GUITING POWER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held March 2nd, 2023 7 p.m.

At Guiting Power Village Hall

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

Attending: Clerk Jane Carter, Cllr Mark Mackenzie-Charrington, 16 members of the public

MINUTE	AGENDA ITEMS	ACTION
230302/1	Apologies: Cllr Simon Wallis (due to illness)	
230302/2	To Receive Declarations of Interest from Councillors- Cllr Rose declared an interest in the Wells Lane Planning application	
230302/3	To approve the minutes of previous Parish Council meeting held January 18 th , 2023: - the minutes of the meeting were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.	
230302/4	To receive comments and concerns from the public: None	
230302/5	To receive report from County Councillor Mark Mackenzie- Charrington: the report had been circulated. Highlights were read	
230302/6	Highways Matters: a meeting with Highways and Councillor Mackenzie-Charrington had taken place. Cllr Cuthbert, Gardner and a representative from the Trust attended. Priorities for discussion were the drop offs where the road had worn away in various parts of the village; suggested white lining, parking in the Square and potholes. Work in the village was underway. The Trust representative would consider the points raised on car parking. Any plans and progress would be communicated to residents.	Clerk
230302/7	Quarry Cluster Group: the council agreed to add its signature of support to an open letter to Gloucestershire County Council	Clerk
230302/8	Postal Services: Cllr Rimmer updated the meeting on her efforts to have a 4 p.m. collection within the village re-instated	
230302/9	Elections: Cllr Allcock, Cllr Gardner and Cllr Wallis would be seeking reelection on May 4 th . There were 3 other expressions of interest.	
230302/10	Parish Assembly arrangements: it was agreed that the Parish assembly would be held on the same evening as the May annual Parish Council meeting- Wednesday May 17 th , 2023, following its conclusion and starting at approximately 7.45 p.m.	
230302/11	To note arrangements for the hosting of Guiting Power Village fete: these were noted.	
230302/12	King Charles III Coronation Commemorations: no parish council commemoration events were planned.	

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230302/13	To consider planning applications received- I. 23/00136/FUL Formation of car park and associated landscaping/screening Land Parcel At E409425 N224870 Well Lane Guiting Power Gloucestershire	
	Cllr Rose left the meeting. The Chairman opened the meeting to residents' comments. Concerns over the planning application included access as it is a single-track road, nowhere to turn round, approximately 35-40 cars a day could be using the road, its is within a conservation area and a cul-de-sac, parking at the village hall should be expanded instead, it would set a precedent for future parking within the village. Residents spoke in favour of the application as parking was a concern. It was now very busy in the Square due to the two public houses, post office and shop and residents were often forced to park a distance from their own homes. The ground is waste land could be put to better use.	
	A representative from the Trust said they wished to help residents who were unable to park near their homes. This would provide somewhere for them to park. It would not be a public car park but used for tenants only. The Chairman closed the meeting to comments. Councillors discussed the application. Cllr Cuthbert said issues over biodiversity had already been raised. Following a discussion a vote was taken and it was agreed 4 votes to 2 that the council inform Cotswolds District Council of its support for the application but not add any comments.	Clerk
230302/14	Finance: I. Payments and Receipts were noted and approved: £7 PATA Payroll £162 Community Heartbeat ii) Statement of accounts and bank reconciliation were approved. iii) The annual subscription to GAPTC was approved	Clerk
230302/15	Matters For Information : the Council had been made aware of a press article regarding an initiative to create a community Heat Pump within a village in Suffolk. This was noted.	
230302/16	The Chair closed the meeting at 8.15 p.m. and thanked everyone for attending. The next meeting would be held on Wednesday May 17th 2023 at 7 p.m.	

Approved By	 	 	
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