

# WYCK RISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## **DRAFT** Minutes of General Meeting, Wyck Rissington Parish Council

**Held in the Village Hall on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022, 18:00.**

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Councillors present: Cllrs Trinder (Chairman), Fifield, Finimore, Ponti and Burdett.

In attendance: 10 members of the public including County Councillor Mark MacKenzie – Charrington.

- 221209/1 **Chairman's Opening Remarks:** Jeremy Trinder welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologised for the late change of date from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022.
- 221209/2 **Declarations of Interest:** To receive disclosures of personal, pecuniary, and prejudicial interests from councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting. NONE
- 221209/3 **Notice of Absence:** Apologies had been received from Robert Montague. Post the meeting, apologies were received from District Councillor Andrew Maclean.
- 221209/4 **Public Session (maximum of 15 minutes) :**  
**4.1** A resident requested that an AOB agenda item be added to meetings at the end. After some debate, Cllr Mark Mackenzie-Charrington advised that the Public Session was correctly positioned on the agenda.  
**4.2** A resident had tried to contact Jeremy Trinder about the placement of one or two memorial benches in the Village. There were two queries. The first was confirmation of Jeremy Trinder's email address and the second Councils view on memorial benches in Wyck Rissington. Council discussed the concept of benches, and it was agreed that a Memorial Bench policy needed to be created. Esther Burdett volunteered to do this and the Parish Clerk said she would pass an existing policy from another PC on to her. Jeremy Trinder confirmed his email address as [jeremy@olivehillfarm.co.uk](mailto:jeremy@olivehillfarm.co.uk)  
**4.3** *This item was raised at the end of the meeting.* A resident wished to plant a small oak tree in memory of Daphne Ransom. The sapling is ready to plant. Richard Wheeler would be contacted to help identify a suitable location. It was suggested that this might be near the Ransom's properties. Brian Finimore requested that any new trees were not planted near or over storm drains.
- 221209/5 **To resolve to approve the draft minutes of the general meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022.** Approved.
- 221209/6 **To receive a report from County Councillor Mark MacKenzie – Charrington:** Cllr Mark MacKenzie-Charrington reported on news from GCC. The full report can be found as an appendix.
- 221209/7 **To discuss and update on matters arising from the previous meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022:** None.
- 221209/8 **Management of the Green and Ponds.**  
**8.1 Green:** Nothing was reported.  
**8.2 Ponds:** Robert Montague had circulated his report on the Ponds in advance of the meeting. Key points to note are:
  - Our contractor completed his duties on the main pond, which was assisted by the summer dry spell.
  - The pond is now at a better level and the Parish Council would like to record our thanks to the Hilary and Andrea Ponti for arranging for their gardener to thoroughly clear the blocked gulleys.
  - The smaller pond has been cleaned, but further attention is required and the PC have asked J Little to execute this. J. Little has also agreed to maintain the ponds in 2023 with no increase in costs.
  - The dry period assisted the die back of the primrose weed and it is hoped that the EA will visit before the end of the year to assess its status.

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Update and discussion on planning applications:

**9.1 22/04004/FUL Grafters Fossey Lower Slaughter Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL54 2EY**

**Change of use of existing dwelling and erection of extensions to create 40 bedroom hotel and associated works. STATUS: Awaiting decision by CDC. Standard consultation expiry date 15.12.22.** Jeremy Trinder confirmed that WRPC would be strongly objecting to this application which had not taken account of the local plan or followed national guidance. He thanked residents for the cash donations received to enable WRPC to utilise the expertise of Town Legal to provide comments. It was agreed that the Parish Council would circulate planning information to the Village about this application to assist residents with their submissions to CDC. Esther Burdett said that she would do this via the Parish Clerk. The application at the Texaco Garage 22/03418/FUL for an extension and erection of fencing to create a relocated bin storage area was also discussed.

**9.2 22/02719/FUL and 22/02720/LBC Wyck Cottage, Wyck Rissington Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL54 2PN. Listed Building and Planning Consent for Demolition of conservatory and erection of single-storey rear extension, side extension, glass link, garden office and associated works. STATUS: Still awaiting decision by CDC. Standard consultation expiry date 21.10.22.** The homeowners of Wyck Cottage attended the meeting and expressed their concerns regarding CDC's comments and likely refusal for the new oak framed conservatory. Jeremy Trinder confirmed that WRPC had supported this application and submitted comments previously. Cllr MacKenzie-Charrington suggested that the applicants contact District Councillor Andrew Maclean, who might be able to help this with their application. WR Parish Clerk agreed to pass on Cllr Macleans contact details.

**9.3 22/03954/TCONR Wyck Cottage, Wyck Rissington Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL54 2PN. Work to trees in conservation area for T1 to T12 Cottonwood Poplars. Pollard by approximately 10m and remove overhanging lateral growth. STATUS: Awaiting decision by CDC.**

**9.4 22/03346/FUL Heath Lawn Wyck Rissington Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL54 2PN.**

**Removal of timber sheds and replacement with home office and guest annexe (resubmission of approved permission 19/04233/FUL). STATUS: Approved by CDC.**

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**Finance:** Brian Finnimore provided copies of the finance report and 2023-2024 budget to Council prior to the meeting for review. Errors were identified during the meeting, and it was agreed to hold an EGM in January for the updated documents to be reviewed and approved. No finance information was recorded at this meeting.

**10.1 To consider and approve the current financial report.** Carried over to the EGM in January.

**10.2 To note payments sanctioned since last meeting.** Carried over to the EGM in January.

**10.3 To consider and authorise payments due.** Carried over to the EGM in January.

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Correspondence received by the Clerk:

**11.1 Request from a resident for the PC to discuss parking/pavements and speeding in the Village. The main concerns are how inconsiderate parking affects pedestrians, dog walkers, horse riders and buggy pushers in addition to the impact on these groups by speeding vehicles.** This was discussed, but no definitive solution agreed. Suggestions were rejected for the installation of '20 is Plenty' signage as were the painting of double yellow lines. It was hoped that parking near the Church would improve once building work in that vicinity ceases.

**11.2 A resident would like to bring to Council's attention the illegal use of drones in the Village over private properties.** Hilary Ponti advised Council, that she had reported to the Police the illegal flying of a drone over her property.

**11.3 Approval is sought for the purchase of 'Thank You' gift vouchers for various personnel in Wyck Rissington who voluntarily maintain key areas of the Village.** Approved. Garden Centre vouchers to be purchased.

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Date of the next meeting: 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 6pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting ended: 19:08

Signed:

Date:

# Wyck Rissington Parish Council

## Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022

### Report from GCC Cllr. Mark MacKenzie-Charrington

#### Future Local Road Closures Include:

Little Rissington – Wyck Beacon to Little Rissington – 29<sup>th</sup> Nov to 6<sup>th</sup> Dec

Little Rissington – Leasow Lane to Great Rissington – 7<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> Dec

- Christmas Holiday activities and food program funded by the Department of Education between 19<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> December – bookings open 1<sup>st</sup> December. Information on activities is found at [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/haf](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/haf). Applications for those eligible for free school meals – reception to year 11 – where vouchers of £15 per week per child, for 2 weeks can be found at [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/holiday-school-meal-vouchers/](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/holiday-school-meal-vouchers/).
- Cabinet is due to confirm a spend of £24.9m during 2022/23 on new schools and refurbishment of existing, all part of a £100m commitment. This is on the back of new schools in Leckhampton and Cheltenham to the value of £44.5m already this year.
- A Cost-of-living “Support Hub” is launched by the GCC alongside a county warm bank offer. Following county wide consultation the Hub will focus on five key areas – money, food, energy, warm spaces and protecting health & wellbeing – all of which is available on-line and shortly in printed format.
- “Warm and Welcome” spaces will be located in libraries and offer: Warm places to relax, Hot drinks, Free access to the internet & Wi-Fi, Access to computers, Charging points, Advice for further support, Free activities such as homework support, Knit & Natter and Library Clubs
- Waste Wizard. A new webtool has been launched by the Gloucestershire Resources & Waste Partnership to help households recycle sustainably. By typing in the item, you want to get rid of and your postcode it will tell you how and where it can be collected/ deposited and recycled. This will assist in what goes into what bin and whether it can be recycled or even given to charity. People are asked to crush cans, plastic bottles, cardboard boxes etc to more will be able to fit into the collection vehicles, this reducing the number of journeys.
- Recycle your food to cut waste & carbon. A new initiative between the GCC and the 6 District Councils to show how we can substantially reduce the 55,000 tons of food waste and the 137500 tonnes of CO2 created producing and transporting food. Roughly the same amount of CO2 by taking 12% of Gloucestershire’s cars off the road. For information: [www.gloucestershirerecycles.com/food](http://www.gloucestershirerecycles.com/food)
- Increased support for Ukrainian guests and sponsors in response to cost-of- living increases. From Nov – Jan 2023 a payment £125 towards fuel cost increases. ‘Hosts’ who extend their welcome over and above the initial 6 months will receive a further £100pm on top of the standard £350 monthly payment.  
Currently the numbers are:  
UK Applications Issued 198,100, with 143,100 people arriving. 1,533 issued in the county and 1,274 having arrived. In the Cotswolds we have 320 issued and 268 people having arrived and staying within 135 family homes. Across the county 367 children have been placed in schools near to their new homes.
- New Electric Vehicle Charge Points. The GCC will install vehicle charge points within council owned land including Quayside car park by Shire Hall and up to 37 sites such as fire stations, libraries & highway depots. The Edge of Care team will replace their vehicles with Nissan Leaf electric vehicles as part of the councils plan to improve our sustainability to net zero by 2045 and reduce emissions by 80% by 2030.
- Fire & Rescue working closer with the Police. It has been agreed that Newent and Winchcombe fire stations are suitable for the police to establish additional operating bases. It’s hoped that this collaboration will greatly help more of a local presence as well as encourage Specials and volunteer Community Support Officers. Other fire stations are being reviewed for the same arrangement.
- The Local Government Boundary Commission for England has commenced an 18-month review of the GCC’s division boundaries owing to the growth of population. Any changes will take effect as of the May 2025 County Council elections. Full consultation will take place with input from local stakeholders, Parish, District and County Council.
- The County Council is working on being allowed to establish two Investment Zones. One being Central Gloucestershire City Region (Golden Valley, creating 2,424 homes & 45 hectares of mixed employment. Elm Park for 6,373 new homes & 10 hectare business park, Tewkesbury Garden Town for 10,195 homes & 100 hectares for

employment and Gloucester Airport for 650 homes & 21 hectares for employment). The other zone being the Berkeley Alternative Energy Park.

- Gloucestershire's Armed Forces Covenant Partnership is inviting the local Armed Forces community to have their say on a new community hub to provide information and support. The partnership comprises over 50 organisations, including the county council, police, district councils, health service and charities. The partnership is looking to get feedback from those in the community who have personal or family knowledge of the Armed Services.
- The County Council has been able to save many of the cancelled Stagecoach routes saving many of the 300,000 journeys struck from their timetable owing to ongoing staffing shortages. Contracts have been awarded but there remain some routes where an alternative provider is yet to be found. The new Robin, on demand service should well be able to help the North Cotswolds [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/travel/TheRobin](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/travel/TheRobin). The County Council subsidizes bus operators to the tune of £10m a year. The new service runs north from A40 through to isolated communities with no alternative bus service. It runs Monday – Saturday 7am to 7pm other than Bank Holidays.
- Levelling up Together - £1.5m grant scheme. 10 of the most deprived communities, mainly in and around Gloucester and Cheltenham, and across the county are eligible to apply for grants towards making life better for children and adults by offering opportunities in wellbeing, skills and employability.
- Our Libraries have received a £750k funding award from the Arts Council, payable over 3 years. This is alongside the Innovation Lab rollout across the county where IT sections are being opened within the libraries. The most recent being in Chipping Campden on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November.
- We are now assured that the 'missing link' on the A417, a £460m project to radically improve the Air Balloon junction is going ahead next year, despite cutbacks in capital programs.
- Do remember my annual Highway Fund that can contribute to minor transport related works in and around our communities.

MMC/1<sup>st</sup> Dec 2022