

MINUTES: UNRATIFIED of a Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2021 commencing at 7.45pm.

PRESENT: Parish Councillors: Tony Allcock OBE (Chairman) Simon Gardner (Vice-Chairman), Geoff Cuthbert, Else Ogden, Simon Wallis, Dawn Rimmer

IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk Jane Carter, CDC Councillor Richard Keeling, 2 members of the public

**210908/1 To receive and consider apologies for absence.** Cllr Lisa Rose

**210908/2 To receive Declarations of Interest on items on the Agenda. (Localism Act 2011):** Cllr Dawn Rimmer declared an interest in Planning item 21/00616/FUL, Tally Ho Lane

**210908/3 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2021** The minutes of this meeting were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman

**210908/4 To receive comments and concerns from the public:** None. Items relating to Planning item 21/00616/FUL, Tally Ho Lane were deferred until the end of the meeting.

**210908/5 Report from County Councillor Mark Mackenzie-Charrington-** Cllr Mackenzie-Charrington had submitted the report below which was noted:-

The County Council is working closely with the Government over resettlement of Afghan refugees. 7 properties are in the process of being prepared for arrivals within the next week. The ambition is to offer homes for 35 families. • I've joined the North Cotswold Line Taskforce which is seeking ways to enhance the train service from Worcester to Oxford and London via Moreton & Kingham. This will include further dual running track and station upgrades to take longer trains as well as more frequent and later running services. Great Western & Moreton Town Council have jointly acquired the Royal British Legion site at the entrance to the station where additional parking will be provided. Additionally, the building itself is likely to be redeveloped providing more and better services. • The latest Highways Work Schedule reports the following: Sheep Street & Park Street in Stow will be closed for resurfacing Monday to Friday from Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August to Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September, excluding weekends and Public Holidays, between 09.30 and 15.30. • A Market Towns fund of £500,000 has been created with the aim of boosting the county's market towns and high streets. Applications can be made by parish & town councils, voluntary and community organisations, for bids ranging between £1,000 and £25,000. Completed applications must be made by 26<sup>th</sup> September for events up-to August 2022. Results will be announced on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021. • A new team of Covid Response Officers has been established to assist the NHS 'track & trace'. Team members will contact Covid-19 positive people by telephoning and making home visits so ensuring welfare checks are in place and assistance with food and medical deliveries while self-isolating. • Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust has just announced £101m investment into Cheltenham General & Gloucestershire Royal Hospitals. The objective is to provide even better care, reduce waiting times and ensuring fewer cancellations. Works in Cheltenham will include 2 new operating theatres with a capacity of 3,000 additional operations each year, a new Day Surgery Unit and extensive refurbishment of the Radiology Department and provision of the latest scanners. Gloucester will have an extended Emergency Department with improved Mental Health provision, an enlarged Acute Medical Assessment Unit, a new 24 bed ward and a pioneering hub for image

guided interventional surgery, making it one of the finest units in the country. • Trevone House in Gloucester has been shortlisted for 2 National Awards for its work with young care leavers. The GCC has invested £15.5m in providing specialist support for young people leaving the care system in teaching themselves to become more independent. • Gloucestershire Fire & Rescue Service has recently been praised by Audit Risk Assurance for implementing 124 recommendations since February this year. • The County Council is promoting a Fast-Track Assessment for new foster carers in response to the increasing number of children and young people coming under council care. There are currently 840 being looked after by the community. • On 15th July Gloucestershire County Council won a national award for being the 'best training provider and employer partnership'. Working with Aspiration Training and reinvesting unspent levy funds back into the region through 1. Supporting School Leavers with apprenticeship training. 2. Investing in local businesses and inspiring them to recruit and support apprentices, as well as upskilling their existing workforce. 3. Boosting skills and the local economy. The partnership has supported 140 learners across 34 employees and 48 distance learning courses over the last 2 years. • Over £600k is being spent on refurbishing the strategically important Brockweir Bridge. The iron bridge was built in 1906 and crosses the River Wye between Brockweir and the A466 in the Forest of Dean. Works start on 9th August and are scheduled for completion by 17th December with traffic being controlled by three-way lights. • The new £9.5m school at Brockworth is now under construction with completion scheduled for September 2022. Specialising for 75 children between 11 and 16 years old with social, emotional, and mental health, it will also support children with autism, speech, language, and communication needs. • The County Council Trading Standards have signed up the nationwide It's The Read Deal scheme along with Cirencester Market to protect consumers by ensuring that legal and not counterfeit goods are available

#### **210908/6 Matters Arising.**

- i. **Arrangements for Remembrance Day service:** it was agreed to purchase a wreath to the value of up to £40. **Cllr Wallis to action**
- ii. **Bonfire Night event:** The Social Group is organising the event. Fireworks to be purchased on behalf of the social Group by the parish council. **Cllr Cuthbert to action**
- iii. **Playground Update-** Cllr Gardner reported inspections were still taking place. Nothing to report. The clerk to confirm the amount of monies ringfenced for the replacement of equipment
- iv. **Online file storage-** The clerk had set up the Parish Council files within Dropbox and circulated the link to all councillors
- v. **400502 Tally Ho Lane and 400502 Church Lane closure:** This had been circulated and posted on the website. It will run from September 27<sup>th</sup> to December 21<sup>st</sup>.
- vi. **20 is plenty group:** correspondence had been received asking for the support of the Parish Council for a county wide approach to Gloucestershire Highways for the introduction of 20mph speed limits in villages. **This was approved and Clerk to write to the group organiser**
- vii. **CDC Planning Review Update-** the CDC reply to Quenington Parish Council was noted.

#### **210908/7 To consider and note planning applications:**

##### **Update on Installation of external wall insulation to No. 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, & 11 Tally Ho Lane, Guiting Power Lane Guiting Power GL54 5TY**

This item was deferred to the end of the meeting so that Cllr Rimmer could leave the meeting.

A member of the public expressed concern that the applicants seemed to be proceeding with the application unaltered despite the recent Conservation Officer report. Cllr Richard Keeling said that a meeting between the applicants, district councillors and planning department would be taking

place the following week. The decision would have implications not just for the Tally Ho application but for all similar applications throughout the Cotswolds District. He said that all the necessary steps had been taken by residents, the parish council and that it was now a matter for the district council planning committee. He said that the position of the Conservation Officer was very clear and that the recent Net Zero Carbon Toolkit released by the CDC had proved useful. A member of the public said that no tenants wanted the cladding. Cllr Keeling said he would keep the Parish Council informed as the discussions progressed.

**210908/8 Finances:**

- i. **Update of Bank mandate details:** This had still not happened. The clerk to get the necessary application form for the Chairman to be added to online banking
- ii. **Bank reconciliation:** this was approved. There were no payments. July/August payments had been circulated and were noted.

**210908 /9 For Information Only:**

Cllr Cuthbert asked if access to the Ordnance Survey portal had been arranged, The clerk reported that new log in details had been received and she would circulate these to Cllr Cuthbert

The **Chairman** concluded the meeting at 8.25pm and thanked everyone for their attendance. The next full Parish Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021, 7.45pm** in the Village Hall

<b>GUITING POWER PARISH COUNCIL</b>			
<b>BANK RECONCILIATION AT SEPTEMBER 8 2021</b>			
<b>Period to September 3rd 2021</b>			
<b>Lloyds Current Acc: 00896036</b>			
Balance per statement		£	8,388.47
Outstanding receipts			
NIL		£	-
Less unpresented chqs			
NIL			
		£	-
<b>Balance</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>8,388.47</b>
<b>Total Balance</b>			<b>£8,388.47</b>
<b>Cash book Summary</b>			
Opening Balance 01.04.21		£	8,206.70
Add receipts to date		£	3,018.00
Less payments to date		£	2,849.18
<b>Cash Book Balance</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>8,375.52</b>
<b>Reconciled Balance</b>			<b>£8,375.52</b>
<b>Balance to carry forward</b>			<b>£8,375.52</b>
Signed by Chairman .....			
Responsible Finance Officer .....			
Date .....			