	Apologies: Lisa Rose	
221116/2	To Receive Declarations of Interest From Councillors- Cllr Allcock and Wallis (Funding Request Church Yard toilet)	
221116/3	To approve the minutes of previous Parish Council meetings held October 5th 2022 the minutes of the meeting were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.	
221116/4	To receive comments and concerns from the public: None	
221116/5	To receive report from County Councillor Mark Mackenzie-Charrington: the report had been circulated. Cllr Mackenzie-Charrington highlighted that the works to the Air Balloon Road were finally going ahead. This would take approximately 2 years to complete. Cllr Rimmer raised various concerns regarding drains and highways within the village. Cllr M-C said he would do his best to help if details could be given.	
221116/6	Highways Matters: several items were discussed including parking in the Square, the painting of white lines and drainage. The Trust is looking at a potential parking scheme using land in Well Lane. It was agreed that a meeting be held with two representatives from the council, the Trust, and Highways. Cllr Mackenzie-Charrington would support. Clerk to arrange	Clerk
221116/7	Bonfire Night: the evening had been a big success despite the poor weather. More than 300 people had attended. The event was held in high regard locally and very well run.	
221116/8	Xmas Tree arrangements: residents had accepted the offer of support towards the cost of electricity for the Xmas tree. Clerk to contact to arrange payment	Clerk
221116/9	Church Yard Toilet Funding Request: Cllr Gardner took over as Chair of the meeting. Following completion of the toilet, the Church had requested a monthly donation of £50 towards the maintenance and cleaning. The matter was discussed at length and representatives of the Church in attendance were invited to answer questions. Cllr Cuthbert queried if the Parish Council could pay for its maintenance as it was not its responsibility. The Clerk said this was a grey area but that a donation could be made toward the costs if the council was so minded. Councillors asked what monies had been set aside for the ongoing maintenance and upkeep of the toilets when they had been planned. The cost of £50 a month was queried as being high. It was explained the toilet would need regular cleaning and emptying as it was not a water toilet but a compost one. Cllr Gardner asked for a vote to	

	support the proposal. There was no support. Cllr Allcock resumed as Chair of the meeting.																																																			
221116/10	2023 Meeting Dates: the meeting dates as circulated were agreed. A new start time of 7 p.m. was proposed and agreed. This would begin with the January meeting.																																																			
221116/11	To consider planning applications received- None received																																																			
221116/12	Finance: i. Payments and Receipts: noted and approved ii) Statements of accounts and bank reconciliation: approved iii) To consider and approve the annual budget 2023-24 and precept application: the budget had been circulated and was approved. A precept of £4358, an increase of 5%, would be submitted. <table><tr><th>Date Paid*</th><th>Amount</th><th>Payee</th><th>Purpose</th><th>VAT to be re-claimed</th></tr><tr><td>20.10.22*</td><td>795</td><td>Cllr Cuthbert</td><td>Fireworks</td><td>Y</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>64.31</td><td>Cllr Rimmer</td><td>Newsletter</td><td>N</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><th>Date</th><th>Amount</th><th>Receipt</th><th>Purpose</th><td></td></tr><tr><td>7.11.22</td><td>Social group</td><td>662.50</td><td>Fireworks</td><td></td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table>	Date Paid*	Amount	Payee	Purpose	VAT to be re-claimed	20.10.22*	795	Cllr Cuthbert	Fireworks	Y		64.31	Cllr Rimmer	Newsletter	N																					Date	Amount	Receipt	Purpose		7.11.22	Social group	662.50	Fireworks							Clerk
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221116/13	Matters For Information: None																																																			
221116/14	The Chair closed the meeting at 8.40 p.m. and thanked everyone for attending. The next meeting would be held on Wednesday January 16th 2023 at 7 p.m.																																																			

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