

# WYCK RISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of General Meeting

**Held in the Village Hall on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022, 18:00.**

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Councillors present: Cllrs Simon (Chair), Fifield, Finnimore, Ponti, Montague and Trinder.  
In attendance: 6 members of the public including County Councillor Mark MacKenzie – Charrington and District Councillor Andrew Maclean (part).

- 220307/1 **Chairman's Opening Remarks:** Tim Simon welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 220307/2 **Declarations of Interest:** None
- 220307/3 **Apologies:** NONE. All Councillors present.
- 220307/4 **Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021:** These minutes were APPROVED by all and signed electronically by Chair, Tim Simon.
- 220307/5 **County Council and District Council News from Cllr Mark MacKenzie-Charrington and Andrew Maclean.**  
*This item was brought forward on the agenda to accommodate the time pressures of councillor guests.*  
**5.1** GCC Cllr MMC advised Council that a resident in Little Rissington had contacted him to share concerns about trucks transferring potentially contaminated topsoil from Gilders Scrap Yard to a location in Wyck Beacon. Cllr MMM advised council that GCC Enforcement Officer was attending the site on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022. Please see the Appendix for the full report and access to grants.  
NB: A landowner raised his concerns to Cllr MMC about the lack of signs stating that the bridleway was closed. He also requested that PCs were advised in future of any further applications to extend the closure so that comments can be submitted.  
**5.2** CDC Cllr Andrew Maclean reported that grants were available through CDC, but not for highway projects. Cllr Maclean commented on the raft of planning activities in the area. He also advised WRPC of the Pristine Parish movement run by Gray Elkington and enquired if people in Wyck Rissington would be interested in starting up an active group. Hilary Ponti raised the difficulties of disposing of rubbish if it was collected and said she would contact Gray about it.
- 220307/6 **Matters Arising from the previous meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021. Updates on:**  
**6.1 Defibrillator Demonstration:** Cllr Ponti is still trying to secure a date. We hope to have one arranged soon with the necessary equipment to then be able to hold an effective training session.  
**6.2 Roads:** With further disappointment and frustration, Tim Simon reported that progress with Highways on outstanding items was extremely slow. There was little to report. The road subsidence outside the Old Farmhouse has been reported and we await a response. The enquiry number is 11357094.  
**6.3 Horse and Rider sign and replacement of illegible 7.5 tonne limit signs on Wyck Beacon road.** These have been ordered. Parish Clerk to chase GCC ( now installed).  
**6.4 Queen's Green Canopy:** Tim Simon, wanted to record the Council's thanks to Andrew Ransom for planting two oak trees on the Green gifted by the Honourable Company of Gloucestershire as part of the Queen's Green Canopy initiative.  
**6.5 Drainage Survey:** It was reported that the survey would most likely be going ahead in late March.  
**6.6 Management of the Ponds:** Tim Simon confirmed that the water primrose refund had been received from the EA and thanked Andrew Fifield for his help with this matter.
- 220307/7 **Management of the Green:**  
Tim Simon reported that the Deed of Easement for Wyck Cottage had now been signed and witnessed by the

Parish Clerk. He also reported that Andrew Ransom had received permission from CDC to fell the dying red chestnut tree and confirmed that this doesn't need replacing on a like for like basis. The felling will take place when the weather is drier. Andrew Ransom was thanked for arranging to carry out this work resulting in a saving of £200.

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**Management of the Ponds**

Robert Montague informed the Parish Council that both ponds were in good order, there was nothing to report apart from confirming that the Environmental Agency would be making a visit in April.

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**Planning Applications to be considered and discussed:**

**9.1 22/00140/FUL Grafters, Fosseyway, Lower Slaughter GL54 2EY.** Change of use of existing dwelling and erection of extensions to create a 40-bedroom hotel and associated works. *Awaiting a decision by CDC.* Tim Simon confirmed Council's position and that a strong letter of objection prepared by London based planning lawyers had been submitted. He thanked the generosity of residents who had funded the objection letter on behalf of WRPC. Thanks, were also given to all 20 plus village residents who had lodged objections. At the time of the meeting 65 comments of objection had been submitted via CDC's planning portal and 25 comments in support.

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**Finances: See Appendix.**

**10.1 To consider and approve the current financial report.** APPROVED. This report is circulated to Council in advance of the meeting. A decision was made to also post the finance report with the meeting agenda. RFO Brian Finnimore was pleased to announce that the previously agreed minimum level of reserves of c.£5k had been maintained despite earlier estimate showing this falling below. Further expenditure on removal of the water primrose had not proved necessary and another item had been deferred until next financial year.

**10.2 To note payments sanctioned since the last meeting.** The VAT reclaim and Village Hall rent were noted.

**10.3 To consider and authorise payments due.** Actioned.

**10.4 To approve the appointment of a new auditor for WRPC 2021-22.** Brian Finnimore confirmed that he had met and interviewed a potential new auditor, called Steve Smith. Council approved the appointment and agreed that even though he was the Clerk's partner there were no potential conflicts of interest.

**10.5 Amendment of the Parish Clerk's Contract of Employment regarding pay scale increases.** Council agreed that Tim Simon would send the Parish Clerk a variation to contract letter confirming annual hourly rate increases in line with NALC Pay Scales.

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**Correspondence received by the Clerk:** To review relevant correspondence received since the last meeting and reflect on actions/responses.

**11.1 Correspondence from CDC regarding elections and a proposed change away from central funding.** The proposed change to the process would mean WRPC would need to fund and budget for local elections. However, this proposal has been retracted by CDC and now only relates to contested election. Please note the cost to WRPC if this new process was re-instated would approximately £1.5k. The next scheduled elections are 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

**11.2 Funds raised by the Carol singing.** The Clerk confirmed that £390.00 had been raised.

**11.3 Correspondence from a resident proposing Council should investigate a change of parish boundaries so that the area between the River Dikler and the Fosse is included in WRPC.** Council debated this proposal. At this stage most Councillors were not in favour of a boundary change. However, Tim Simon asked Esther Trinder to conduct some research. It was also agreed that Tim Simon would contact the Chair of Lower Slaughter PC to gauge an initial response.

**11.4 20 Wyck Rissington Millenium Photograph Project album (showing residents at the time standing outside their houses).** For information only: this is now kept by Andrew Ransom of Ansell's Barn.

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**Date of the next meeting: 6pm 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 in the Village Hall.**

**Meeting ended: 19.13**

Signed:

*Tim Simon (Chair)*

**Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022**

## Wyck Rissington Parish Council Finance Report

March 2022 (current at 1 Mar)

				In (£)	Out (£)	Notes
<b>Up to last meeting (September)</b>				4,420.21	- 4,213.45	
<b>Since last meeting</b>				0.09		
9-Dec	interest					
16-Dec	Clerk	token expense			- 40.00	
4-Jan	Clerk	honorary			- 60.00	
10-Jan	interest			0.05		
17-Jan	Clerk	salary			- 154.16	
26-Jan	resident	EA refund		145.35		
9-Feb	interest			0.05		
<b>Anticipated over remainder of financial year</b>						
income						
	interest			0.06		
	HMRC VAT reclaim			500.00		
	village hall ground rent (21/22)			50.00		
expenditure						
	Clerk honorary/salary				- 400.00	unbudgeted
	hire of village hall				- 100.00	
	trees				-	held over until next fy
	clear leaves				- 50.00	unbudgeted
	PATA PAYE service				- 50.00	unbudgeted
<b>Totals</b>				<b>5,115.81</b>	<b>- 5,067.61</b>	

### Reserves

opening position

5,763.80

anticipated closing position

5,812.00

**movement**

**48.20**

### Budget

without risk

- 1,180.00

with risk

- 1,680.00

£500 risk allowance

### Bank balance

5,861.90

# Wyck Rissington Parish Council

## Meeting 7th March 2022

### Report from GC Cllr Mark MacKenzie-Charrington

- Future local Road Closures include:
  - Maugersbury 3<sup>rd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> March
  - Stow – Lower Swell – Naunton B4068 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> March
  - Stow – Well Lane 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> March
  - Lower Oddington 22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> March
  - Icomb Hill 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> April
  - Upper Oddington 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> April
  - Lower Oddington 20<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> April
  - Moreton, Coders Lane 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> May
- Future Bridleways and Footpath closures or diversions include: HMM10, Evenlode Road, Moreton across the 'polo ground' from 26<sup>th</sup> Feb for a period of 6 months.
- A new support service has been launched for adults suffering bereavement following suicide in the family. Run by Rethink Mental Illness, the service will include help for friends, colleagues, health and social care professionals and those who might have witnessed the death. Information can be found via 07483 375516 or e-mail [glossupportaftersuicide@rethink.org](mailto:glossupportaftersuicide@rethink.org) or visit [www.rethink.org/glossupportaftersuicide](http://www.rethink.org/glossupportaftersuicide).
- The County Council approves the £521m budget for the 2022/23 on 16<sup>th</sup> February. £10m on roads; £150 into school buildings; £14m additional funding into Children & Young People's Services; £20m into cycling and pedestrian ways; a further £9m into support for vulnerable adults & those with disability. Additional amendments include £550,000 for Community Speedwatch; £45,000 for a biodiversity officer to identify opportunities in Council owned land; £120,000 to establish recycling shops at county recycling centres. A further £2m to the Fire & Rescue Service in addition to a similar sum last year.
- Moreton Market has joined the 'Real Deal Charter' to ensure that traders are offering legitimate produce and products for sale and ridding markets of counterfeits. There are over 500 markets across the county who are signed to the Charter,
- The proposed 26 mile 'cycle spine' has been announced that will extend from Stroud in the south, through Gloucester and Cheltenham to Bishop's Cleeve in the north. Funding was approved at the recent Council Budget meeting.
- Libraries have opened up 'Green Together' sections specialising in ecology, waste management, how to reduce energy consumption & more climate friendly approach to energy at work.
- The County Council will be working with the Aspire Foundation providing additional support for families in need of additional support who don't have easy access to existing Children & families Centres. A fund of £920,000 is being provided through the Gloucestershire Health and Care NHC Foundation Trust.
- Trading Standards are reminding people to keep poultry under cover while avian influenza is prevalent in the county.
  - CDC car parking charges in Stow & across the Cotswolds are to rise by 5%, rounded to the nearest 10p. 'Free After 3' introduced in 2015 will also be removed as of April 2022. The 6 day a week charging times will be 8am to 6pm.
- 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.

- Innovation Labs located in libraries across the county are being rolled out. They will work with schools, businesses and the community offering training in virtual reality, computer skills, digital design, 3D modelling and printing. Experienced volunteers are now being sought to help man these.
- £1.7m has just been made available as New Year bonuses of £185 per care worker throughout the county as a thank you for their unstinting work during the Covid pandemic. To qualify the individual needs to have completed 6 months continuous service. Two further bonuses are scheduled to be paid in the Spring & Summer months.
- A central government fund of £3.7m is available for greater support for vulnerable households for food & fuel vouchers, white goods and essential household items. A sum of £123,000 will be given in addition to each of the 6 district councils for their own targeted schemes.

MMC/4<sup>th</sup> March 2022