

MINUTES UNRATIFIED of a Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall on Wednesday 7th July commencing at 7.45pm.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk Jane Carter, GCC Councillor Mark Mackenzie-Charrington

210707/1 To receive and consider apologies for absence. Cllr Dawn Rimmer

210707/2 To receive Declarations of Interest on items on the Agenda. (Localism Act 2011): None

210707/3 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 19th May, 2021 The minutes of this meeting were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman

210707/4 To receive comments and concerns from the public: None.

210707/5 Report from County Councillor Mark Mackenzie Charrington- Cllr MacKenzie-Charrington attended the meeting and presented the report below:

This is my first opportunity to meet the residents of Guiting Power in person since I was elected as your County Councillor some 8 weeks ago. I'm delighted to be your Councillor and would like to thank those residents who voted for me but if you didn't, don't worry as I'm here for you all! For those of you who don't know me, my wife and I have lived for the last 20 years Little Rissington where I'm on the Parish Council and was Chair until stepping down following my election to the County Council. I also used to be the District Councillor for the Rissingtons and was Cabinet Member for Planning. I'd like to put on record my thanks to my predecessor Nigel Moor, who was very supportive during the campaigning and continues to be so helping me settle into my new roll. In perspective the County Council will have a Council Tax revenue of £483m - nearly £0.5b. Additionally £660m of Central Government education funding and further infrastructure grants. Whereas the Cotswold District Council has Council Tax revenue of circa £12m. All Councillors are required to serve on various committees, and we have undergone intensive and extremely well organised training. I have been appointed to the following Committees: 1. Adult Social Care & Communities Scrutiny 2. Appeals Board – Educational 3. Appeals Committee – Educational 4. Children & Families Overview & Scrutiny 5. Commons & Rights of Way 6. Fire & Rescue Scrutiny 7. Pension Committee 8. Planning Committee – Chairman 9. Safety & licensing. The Stow Division encompasses 20 parishes with many having monthly meetings, some every other, others every 3 months and 2 Parish Meetings, as they are called, having only 2 meetings. Accordingly, there will be occasions that I can't simply attend everyone owing to clashes. One of my main areas of responsibility is around highways. I will report issues, support initiatives to improve traffic flow and improve safety for both the drivers as well as pedestrians. The County Council Highways budget is for a further £100m over the next 4 years which is on top of the 5-year pledge of £125m announced 4 years ago. A good recent local example being the extensive re-surfacing of the Fosse Way between Moreton and Stow. This will continue over and above the more local repairs and temporary measures before full resurfacing can take place. I can tell you that the County Council added 15 new 'pot- hole' teams in April to the existing crews, helping to improve the response time to reported defects. Do remember that I have an annual £30k highways allowance that can assist small projects around the local communities. Turning to different topics I can report the following: • The County Council has announced that free counselling will be offered to teachers and support

staff, in both the state and private sectors, who are having issues as a consequence of the pandemic. • The County has a new Chief Fire & Rescue Officer, Mark Preece, who has over 30 years' experience and has been Deputy-Chief in Gloucestershire since December 2019. • The Re-use cabins at recycling centres have reopened but it is still necessary to pre-book visits. When looking the other day several slots were available at Fosse Cross, for example, the following day. • It was announced the other day that the Atomic Energy Authority has passed the initial application by the Severn Edge partnership to proceed to the next stage towards being awarded the right to build the world's first Fusion Centre, located at Berkeley and nearby Oldbury. It's a unique process of environmentally friendly, carbon free energy to produce electricity. If successful it could be online by 2040 and provided thousands of jobs during construction and highly skilled employment thereafter. • Following public consultation, it has been announced that a significant upgrade of M5, Junction 10 will go ahead, resulting in traffic being able to enter and exit from both the north and south, which is not the case currently. This will make significant improvements for access to northwest Cheltenham. Works will also include junction enhancement to A38/ A4019 at Coombe Hill and widening the A4019 between the M5 and Cheltenham. Government funding of £249m has been secured. A consequence of these improvements will allow the start of a number of major housing schemes under Homes England's Housing Infrastructure Fund. • The Care Quality Commission have reported that Gloucester Royal Hospital has maintained an overall rating of 'Good' in what has been an extremely challenging year. Some areas in A&E need improvement by better use of department space, introducing more ambulance drop-off points and walk-in patients seeing the most appropriate doctors first off. • The Cabinet is to approve government funding of £2.6m to boost Adult & Community Learning through the Education & Skills Funding Agency, targeting English, mathematics & general language skills of adults. • A recent review of Children in Care by Electoral Division shows that on 1st June there were no children within the Stow, Bourton, or Wotton under Edge Divisions in council care. At the same date there were however a total of 833 children in care elsewhere across the County. • As part of the ongoing policy to reduce our carbon footprint the County Council Cabinet has approved investing £620k into providing 500 double (100) on-street electric vehicle charging points. The first 25 being installed in Gloucester and Cheltenham within the current financial year. This will make it easier for people who are unable to gain access to off-street charging near to their homes or employment. The Council is also working in collaboration to develop lowcarbon bus services. • The Gloucestershire Fire & Rescue Service is set to acquire up to 12 new environmentally friendly fire appliances at a cost of £3.7m over the next 3 years with each new vehicle costing circa £310k. A further 8 vehicles are scheduled over the following 2 years at additional funding.

210707/5 Matters Arising.

- i. **North Cotswold Quarry Cluster.** minutes of the Cluster Meeting had been circulated and the report was noted by councillors
- ii. **Bonfire Night event:** Nothing to discuss at this stage. Actioned for future meeting
- iii. **Playground Update-** Cllr Gardner reported inspections were still taking place. Work to the swing chains had been highlighted and actioned.
- iv. **Parking Concerns- The Square-** councillors agreed this was not a matter for the Parish Council and no further action was required
- v. **Cotswold District Council Local Plan/Draft Green infrastructure:** the consultation document had been circulated and was noted
- vi. **Annual Audit Publication:** The publication on the website of the annual Audit Notice of Public Rights from June 14th to July 23rd was noted.

210707/6 Actions Arising from the GAPTC Internal Audit Report:

- i. The updated model standing orders 2020 were approved and adopted. Clerk to update the records and website
- ii. The financial regulations were readopted with the addition of the new online payment process. Clerk to update
- iii. It was noted that Guiting Power PC no longer holds the General Power of Competence.
- iv. The current risk management policy was reviewed and readopted. Clerk to update.
- v. The council asset register was reviewed and approved. Clerk to update

210707/7 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

Cllr Allcock had received an email including comments from the Conservation Officer shortly before the meeting and he updated councillors. The matter was still in decision process with CDC planning having been deferred from the previous planning meeting.

210707/8 Finances:

- i. **The bank reconciliation, payments and receipts were approved as follows:**

Cheque No:	Amount	Payee	Purpose
815	40	Clerk	Expenses

- i. **Update of Bank account details:** Cllr Rose had submitted the required forms to Lloyds for the updated bank mandate.
- ii. **Pension Scheme:**-It was confirmed the Clerk had been offered and declined membership of the pension scheme.
- iii. **Council Reserves Policy:** The council considered its cash reserves position and agreed that the current amount as at start of the financial year was a reasonable level to hold in the event of unforeseen expenditure.

GUITING POWER PARISH COUNCIL			
BANK RECONCILIATION AT JULY 7 2021			
Period to July 5th 2021			
Lloyds Current Acc: 00896036			
Balance per statement		£	9,110.37
Outstanding receipts			
NIL		£	-
Less unpresented chqs			
NIL			
		£	-
Balance		£	9,110.37
Total Balance			£9,110.37
Cash book Summary			
Opening Balance 01.04.21		£	8,206.70
Add receipts to date		£	3,018.00
Less payments to date		£	2,114.33
Cash Book Balance		£	9,110.37
Reconciled Balance			£9,110.37
Balance to carry forward			£9,110.37

210707 /17 For Information Only:

Cllr Rose said that overgrown verges was making visibility difficult at Dyers Corner and also the verge alongside a village property. Cllr Gardner agreed to look at area although it was the responsibility of Highways. Clerk to contact the owners of the property to see if visibility could be improved.

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 8th September 2021, 7.45pm** in the Village Hall

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Chairman

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Date