

# WYCK RISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Wyck Rissington Parish Council

Held in the Village Hall on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022, 18:00.

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Councillors present: Cllrs Simon (Chair), Fifield, Finnimore, Montague and Trinder.

In attendance: 7 members of the public including County Councillor Mark MacKenzie – Charrington and District Councillor Andrew Maclean.

**220523/1** **Chairman's Opening Remarks:** Tim Simon welcomed everyone to the meeting. He advised that apologies had been received from Hilary Ponti and that Robert Montague would be leaving before the meeting closed. Tim Simon notified attendees that he would be standing down after nine years as Chair at the start of the September meeting and that Jeremy Trinder had expressed an interest in the role. Jeremy Trinder was co-opted onto Council.

**220523/2** **To elect the Chairman and to receive the Declaration of Acceptance of Office (DOA).** Andrew Fifield proposed that Tim Simon remain as Chair, and this was seconded by Robert Montague. Council APPROVED. Clerk to prepare DOA in due course.

**220523/3** **To elect the RFO and to receive the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.** Andrew Fifield proposed that Brian Finnimore remain as RFO, and this was seconded by Robert Montague. Council APPROVED. Clerk to prepare DOA in due course. Tim Simon thanked Brian for his contributions to Council as RFO.

**220523/4** **To confirm that all Members and Register of Interests (ROI's) are current:** Tim Simon wished to thank the councillors for their efforts and Louise Fifield for her contribution and commitment as Parish Clerk over the last 12 years. New ROI's need to be completed for Andrew Fifield, Esther Trinder and Jeremy Trinder. Clerk to provide these in due course. All other councillors confirmed their ROI's are current.

**220523/5** **Declarations of Interest: To receive disclosures of personal, pecuniary, and prejudicial interests from councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting.** NONE

**220523/6** **Minutes of Previous Annual Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021:** These minutes were APPROVED by all and signed electronically by Chair, Tim Simon.

**220523/7** **To allocate Councillor responsibilities:**

Highways	-	Jeremy Trinder and one other to be decided at September meeting
Trees	-	Esther Trinder
Ponds	-	Robert Montague
Green	-	Andrew Fifield

NB: Tim Simon confirmed that he would send the latest tree survey to Esther shortly.

**220523/8** **To consider any necessary changes to current policies and council documents.** No changes or amendments required. Clerk to post the latest Risk Plan on WRPC website as well as adding financial updates to the finance page.

**220523/9** **To receive the Annual Finance report including AGAR:** Brian Finnimore reported that the Independent Auditor had audited the FY21/22 accounts without comment or reservation and that the Annual Governance and Accounting Return (AGAR) was ready for signature by the Council and return to the government appointed administrator. Following this, the accounts and AGAR would be published on the PC's website and all financial documents could be scrutinised by the public.

Presenting the quarterly financial report, Brian Finnimore noted that FY21/22 saw a £2k saving against the budget, with a positive movement of £343 over the year, leaving the PC with reserves of just over £6k. So far this year a saving of £150 against the budget had been made by changing the PC's insurers having obtained alternative quotations. Council confirmed that they were happy with the finance update and that the Annual Governance and Accountability Report was in good order for submission.

***POST MEETING NOTE: To clarify that the FY20/21 accounts, audit, and AGAR had been completed within the statutory time periods***

- 220523/10 **Minutes of the last PC meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022: To resolve to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.** APPROVED
- 220523/11 **To discuss and update on matters arising from the previous meeting:**  
**11.1 Defibrillator** Tim Simon confirmed that the Defib. demonstration and training had taken place and that both the battery and pads had been replaced in accordance with national guidelines. Andrew Fifield and one other to take over from Tim Simon (to be agreed at September meeting) to check battery level on a regular basis.  
**11.2 Blocked gully** Highway have finally cleared the gully at junction of A424 and Wyck Beacon road, but further jetting will be required.  
**11.3 Gifted trees** Tim Simon reported that one of the gifted trees might need replacing. Council agreed to consider funding this replacement in the next planting season.
- 220523/12 **Management of the Green and Ponds.** Thanks were expressed to Andrew Ransom for the felling and removal of the dying chestnut tree. Andrew Fifield will be taking over responsibility of the Green when Tim Simon stands down. Elizabeth Ransom advised Council that at the Garden Open Day in September, photographs will be exhibited in the church about the botany of the Green for public viewing and interest.
- 220523/13 **County Council and District Council news:**  
**13.1** Cllr Mark MacKenzie-Charrington reported on news from GCC. The full report can be found in the Appendix. NB: Brian Finnimore wished it to be noted, that the two storm drains on the Green outside of Pear Tree Cottage and Heath Lawn had been cleared by the County Council and thanks were given to Joe Baker, the County's Flood Officer who had removed the offending roots.  
**13.2** Cllr Andrew Maclean reported news on news from CDC and reiterated the responsibilities of the District Council. NB: Litter picking in the Village was raised by Tim Simon. Hilary Ponti has been in touch with Gray Elkington who runs a local initiative from Little Rissington called Pristine Parishes. It was agreed to invite Gray to the September meeting to allow him to present his ideas.  
Andrew Fifield confirmed that the litter picking kits had arrived.
- 220523/14 **Planning Application regarding the removal of restriction 24 limiting the use of parking spaces to electric vehicles only at the EV charging station.** Tim Simon reported that the 40-bedroom budget hotel application had been refused by CDC. The Case Officers report was extremely thorough and decisive. However, a new application has now been submitted by Peter Gilder, requesting that CDC revoke Condition 24 of the planning appeal permission for the EVCS, to allow 60 of the 102 vehicle spaces to be used by fossil fuel cars. Tim Simon confirmed Council's position and thanked the generosity of residents for once again funding the preparation and submission of a strong letter of objection on behalf of WRPC.
- 220523/15 **Correspondence received by the Clerk:** Nothing to be noted, other than correspondence from a resident regarding speeding on the Wyck Beacon road and the lack of footpaths along the Oxfordshire Way.
- 220523/16 **Date of the next meeting: 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 6pm in the Village Hall.** **Meeting ended: 19.10**

Signed: *Tim Simon (Chair)*

Date: 5.9.22

## APPENDIX

## FINANCE

<b>Wyck Rissington Parish Council Finance Report May 2022(current at 16th)</b>			
<b>FY 21/22</b>		<b>in</b>	<b>out</b>
<b>Up to last meeting (March)</b>		4,565.75	- 4,467.61
<b>Since last meeting</b>			
9-Mar	clerk	salary	- 224.89
9-Mar	PATA	payroll	- 60.90
24-Mar	HMRC	VAT refund	480.99
30-Mar	WRVHC	ground rent	50.00
<b>Totals</b>		<b>5,096.74</b>	<b>- 4,753.40</b>
<b>Reserves</b>			
opening position			5,763.80
closing position			6,107.14
<b>actual movement</b>			<b>343.34</b>
<b>Budgetted movement</b>			<b>- 1,680.00</b>
<b>FY 22/23</b>		<b>in</b>	<b>out</b>
<b>Since last meeting</b>			
11-Apr	interest	0.05	
13-Apr	GAPTC	subscription	- 35.00
13-Apr	clerk	salary	- 141.91
13-Apr	clerk	honorarium	- 86.40
20-Apr	SSE	ground rent	262.60
20-Apr	SSE	ground rent	55.11
21-Apr	CDC	precept	3,525.00
9-May	interest	0.06	
10-May	ICO	fee	- 35.00
10-May	SSE	ground rent	5.70
11-May	TJA Simon	auditor gift expense	- 66.99
16-May	clerk	salary	- 81.91
16-May	Zurich	insurance premium	- 214.00
<b>Totals</b>		<b>3,848.52</b>	<b>- 661.21</b>
<b>Anticipated over remainder of financial year</b>			
income			
	precept	1,187.00	
	interest	0.60	
	HMRC VAT reclaim	500.00	
	village hall ground rent (21/22)	50.00	
expenditure			
	Clerk honorarium/salary		- 1,776.18
	hire of village hall		- 200.00
	trees		- 500.00
	PATA PAYE service		- 84.00
	green cut		- 1,300.00
	pond		- 500.00
	web related		- 158.00
	annual audit		- 200.00
	contingency		- 500.00
<b>Totals</b>		<b>5,586.12</b>	<b>- 5,879.39</b>
<b>Reserves</b>			
opening position			6,107.14
anticipated closing position			5,813.87
<b>anticipated movement</b>			<b>- 293.27</b>
<b>Budgetted movement</b>			<b>- 436.00</b>
<b>Bank balance</b>			<b>9,294.45</b>
<b>Approved by:</b>		<b>date</b>	

## Report from GC Cllr Mark MacKenzie-Charrington -Wyck Rissington Annual Parish Meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022

- **Future local Road Closures include:**

Lower Oddington, A436 to Back Lane 23<sup>rd</sup> May to 1<sup>st</sup> June

Naunton 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> June

Lower Slaughter, Old Parsonage to Pike House 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> July

Bledington, Church Street 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> July

Moreton, East Street 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> July

- The Police & Crime Commissioner had announced that he's achieved a number of manifesto pledges within his first year in office. 200 full time officers and staff out of a pledge of 300 within his term of office. It is hoped that the remaining will be in place well within the next year. Anti-social behaviour has reduced and with burglaries, vehicle crime and bike thefts down by 59%.
- With funding from the Forestry Commission & Woodland Trust 66,000 trees have been planted over the last two seasons. 40 different sites across the county have been used, involving 1000 volunteers and officers. Plans are in place for a further 100,000 trees to be planted over the forthcoming two seasons.
- Cyclists are being encouraged to get on their bikes and to be paid as they pedal. A mobile app game will offer cash rewards to cyclists involved in a crowdsourced data collection survey of cycle routes across the county. Starting on 2<sup>nd</sup> June the game shows users over 250 miles of cycle routes along which virtual awards, such as fruit and berries can be collected with up to £2.50 per mile of rewards being available. Information is available at [www.facebook.com/GloucestershireCountyCouncil](https://www.facebook.com/GloucestershireCountyCouncil)
- Over 220 'guests' have now arrived from the Ukraine and children are settling into schools near to their new homes. The County Council continues to assist the settling in process covering such things as banking, registering at surgeries and providing emotional support.
- The county has been successful in winning £14.1m from the government towards 'active travel' drive to get people out of their cars and to walking and cycling. The funds will go a long way towards building the new 26 mile 'cycle spine' between Stroud and Bishops Cleeve.
- The £600,000 Community Speedwatch Safety Fund has been formally launched with the aim of making our roads safer for walkers, cyclists as well as motorists. Councillors will in the next few days be provided with the necessary application forms to circulate the information to their towns and villages so they can apply for grants towards safety measures within their communities. These will cover Road Safety Officer support, speed surveys, 'Twenty is Plenty' wheelie bin stickers, vehicle activated speed signs and Speedwatch cameras.
- There has been significant public support for the significant upgrade of J10, M5 which will significantly improve access and egress to west Cheltenham as well as open up land for new housing and business space.
- Gloucestershire will be a major host to both the Women's Tour and the Tour of Britain over the summer. On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June the Women's Tour will begin in Tewkesbury, finishing in Gloucester after traveling through the Forest of Dean, ending at Gloucester Docks. The men's event, stage 6, will be in the county on 9<sup>th</sup> September. Again, starting in Tewkesbury traveling through the Cotswolds, down to Stroud and finishing in Gloucester Docks. The 2021 tours delivered a net economic gain to the nation's economy of £35m, with 1.3m spectators lining the route and encouraging more people to take up cycling.
- Mark Preece, interim Chief Fire Officer, has been formally following a nation-wide selection process. Over the last year he's achieved some significant improvements in the service as well as increasing recruitment and commitment to new appliances and equipment.
- The Council is urgently seeking more families to take up foster caring. Children in care come from all backgrounds, faiths and cultures so we need families from all communities. Currently we have 840 children living with 240 families across the county and sadly the number needing care is rising.

- 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-profit groups, town and parish councils. Funding has been made to Cotswold Friends - £5,000, Moreton Croquet Club - £3,000, Stow Motor Club - £9,000, Guiting Power PC - £1,032 and we are looking to assist Moreton Tennis Club with £5,000.
- My annual £30,000 Highways Fund has been renewed so please let me know of any schemes that I might be able to contribute to.
 

MMC 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022

## **Andrew Maclean CDC Wyck Rissington Annual Report**

### **1. Introduction**

District council costs you half as much as the police and a little over 10% of the county council. They empty your bins, try and address housing issues, run the planning system, encourage local businesses, and manage car parks in some of the towns around. As your councillor I respond to all residents who ask me to help them with any issues and I fight for the interests of all 4 Rissington villages of which Wyck Rissington is the smallest but of course, the most important. You elected me 3 years ago and I hope I have been doing a good enough job for you all.

### **2. Planning**

For past year I have been on the planning committee for the district. Continual fight with developers and planning officials! Right to refer to planning committee now removed by ruling party despite my (and others) protests. Now an interim step with a planning forum who decide what goes to committee. But my first successful referral got to planning committee in Cirencester two weeks ago and we refused to allow 4 extra houses being squeezed into Sandy Lane court.

### **3. Bourton to Kingham Greenway**

Successful bid for match funding from CDC, Sustrans developing feasibility study, due any day.

### **4. Footpaths and Cyclepaths from Upper Rissington**

Small group formed to develop proposal to link Upper Rissington to old rights of way around airbase. Good for walkers and riders across the area.

### **5. Bins**

CDC jointly own Ubico (who empty your bins) with several other councils. They have recently upgraded their fleet and it seems to be more reliable. If you ever have an issue with them first of all call their hotline but if you get nowhere then please do drop me a line.

### **6. Local Plan**

A new local plan has been produced after a lot of consultation with a lot more emphasis on climate change. Upper Rissington has now been promoted in the hierarchy to a principal settlement which means it is easier to get planning for more houses. Luckily the boundaries are such that there is little room for any more development. Whatever you do don't allow that boundary to move!

### **7. Housing**

One area I have been very supportive of the ruling party has been in starting to do something about social housing in the Cotswolds as it is so unaffordable for local young people. The first few developments are now underway across the district.

### **8. Licensing**

Good news for the Jubilee is that opening hours have been extended to 1 am on Thurs to Sat night for 1 weekend only.