

OUTLINE FOR WYCK RISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Introduction

1. Unfortunately and sadly Wyck Rissington Parish Council became temporarily inquorate and is presently only functioning through the welcome intervention of Cotswold District Councillor Andrew Maclean. At the last Parish Council meeting it was therefore recommended that new Council members were sought.
2. Since then the difficulties of continuing without the full quota of 5 Councillors has been seriously exacerbated by the highly tactical timing of yet another Planning Application relating to the Gilders electric vehicle charging station.
3. Recognising this, through a series of discussions, an outline has been developed for reconstituting the Parish Council which is set out below for consideration ,support and recommendation at the Parish Council Meeting. This is particularly important given the urgency and the time needed to complete the formal process of nomination and co-option.

Council

4. It is recommended that the Council is reconstituted as follows:

Colin Cook (new Councillor and prospective Chairman)
Brian Finnimore (existing Councillor and RFO)
Simon Gorton (existing Councillor and temporary Honorary Clerk)
Robert Montague (returning Councillor)
Hilary Ponti (returning Councillor)

5. In order to facilitate the effective working of the Council and widen the number of those involved it is also proposed to set up two sub-committees immediately which will report to the full Council and make recommendations, a Flooding subcommittee and a Planning Applications subcommittee.

6. It is proposed that the Flooding subcommittee be constituted as follows:

Colin Cook Chairman
Simon Gorton
Robert Montague
Peter Watson

Its terms of reference are to consider the flooding and surface water issues affecting the village. Its members are those least directly affected . The Chairman will take on liaison with GCC on behalf of the subcommittee.

7. It is proposed that the Planning Applications subcommittee is constituted as follows:

Peter Watson Chairman
Simon Gorton
Hilary Ponti

It will be a standing committee : its first task is to complete the recommended approach to Planning Applications for consideration and adoption by the Council and of course subsequently to put that into effect.

8. In addition during the period between the Parish Council meeting and the formal reconstitution of the Parish Council it is proposed that there should be a Transition Working Party made up of Colin Cook (Chairman), Brian Finnimore and Simon Gorton to oversee this and to facilitate the work of the Parish Council in the meanwhile. With regard to other issues appertaining to governance that were raised at the last Parish Council meeting in broad terms the position set out by Andrew Maclean will best be reconsidered if necessary once the new Council is in place. The reconstituted Council will of course conduct its business in accordance with all statutory requirements and with the Council's Standing Orders issued pursuant to those. On matters of guidance (that is not law) the procedure is for this to be provided by the Clerk after taking advice if needed. It is then for the Council to consider taking into account other material factors such as costs and benefits to the Parish before arriving at any decision. This is the principal reason that the present Council is seeking a professional Clerk who it is hoped will be recruited in the near future.

9. Other matters requiring immediate attention are dealt with as part of continuing business during this meeting.