

GUITING POWER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held July 20th 2022 7.45 p.m.

At Guiting Power Village Hall

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

Attending: Clerk Jane Carter

Minute	AGENDA ITEMS	Action
220720/01	Apologies: apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Gardner (work), Cllr Mark Mackenzie-Charrington	
220720/02	To Receive Declarations of Interest From Councillors- None received	
220720/03	To approve the minutes of previous Parish Council meetings held May: the minutes of the annual and ordinary meetings held May 18th 2022 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.	
220720/4	To receive comments and concerns from the public: none received.	
220720/5	Report from County Councillor: The report from Cllr Mackenzie-Charrington had previously been circulated and was noted. It was noted that the Tour of Britain would be passing through the village in September and the Winchcombe Road would be closed for that stage. Closure to be publicised	Clerk
220720/6	Queens Jubilee Commemorative Tree Seat: Cllr Rimmer reported that the seat would be purchased by the Social Group from Fete Funds. It would be made by a local farrier. The set would be added to the Council's asset register for insurance and maintenance. Cllr Tony Allcock proposed a vote of thanks to the Social Group for the donation and success of the fete.	Clerk
220720/7	Ash dieback planting: it was agreed the council would apply for trees as part of the County Council replacement scheme.	Clerk
220720/08	Gloucestershire Community Speedwatch Fund: The criteria for the fund had been circulated. It was agreed not to make an application.	
220720/10	The Grange Overhanging Trees: the landowner estate manager had been contacted and no response received. It was agreed to send information to GCC Highways for their response and action	Clerk
220720/11	Playground annual inspection: the report had been received from ROSPA. No repair work to action. Clerk to make ROSPA inspector aware of work carried out in April 2020	Clerk
220720/12	Bonfire Night: arrangements were noted. Fireworks would be purchased by the Parish Council. A risk assessment would be carried out for insurance purposes.	Cllrs Cuthbert/Rimmer
220720/13	To consider any planning applications: none received	

	Governance Documents: The council gave their approval for the following documents as circulated. These would be updated with the meeting and added to the website: I. The Standing Orders II. Risk management III. Council asset register. It was noted the Jubilee tree seat would be added.	Clerk
220720/14	Finance: I. To approve current statement of accounts and bank reconciliation: Approved. II. The following payments were approved: III. Changes to the online bank mandate with addition of clerk and one other Councillor for the authorisation of payments were approved. Cllr Rimmer to action.	Cllr Rimmer
220720/15	For Information: The clerk read an update from Cllr Gardner. The playground sand had been purchased and there was some left over which could be stored for a future top up. He proposed a vote of thanks be made to the Guiting Estate for the loan of equipment and support of many other projects throughout the year. This was agreed	Clerk
220720/16	The Chair closed the meeting at 8.20 p.m. and thanked everyone for attending. The next meeting would be held on Wednesday October 5th (note change of date) at 7.45 p.m. followed by a Constables Piece Meeting.	

Approved By _____

Date _____

Payments/Receipts noted and approved July 20th, 2022

Date Paid*	Amount	Payee	Purpose	VAT to be re-claimed
	556.40	Clerk	Salary April-June	N
	94.50	Clerk	Expenses	N
19.7.22*	936	Cllr Gardner	Sand purchase	Y
19.7.22*	86	Cllr Gardner	Gas Cylinders	N
19.7.22*	81.60	HMRC	Quarter one April-June less credit	N
14.6.22*	35	Social Group	Parish meeting refreshments	
Date	Amount	Receipt	Purpose	

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Meeting 20th July 2022

Report from Gloucestershire County Cllr Mark MacKenzie-Charrington

• Future local Road Closures include:

Moreton, East Street 11th to 13th July

Upper Oddington 4th – 15th July

Evenlode Road, Moreton 18th July – 19th Sept

- The Police & Crime Commissioner had announced that he's achieved a number of manifesto pledges within his first year in office. 200 full time officers and staff out of a pledge of 300 within his term of office. It is hoped that the remaining will be in place well within the next year. Anti-social behaviour has reduced and with burglaries, vehicle crime and bike thefts down by 59%.

- Rural Mobility Fund Pilot update. Pulhams are to operate the North Cotswold service that is being funded by Central Government for the next 2 years starting in August. In the meanwhile, the software is being tested, vehicles prepared before launching this demand led service to people without independent transport and no regular bus service in isolated communities.

- Gloucestershire schools to receive an additional £1.5m towards various new buildings, extensions and capital improvements across the county. £74,000 will go to the Cotswold School for additional Sixth Form provision.

Staying with education the County Council is working to expand and improve the offering in the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Strategy (SEND). The aim is to support our young adults as they move from fulltime education into adulthood. A 5-week public engagement with those in the sector as well as young people has helped to establish a new action plan to be implemented over the next 3 years.

£2.6m has been offered by the Education & Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) towards the Community Learning & Adult Skills Programs 2022/23 academic year. This will give thousands of people the chance to improve their skills and therefore providing better opportunities for better employment.

- With funding from the Forestry Commission & Woodland Trust 66,000 trees have been planted over the last two seasons. 40 different sites across the county have been used, involving 1000 volunteers and officers. Plans are in place for a further 100,000 trees to be planted over the forthcoming two seasons.

- Capitalising on the recent Ofsted report where significant progress has been made Children's Services are pushing ahead with new initiatives monitored by Councillors and senior officers to achieve a 'good' rating.

- Cyclists are being encouraged to get on their bikes and to be paid as they pedal. A mobile app game will offer cash rewards to cyclists involved in a crowdsourced data collection survey of cycle routes across the county. Starting on 2nd June the game shows users over 250 miles of cycle routes along which virtual awards, such as fruit and berries can be collected with up to £2.50 per mile of rewards being available. Information is available at www.facebook.com/GloucestershireCountyCouncil

- The NHS and volunteers have delivered 1.5 million anti-Covid inoculations since the start of the pandemic, one of the best results in the country.

- New Cabinet Members announced. Cllr Dom Morris takes over Highways & Flooding from Cllr Vernon Smith after a 10 year tenure. Cllr Nick Housden takes

over the Public Health portfolio from Cllr Tim Harman after 5 years in the role. Cabinet responsibility for Commons & Rights of Way Committee moves from Highways to Cllr Lynden Stowe, Deputy Leader and Finance.

- A significant number of resurfacing contracts have been placed in our area for delivery by Christmas this year. These include A429 Fosseway to Broadwell – 423m; B4068 Lower Swell Road – 335m; A424 Evesham Road from Moreton Road to Woodbine Cottage – 1.63km; B4077 Lower Swell to Upper Swell – 1.78km. Further schemes are planned for Lower Slaughter, Temple Guiting, Great Rissington and Little Rissington totalling 5.48km. Details of dates and timings will be announced in due course.

- Support for families over the summer holidays. Those families eligible for free school meals can now register for the summer Holiday Activities & Food Program (HAF) which last year provided over 26,377 HAF activities and food hampers. This year the GCC is extending the offer to all children through it's Holiday Activities Program (HAP). These will be available between 1st – 26th August. Further information can be found at www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/haf

- 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.

Funding has been made to Cotswold Friends - £5,000, Moreton Croquet Club – £3,000, Stow Motor Club - £9,000, Guiting Power PC - £1,032, Moreton Tennis Club with £5,000. An application has just been submitted for £1,180 to fund a new bench at Shrubbery Green, Park Street, Stow.

- My annual £30,000 Highways Fund has been renewed so please let me know of any schemes that I might be able to contribute to.

MMC/ 10th July 2022