

GUITING POWER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting 14th January 2025 Cochrane Meeting Room

Present: Cllrs Simon Gardner (Chair), Fiona Formby, Richard Knee, Neil Smith, Sam Ayton-Hill, Charlie Friend

Attending: Clerk Jane Carter, Cllr Len Wilkins, 1 member of the public

MINUTE	AGENDA ITEMS	ACTION
250114/1	Apologies for absence: Cllr Simon Wallis, Cllr Mark Mackenzie-Charrington	
250114/2	To Receive Declarations of Interest from Councillors none	
250114/3	The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held November 20th, 2024 were approved and signed by the Chair.	
250114/4	To receive comments and concerns from the public: A resident raised the issue of traffic and inconsiderate parking in the main square. He was invited to speak during the discussion on highways	
250114/5	To receive report from County Councillor Mark Mackenzie-Charrington: A report had been circulated and was noted.	
250114/6	To receive report from District Councillor Len Wilkins: Cllr Wilkins outlined the proposals regarding devolution. Gloucestershire had applied to be in the first wave of councils and a decision was expected by the end of the month. The county council elections may be delayed. He asked that residents be made aware not to dispose of batteries in their general waste as they were a fire hazard	
250114/7	Highways Matters: A resident asked for an update on the 20mph speed limit. This was unlikely to happen as Gloucestershire highways were not supportive. He raised the issue of parking outside his property and the speed that cars/vans travelled. The white lining had not made any significant difference. The chair explained that all options had been explored and as the white lining was advisory little could be done to enforce it. Additional 'polite' signage was suggested and the resident agreed to write to the Trust seeking their permission. It was agreed the parish council would support his request. The clerk agreed to set up a road safety meeting in the village to explore all options. Cllrs Knee and Formby would attend.	Cllrs Knee/Formby/Clerk
250114/8	Village WhatsApp Group: Cllr Smith outlined a proposal to launch a village WhatsApp group. A similar group in a neighbouring village had been useful in alerting residents around crime incidents. There were concerns that a formal parish council group would be difficult to moderate and that other methods of communication should be explored. A Neighbourhood Watch WhatsApp group run by volunteers was felt to be a good idea. The Clerk would investigate what communication other parish and NHW groups used. Arranging a home safety talk was suggested for the winter	Clerk
250114/9	Playground Inspections: These were continuing and there were no issues. The swings required some painting. A BBB grant may be available in the coming financial year	
250114/10	Defibrillator Maintenance: The new defib required fitting. Cllr Smith would liaise with the Trust. It was agreed not to renew the Community Heartbeat Support contract for 2025	Cllr Smith/clerk
250114/11	TV Filming Policy: a revised draft policy had been circulated. This was approved. The clerk would circulate to the Trust, CDC and add to the website	Clerk

250114/12	Planning applications: 24/03635/FUL Second floor attic extension and alterations to main roof Barton House Barton Guiting Power Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL54 5U- NO COMMENTS	
250114/13	Finance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. To approve current statement of accounts and bank reconciliation (as circulated)- APPROVED II. To approve payments and note receipts: APPROVED. The clerk confirmed that the VAT return had been submitted following payment of the white lining grant from GCC 	
250114/14	Matters For Information: Cllr Ayton-Hill gave her apologies for the next meeting. Cllr Gardner would email residents and thank them for their generosity and support of the Xmas celebrations which had been a big success. The clerk would be drafting handover document for her successor.	
250114/15	The next meeting was confirmed as Wednesday March 19 th 2025	

Approved By _____

Date _____