


RODMARTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 15 MAY 2018 AT 7.00 PM

Councillors:	Mark Grimes, Paul Drake, Susan Rooker, John Kinmont, Ann McCurdy, Wendy Taylor
Clerk: +	S Hare. + County Councillor: Stephen Hirst; Ward Councillor: Tony Berry, Village Agent: Aileen Bendal, Members of the of Public x 2

ACTION

1	APOLOGIES – None	
2	MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING – had been dealt with at the previous July meeting.	
3	MATTERS ARISING – None.	
4	<p>REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR – Stephen Hirst gave an overview of what was happening in the county – see attached budget information for 2018/19 – £412.9 million. The biggest ticket items were Adults Services - £133.172m; Children and Families £102.924m and Roads £150m (over 5 years). He also said that the council tax increase was one of the lowest in top tier councils; that there was an aim to keep elderly people in their own homes (rather than hospital/care homes). He said that the past winter had been the worst for a long time and the gritting lorries had done many more runs than the norm; pothole mending could only be done at a temperature of +5C. Electrical charging points for cars were to be increased (on top of what the Cotswold District was doing. He said over the county he had a budget of £20k to spend on local highways this year so let him know if there was a project he could help with. He also had £30k over 3 years for community needs. Broadband access was an issue. Mr Grimes said that potholes used to be done relatively quickly but not now. Mr Hirst said that the major roads were being done first. Mr Kinmont remarked that there was a lot of time wasted in refilling potholes from two years ago, so he was glad to hear that surfacing longer stretches (patching) of road was being done. Mr Hirst said that Amey would be relinquishing the contract at the end of March 2019 and the resurfacing is to be done by Tarmac (so no middleman) and they will also be doing the patching. The small items and the big technical works were still to be tendered for. The Public rights of Way (PROW) was now back under the county council (away from Amey). Mr Grimes thanked Mr Hirst for his report.</p>	
5	<p>WARD COUNCILLOR – Mr Tony Berry said over the year he had spent a lot of time on the elections and planning. He said the Local Plan had just gone out for final consultation and hopefully it would be approved by July. Regarding the Chesterton large development, after long discussion the professionals giving expert advice could not give a ‘good planning reason’ to turn it down. He said the CDC was a bit worried about some things in the plan but if they had allowed emotion in and gone against the application then there may well have been £500,000 to pay in costs. Mark Grime said he thought emotion was good. Continuing, Mr Berry said that the CDC Staff were working via Publica; joining up with West Oxfordshire and others including now The Forest of Dean and Cheltenham, to consolidate work areas. There would still be some CDC staff, but the back office was going via Publica. He said that the CDC was the most efficient district council out of 201 in the country; 13th best in recycling out of 350 councils nationally; re car parking the Free after Three was continuing; there would be a £15m (approximately half from the CDC) spend on putting decking on an existing car park. Apart from attending parish council meeting, planning and audit committee meetings Mr Berry had been involved with Speed Watch activities with a speed gun in Kemble, Ewen and Coates. Mr Kinmont interjected that he wondered why, as there were so many cars parked in Kemble, which meant that the new car park was not being used. Mrs Rooker said there was no sign indicating the station car park whether coming from Malmesbury or Cirencester. Mr Berry agreed to let East Network Rail know and encourage them to do something about signs. There was more conversation about the ‘parking tickets’ which had been issued but were just ‘look-alikes’ and whether yellow lines would stop people parking where they should not, but Mr Berry told councillors, like them, the people of Ewen and Kemble did not want yellow lines in their village. He said that there were projections that the (new) car park would only be able to take the volume of traffic until 2022! He also said that the Light Railway into Cirencester was on the cards be progressed. (also see attached report).</p>	TB
6	<p>POLICE REPORT – No one was able to attend but a report had been sent: there had been a huge increase in percentage terms of crime in the area – from 1 to 5 crimes. As part of the new Neighbourhood Policing each area is to have a named Police Community Support Officer: Rodmarton’s are Sue Fellows and Andy Biddell who are supported by their colleagues in the local policing team and can be contacted in a number of ways including the website www.gloucestershire.police.uk/neighbourhood.policing, or 01452 907200. It was reiterated that information however small should be reported to the police either via telephoning 101 or via e-mail: leah.davis@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk or sue.fellows@gloucestershire.police.uk or if it were an emergency or a crime was being committed then Dial 999. Website (www.gloucestershire.police.uk).</p>	
7	<p>REPORT FROM CHAIRMAN – Mr Grimes said that nothing really stood out, but the council had bought the Tarlton and the Rodmarton telephone boxes for a nominal fee and now owned them for posterity, but they did need renovating; he called on all parishioners to get in touch about this. The council had had a small battle with</p>	

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	<p>the Cotswold District Council regarding street names and won the day in that the area does not need random made up names just those that exist and where there is no name to a certain road then that should remain so -- un-named. Fly tipping remained a problem and he urged all local residents to try to photograph the licence plate of the vehicle involved, if they could; and let the police know. The only major planning issue had been at the Old Goods Yard near the Thames Head pub to which this council had objected, and the CDC had turned down too! It is scheduled for Enforcement Action as the owners had continued with their desired use without planning. The council had had a lot of soul searching about subventing the Watershed Magazine and despite giving £400 pro tem they really did need to see what expenditure the magazine actually has. The council had given the Watershed a lead regarding cheaper printing. Broadband with BT stopped at Hullasey Barn and the Ward Councillor said that Gigaclear was the best, so he advised going for that if you could. There is also Voneus which is served via the ethernet and there is a connection in Wiltshire on Kemble airfield. The major success however had been persuading Wendy Taylor to join the council, so there was now a full complement of 7 councillors representing the parish. He thanked his fellow councillors and the clerk for their input and help throughout the year.</p>	
8	<p>FINANCIAL: balances at bank at year end: 31 March 2018 Treasurers a/c 0238463 £1,696, savings a/c 7156322, was £8,362.53. The audited accounts for 2016/17 were available for councillors and public alike as were the unaudited accounts for 2017/18. There were no questions from councillors about the accounts and councillors passed the resolution to opt out of formal yearly auditing as per the new regulations; this was proposed by John Kinmont and seconded by Susan Rooker. The accounts were agreed by the councillors and signed by Mr Grimes the Chairman. The Clerk drew councillors' attention to the Annual Governance Statement for the year and this was agreed and signed off too. She also reminded all parishioners that by prior agreement they may at any mutually acceptable time inspect the accounts, even though there was technically only open for a small window of time for them to do this. There was the general opinion that Mrs Ford who had internally audited the account the previous year was willing to do this year and the clerk was to contact her.</p>	PSH
9	<p>ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN - The clerk asked for proposals for the position of Chairman and Vice Chairman: Sue Rooker proposed that Mark Grimes be Chairman; this was seconded by all councillors - no other nominations were made, and councillors agreed the nomination; Mr Grimes accepted the position although he had indicated he would be very happy for someone else to take to the chairmanship. For the position of Vice Chairman Mark Grimes proposed Paul Drake, seconded by John Kinmont and Sue Rooker. There were no other nominations and councillors agreed the nomination; Mr Drake accepted the position.</p>	
10	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS - None</p>	
11	<p>QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC - A member of the public asked about the telephone boxes and Mr Grimes replied that the parish did indeed own them and there had been much discussion what they could be now used for; defribulators, library, selling home made produce, etc. However, they needed to be renovated and voluntary labour was needed to help out, but specialist skills were also needed, and Tony Berry had said he would let him know of a contact. Mr Drake had also seen some good work in Somerford Keynes and the clerk was to contact their clerk to find out what it had cost them. There being no other business the meeting closed and was, as usual, immediately followed by the Ordinary Meeting.</p>	TB PSH
12	<p>NOTICE OF NEXT MEETING - Tuesday 21st May 2019.</p>	

Signed:



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ACTION

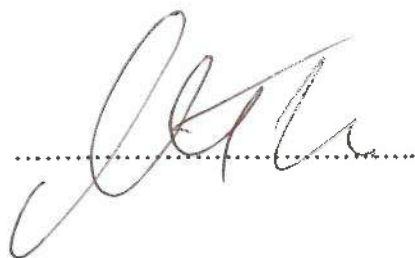
1	APOLOGIES – None.	
2	MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS – The minutes of the meeting held on 20 February 2018 were approved; proposed by Mrs Rooker, seconded by Mrs McCurdy and signed by the Chairman.	
3	MATTERS ARISING – Mr Berry said that the amount of money GWR had to pay Highways was £65m, not £6.5m. Mr Drake had thanked Cirencester Park Farms for trimming the hedges. The surveillance ideas for trying to catch out those dumping litter have come to naught (pro tem). Mark Grimes said he had forwarded to Simon Biddulph the contact he had for printing of the parish magazine – hopefully it will lead to less cost for the Watershed Magazine. Mr Grimes reported that the agent or the new house at Tarlton had acknowledged that the building associated vehicles had damaged the green and he would ensure it was reinstated. Mr Grimes also said that UBICO, as they reversed up the lane, had contributed to the damaged verges; it was a case of complete lack of respect for the verges; all it needed from the drivers was a little care and attention. Mr Berry said he would speak to his contact in UBICO about this.	TB
4	PUBLIC FORUM / QUESTIONS – None – as questions had been asked at the AGM preceding this meeting.	
5	COUNTY COUNCILLOR / WARD COUNCILLOR / POLICE COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER / VILLAGE AGENT – The County Councillor and the Ward Councillor had spoken at the AGM and had nothing more to add. The police were not in attendance but had sent a report, also discussed at the AGM, and it was noted for these minutes that the dedicated PCSOs for Rodmarton were: Sue Fellows and Andy Biddell who are supported by their colleagues in the local policing team and can be contacted in a number of ways including the website www.gloucestershire.police.uk/neighbourhood.policing , or 01452 907200. It was reiterated that information however small should be reported to the police either via telephoning 101 or via e-mail: leah.davis@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk or sue.fellows@gloucestershire.police.uk or if it were an emergency or a crime was being committed then Dial 999 . Website (www.gloucestershire.police.uk). The Village Agent, now called a Community Wellbeing Agent, Aileen Bendal, said that she had handed in her notice and would leave her post at the end of June but if anyone needed any help after this then they should contact the Gloucestershire Rural Community Council direct at 15 College Green, Gloucester, e-mail: info@grcc.org.uk , tel: 01452 528491, or visit the web site: grcc.org.uk . Mr Grimes thanked Mrs Bendal for her work and said the councillors would miss seeing her as a regular attendee at the Rodmarton PC meetings.	
6	PLANNING – Studio Cottage, Tarlton. There had been planning applications for this cottage by the previous owners, the Bathurst Estate, which had not been granted by the CDC. The new owners had submitted very detailed plans for ordinary and Listed Building planning, concerning a drive, rebuilding an outbuilding and a garage. After general discussion about the materials, eg the glass link from thatched bothy to cottage, etc the general opinion was that it was a good scheme and a solution to preserving the place. Something had to be done to the property to give it a viable economic future as the buildings, especially the thatched bothy, were very dilapidated. Mr Grimes was authorised to let the CDC planning know the council had no objection.	MG
7.	FINANCIAL AT BANK AS AT 9 May 2018: Treasurers a/c 0238463; £1,696.00 Savings a/c 7156322 £12,151.34 (including 1 st tranche of precept of £3,788). Paid out: KP Gardens Invoice no: 12105 £368.92 + VAT £73.78 = £442.70. Clerk – a previous cheque had gone missing (and had neither gone out of the council’s account, nor into the clerk’s account and it was over 6 months since issue). Together with it and the current amount due a cheque for £850 was made out. Insurance	



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10	HOLIDAYS AND HARVEST – Is an August meeting appropriate? - Due to people going on holiday and it being harvest time too it was decided to hold the summer meeting in July (third Tuesday is 17 th). The following meeting would still take place in November (20 th).	
11	GENERAL/IN CIRCULATION: as per e-mails.	
12.	<p>COUNCILLORS' AND CLERK'S REPORTS: <u>Planning – Mark Grimes:</u> as reported elsewhere.</p> <p><u>Highways– John Kinmont</u> – as reported elsewhere and regarding potholes he had been in contact with Gill Portlock who had said the hole in Hampton Lane would be filled in in 4-6 weeks. Member of the Public, Jasper Biddulph, said he hoped that Highways would clear out the drain and grips in a downhill direction this time and then do the hole afterwards. Mr Grimes said that one just had to keep the pressure on Highways in order to get a job done. <u>Church</u> – nothing to report. <u>School – Mark Grimes</u> – for this coming September 33 people children were applying for only 11 places available. <u>Grass Cutting – Paul Drake</u> – all good as usual. <u>Kemble Airfield / Cotswold Airport</u> – Mark Grimes - a bit out of touch as he had heard nothing recently, but he said planning activity was not dead, it would come back as the Option Agreement is to continue to offer more planning. <u>Police Liaison – Paul Drake</u> - nothing in particular to report but as ever he urged people to keep vigilant, if they saw something suspicious or a crime being done then they should to contact the police (direct) either via the 101 number or dial 999; and if a parishioner thought there was a crime being done or about to be done use the 999 Service.</p> <p><u>Celebrations Liaison – Sue Rooker:</u> - nothing to report.</p> <p><u>Other – None</u></p> <p><u>Web site - (www.rodmarton-pc.org)</u> – the clerk to find out whether Neil Hainsworth would continue administrating the web site as he said he would when he moved from Rodmarton to Tetbury.</p>	PSH
13	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS - Mrs Taylor reported that the elder bush growing at the bottom of the lime tree and bus shelter had been removed and ivy had to be cut off. All agreed this was good and thanked Mrs Taylor. Mrs Rooker thanked Mr Drake for organising and erecting a board in the Tarlton bus shelter to catch swallow droppings, thus making it a cleaner place but without disturbing the swallows who nested there every year. However, she mentioned again that the roofing felt needed repairing. A member of the public asked if any consideration had been given to making a feature of the village pond. Mr Grimes said the pond was in private ownership but that the topic of a village pond could be discussed at the next meeting and he asked the clerk to put this subject on the agenda. There being no other business the meeting ended at 9.30pm.</p>	
14	<p>NOTICE OF NEXT MEETING - DATE & TIME: Rodmarton Village Hall on the 3rd Tuesday of the months February, May, July, November: 2018: 17 July; 20 November (precept); 2019: 19 February, 21 May (inc AGM). All at 7.00pm.</p>	

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Date: 17 July 2018

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Councillors	Mark Grimes (Chairman), Paul Drake (Vice Chairman), Sue Rooker, John Kinmont, Wendy Taylor
Clerk:	S Hare. County Councillor: Stephen Hirst, Ward Councillor: Tony Berry; Members of Public x 2

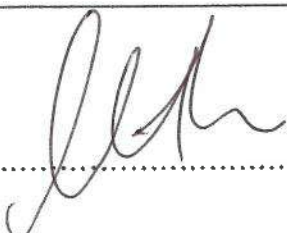
ACTION

1	APOLOGIES – Anne McCurdy, Jonathan Buonaparte	
2	MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS – The signing of minutes of the annual general meeting held on 15 May 2018 was postponed until the 20 November. The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 15 May 2018 were approved; proposed by Mrs Taylor, seconded by Mrs Rooker and signed by the Chairman.	
3	MATTERS ARISING – Mr Berry had spoken to UBICO regarding the need for their drivers to have a care with the verges and greens in the parish, ie not drive over them. Lloyds Bank had sent forms regarding internet banking for Mark Grimes and Paul Drake to fill out and return. Regarding plans Where water pipes might lay in Rodmarton Jasper Biddulph said he had not got any and one should ask John Biddulph. Regarding posts to protect the greens quote had come in and a contractor was to be instructed.	MG/PD MG MG
4	PUBLIC FORUM / QUESTIONS – Mr Simon Biddulph objected to the proposed posts around the green at Rodmarton; he thought they would be an eyesore and would make mowing more difficult. Mr Jasper Biddulph concurred There was talk about which bits of the greens were more eroded than others, the width of vehicles and other alternatives to protecting or mending damage done – all this had been discussed many times before. Mr Grimes and Mr Drake had been the ones who had physically mended the green with hardcore, top soil and reseeded etc and in the absence of any one coming forward to offer this service they were now not prepared to do again such arduous work themselves. It had been agreed some time ago at a parish council meeting to place the posts in Rodmarton on a similar basis to Tarlton (which had worked well); this had been ratified at the May 2018 meeting. Messrs Biddulph remained adamantly against the idea. Mr Grimes said it was regrettable that Mr S Biddulph was only bringing up his complaints now, but that nothing is for ever and if the posts are found not to be effective they could be easily removed. Mr S Biddulph then reported that a stone on the corner of the green at Tarlton was falling out into the road. Mr Grimes said unfortunately Mr Drake had accidentally done this himself. He had apologised for not having reinstated the stone which he would do post-haste.	PD
5	COUNTY COUNCILLOR / WARD COUNCILLOR / POLICE COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER The County Councillor reported that he had some money to spend on Highways issues. The ongoing flooding problem in Sandpool Lane was re-iterated (apparently Hampton Lane work was to be done soon). Mr Grimes said that part of Sandpool Lane was to be closed, 13-17 August, for water pipe work, but this had nothing to do with the natural flooding that took place. Mr Hirst asked if the parish had a Senior Citizens Luncheon Club as he had some funding for such an enterprise. Rodmarton does not have such a club. He also said that the Local Plan was to be agreed in two weeks' time. The police were not in attendance. The dedicated PCSOs for Rodmarton are: Sue Fellows and Andy Biddell: contact via the website www.gloucestershire.police.uk/neighbourhood.policing , or 01452 907200. It was reiterated that information however small should be reported to the police either via telephoning 101 or via e-mail: leah.davis@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk or sue.fellows@gloucestershire.police.uk or if it were an emergency or a crime was being committed then Dial 999. Website (www.gloucestershire.police.uk).	
6	PLANNING – Jackaments Bottom: Jackaments Lodge was a barn converted to a house. Permitted development rights are removed in a Conservation Area therefore there was a planning request to erect a conservatory (a glass cube) on the front. There were no planning objections from councillors therefore Mr Grimes would inform the CDC: No Objection. Old Station Yard, Coates. The owners have appealed to the Secretary of State for the Environment against CDC's decision to refuse planning permission; the Planning Inspector is to decide. Mr Grimes said that as a parish council a comment can be made to the inspector, via correspondence not a hearing. He asked if the council should re-enforce its previous statements, add extra comment or not? Ms Wendy Taylor declared an interest. Mrs Rooker proposed repeating the previous statement – Mr Kinmon seconded. Mr Grimes updated the councillors on Studio cottage, Tarlton which was regarded as an important Arts & Crafts property; timber framed and timber clad	MG MG

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	<p>under a thatched roof. The RPC had supported renovation of the cottage and a glass link to an outhouse. The CDC Conservation Officer is not writing a report but is strongly opposing the application. Mr Grimes said that he was very disappointed, but the planning application had not yet been turned down, but he thought it would be. The owners want to renovate the property and make it liveable; it currently is not. He asked councillors whether he should tell the CDC again that the council supported the application or just leave things to run their course. Mrs Rooker proposed, and Ms Taylor seconded putting forward a good word as it was important to keep buildings habitable and stop them falling into ruin.</p>	MG
7.	<p>FINANCIAL AT BANK AS AT 16 July 2018: Treasurers a/c 0238463; £2,308.96, Savings a/c 7156322 £10,152.28. Paid out: KP Gardens Invoice no: 12147 and 12187 @ £368.92 + VAT £73.78 = 442.70 = £885.40. Councillors thanked very much indeed Mrs Caroline Ford for appraising the council's bookkeeping and accounts and were glad that she had found that all was in order. The Certificate of Exemption (to send in accounts to an auditing process) had therefore been issued (as the council was a smaller authority whose gross income or expenditure did not exceed £25,000).</p>	
8.	<p>VILLAGE POND AT RODMARTON – Mr Jasper Biddulph asked why this item had been put on the agenda, especially as the area in question was his private property. Mr Grimes said that a parishioner had been keen to resurrect a pond in the village. He thought it was not feasible due to a) the landowner not wishing to do so and b) the public liability angle.</p>	-
9.	<p>GENERAL/IN CIRCULATION: as per e-mails – no comments.</p>	
10.	<p>COUNCILLORS' AND CLERK'S REPORTS: <u>Planning – Mark Grimes</u>: as reported elsewhere. <u>Highways – John Kinmont</u> – said he was still chasing Mr Gray of Highways regarding the verges and the possibility of formalising some of the ad hoc eroded 'passing places'. <u>Church</u> – regarding the Watershed Magazine Bob Merrill the Editor, had said that a lot of the cost was paying Busy Fingers of Cirencester who were very amenable and being local it was easier for him to deal with them. <u>School – Mark Grimes</u> said there were 47 children at the school with 32 vying for 11 slots for this September. Wendy Taylor said that she perceived a problem with parking as the numbers of children attending were rising. She wondered if traffic cones could be put out to prevent parking in certain areas – Mr Grimes asked her to liaise with the school on this matter. – <u>Grass Cutting – Paul Drake</u> – all good as usual. <u>Kemble Airfield / Cotswold Airport – Mark Grimes</u> - he had received reports that there had been flying in the middle of the night. <u>Police Liaison – Paul Drake</u> - nothing in particular to report but as ever he urged people to keep vigilant, if they saw something suspicious or a crime being done then they should to contact the police (direct) either via the 101 number or dial 999; and if a parishioner thought there was a crime being done or about to be done use the 999 Service. <u>Celebrations Liaison – Sue Rooker</u>: - nothing to report – except that she had some plans to repeat last year's Christmas carols and wassailing on the village greens. <u>Other – None. Web site - (www.rodmarion-pc.org)</u> – the clerk to contact Neil Hainsworth again.</p>	JK WT PSH
11.	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS - Mrs Rooker reported that people were urinating in the bus shelter at Tarlton and wondered how this could be stopped. She could put up a Notice! Dint of hanging about to catch a miscreant this seemed the only option at the moment; she would organise it. Mrs Rooker also mentioned the felting in the bus shelter which was hanging off in places and suggested perhaps putting hardboard up instead. To be discussed later. There being no other business the meeting ended at 8.10 pm.</p>	SR
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Date: 20 November 2018

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Clerk:		S Hare. County Councillor: Stephen Hirst, Ward Councillor: Tony Berry; Members of Public x 0
		ACTION
1	APOLOGIES – John Kinmont, Paul Drake (Vice Chairman),	
2	MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS – The minutes of the annual general meeting on 15 May 2018 were proposed by Wendy Taylor and seconded by Sue Rooker, agreed and signed. The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on July 2018 were approved; proposed by Sue Rooker seconded by Wendy Taylor and both were signed by the Chairman.	
3	MATTERS ARISING - Re Jackaments bottom planning – although Rodmarton PC had had no objection the District Council had turned it down. Regarding Studio Cottage in Tarlton Mr Berry said he hoped to take the application to the Planning Committee. The owners are ready to make this property a home rather than it decline. Mr Grimes said that the Parish Council was very supportive, and he could not understand why the Heritage department at the CDC did not like the saving of a ‘ruin’ by making it into a home. Mr Grimes thanked Wendy Taylor for organising the traffic cones to be used outside the school during peak times.	
4	PUBLIC FORUM / QUESTIONS – No public – no questions.	
5	COUNTY COUNCILLOR / WARD COUNCILLOR / POLICE COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER. The County Councillor said the dustbin regime needs to be reorganised. £150M has been allocated for pothole mending (successive governments have not spent money on infrastructure.). Anne McCurdy said Jackaments Lane was in a bad condition. Mr Berry said to contact Amey (they were still in post). Mr Grimes said it was good to do it on the website. Mrs McCurdy thought the culprits should perhaps be asked to recompense the parish for the destruction of the verges by their large tractors. The County Councillor, Stephen Hirst said he thought that the Rodmarton roads were not too bad, but any works that needed doing hopefully could be done before the winter set in. Anne McCurdy reiterated to Mr Hirst her concern about the potholes in Jackaments Lane as well as Irongate Lane. Wendy Taylor said there was a bad pothole on the corner by the church. Mr Hirst asked again whether there were any vulnerable people in the parish who would benefit from a luncheon club – the answer again was – no. The police were not in attendance. The dedicated PCSOs for Rodmarton are: Sue Fellows and Andy Biddell: contact via the website www.goucestershire.police.uk/neighbourhood.policing , or 01452 907200. It was reiterated that information however small should be reported to the police either via telephoning 101 or via e-mail: leah.davis@goucestershire.pnn.police.uk or sue.fellows@goucestershire.police.uk or if it were an emergency or a crime was being committed then Dial 999. Website: www.goucestershire.police.uk .	
6	PLANNING – The Planning Inspectorate had turned down the appeal at the Old Goods Yard which the council thought was a good decision. The question now was how to get the decision enforced as the activities were still going on. There was a minor planning application for a porch in St Peter’s Close, Rodmarton – no objection.	
7.	FINANCIAL AT BANK AS AT 23 October 2018: Treasurers a/c 0238463; £4,423.56, Savings a/c 7156322 £8,415.60. Recently paid: KP Gardens – grasscutting Invoices: x 3 total £922.31+ VAT £184.47 = £1,106.86; F R Crew – wooden posts £1,294.12 + VAT £258.82 = £1,552.9 - plus to pay KP Gardens - last cut of season Inv. 12472 £368.92 + VAT £73.78 = £442.70; therefore, for use in Treasurer’s account: £1,321.06. SET PRECEPT FOR 2019/2020 - Grasscutting Quote: KP Gardens 3% increase from last year – 14 cuts @ £189.99 + VAT 37.99 Per year: £2,659.86 + VAT £531.86 (previous year- dry July, only 13 cuts £2,398.07). KP Gardens was approved. Anne McCurdy asked about who was responsible for cutting which verges. Mr Grimes said that the parish council cut some public domain; greens, church yard, plus the left-hand side of the No Through Road in Tarlton. Mrs McCurdy said that the verges towards Rodmarton looked a mess where parishioners were not cutting them themselves, so asked if the parish council pay to have these areas cut. Mr Grimes said that everyone had a different opinion regarding ‘tidiness’ – some people liked a ‘bowling green’ while others like ‘au naturel’. Mrs McCurdy asked whether the areas could be at least flailed 2-3 times a year. Mr Grimes countered asking where in a rural situation such as the parish did wild countryside begin or	

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	end and what should be a bowling green. Also, he said, if a verge were mown then people would be tempted to mount the verge as it would be easier so to do. Anne McCurdy suggested that the company who ruined some of the verges could fail the verges as a prid pro quo for destroying the verges in the first place. Mrs McCurdy thought there should be a modest increase in the precept. Councillors looked at and after more discussion agreed unanimously the clerk's projections which suggested a precept of £6,000 (increase 18.81%): proposed by Sue Rooker, seconded by Anne McCurdy. The clerk to let the Cotswold District Council know. (done).	PSH
8.	BOARDING INTERNALLY THE ROOF OF BUS SHELTER, TARLTON - Mrs Rooker said that the bus shelter looked very tatty. The shelves erected to catch the droppings of the swallows have worked and thus it was a cleaner shelter in that respect, however amazingly people were urinating in the shelter. The question was how to stop these people from relieving themselves in this spot. Signs would probably have no effect. Mr Grimes asked Sue Rooker to ask a local parishioner whom she knew to board out the internal roof space of the shelter and to make out the invoice to the parish council.	SR
9.	VILLAGE GREENS PROTECTION POSTS – Sadly there had been a minor accident in which a local person had scraped their car on the Rodmarton posts around the green, which showed how used they were to drive over the green. It was noted that three Biddulphs had objected to the posts for aesthetic reasons. John Biddulph had written a formal letter to the council which needed answering. Mark Grimes said he would draft a response pointing out how the council had discussed and agreed the putting up of the posts several times over the last few years and each time it had been agreed to install them. He would circulate it to councillors for comment before sending it out. (done). Mr Grimes said that he thought the parish council had a duty to preserve the greens and there is a precedent as there were already some protection posts in the village. He pointed out that the council had acquired the greens in 1974; and that the sighting of the posts was completely compliant with regulations as they were installed more than 0.5m of the road edge. Mr Buonaparte said he had observed that the traffic in the village had slowed down!	MG
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11.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS - none.	
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Date: 19 February 2019

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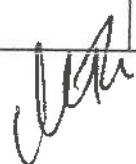
Councillors	Mark Grimes (Chairman), Paul Drake, (Vice Chairman), Sue Rooker, Wendy Taylor, Johnathan Buonaparte, John Kinmont,
Clerk:	S Hare. County Councillor: Stephen Hirst, Ward Councillor: Tony Berry; Members of Public x 0

ACTION

1	APOLOGIES – Anne McCurdy	
2	MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS – The minutes of the meeting on 20 November 2018 were proposed by Wendy Taylor and seconded by Sue Rooker, agreed and signed by the Chairman.	
3	MATTERS ARISING – No further work done with the internal boarding of the bus shelter in Tarlton. Mrs Rooker would chase up the parishioner who said kindly we would fix up the boarding. Mr Grimes had replied, as his circulated draft, to Mr John Biddulph’s letter about the posts around the green at Rodmarton. The telephone boxes – nothing done to them yet.	SR ALL
4	PUBLIC FORUM / QUESTIONS – No public – no questions.	
	<p>COUNTY COUNCILLOR / WARD COUNCILLOR / POLICE COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER.</p> <p>The Ward Councillor said that the CDC budget had been increased by 2% which worked out as £3 extra per person per annum. He said that having subsidised the Garden Green Bins for 10 years the CDC would now charge for the service and people could choose; a weekly service at £x per bin or a fortnightly service at £y per bin and the service would be provided based on the consensus. The different bins need new vehicles. The food waste service would continue to be on a weekly basis: this waste goes to produce heat. New bins would be bigger and brown, not green. The CDC would be letting householders know the minutia of the various services and any changes, which would not happen until the new vehicles came into use, probably in November 2019. The CDC is a very ‘green’ county and was rated ‘very good’ with its recycling. Mr Grimes said that UBICO did sometimes fail to empty bins or not take away other rubbish which added to cost of the service and frustration for the parishioner. This was noted by Mr Berry.</p> <p>The County Councillor handed out information about the Gloucestershire County Council budget for 2019/20. Mr Grimes said that Adult Social Care was increasing, but it seemed that the budget was going down so the price per head was less. Mr Hirst said it was to do with trying to keep people in their own homes. Mr Grimes also asked about the money for schools and said that Rodmarton school was actually getting less. Mr Hirst said that the money follows the pupils; if the number of pupils reduces so does the money allocated to the school, as it is £x per head. When the pupil numbers rise the school receives a greater total. However, there is a lag in the system which means that numbers could have gone up but the money total does not catch up in the same year. Mr Grimes said the situation should not be accepted and asked to whom one should address one’s dissatisfaction. Mr Hirst said he had already been having talks to get “in year” payments. There were no more questions for Mr Hirst.</p> <p>The police were not in attendance. The dedicated PCSOs for Rodmarton are: Sue Fellows and Andy Biddell: contact via the website www.gloucestershire.police.uk/neighbourhood.policing, or 01452 907200. It was reiterated that information however small should be reported to the police either via telephoning 101 or via e-mail: leah.davis@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk or sue.fellows@gloucestershire.police.uk or if it were an emergency or a crime was being committed then Dial 999. Website: www.gloucestershire.police.uk.</p>	
6	<p>PLANNING – Studio Cottage, Tarlton. Mr Berry said that the planning department had thought of a way to get around the block from the Heritage Department. Mr Grimes welcomed this as he said the Conservation Officer’s Report, signed only with the initials JA, no actual name, had been obstructive and saying that the current, now third iteration of the application as arranged by the planning department and the owners still needs to be changed. Mr Grimes said that just to make it clear to Mr Berry the Parish Council supports the current application and councillors again voted, proposed by Mrs S Rooker and seconded by Mr Jo Buonaparte that this was indeed the case. Mr Grimes said he would tell the CDC again. Mr Berry said he would, if needs be, take it to the Planning Committee for consideration.</p> <p>Hullasey Barn, Kemble Avenue, Tarlton. There are several buildings of various ages on the site next to the old ‘plague’ village/hamlet of Hullasey. It is proposed in a very detailed report that the tythe barn be turned into a single dwelling. Single units behind this to become one one-bedded unit and one two-bedded unit. Some of the dutch barn was to be knocked down and the rest converted to a four-bed unit and the grain dryer would be knocked down and a new build dwelling put up in its stead. The old buildings are not listed,</p>	

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	<p>one used to be used as residential and one once had planning for offices. Behind everything is the old medieval village and church and the new plans do not impinge. Mr Berry said it would constitute being a new hamlet in the middle of fields half a mile from Tarlton and 2 miles from Kemble. Mr Grimes said that the 'new build' was needed to make the rest viable. Mr Drake said, if allowed, the planning would cause a dramatic change to a wide-open space in an agricultural area. There are reckoned to be 8-10 traffic movements per property per day (or more due to van delivery), people speed on Kemble Avenue, these barns are habitually broken into, and crop spraying would be taking place in close proximity. Mr Grimes said that financial considerations were not viable planning arguments and Mr Kinmont said that it was too big a development in the middle of open country. Mr Grimes summed up that the council objected to the current plans on the basis of density, visual amenity, traffic but might be sympathetic to a different iteration of the plans. He also said that he was worried about the site area as being located where it was, future purchasers would in all probability want pony paddocks and the whole paraphernalia of domesticity and associated vehicles would forever change the area. Mr Drake said out of interest that there were probably something like 1,356 oak trees in the area that were alive during the plague. Mr Grimes said that Hullasey Grove was not affected right now by the planning. Mrs Rooker suggested a site meeting, but Mr Grimes thought it expedient to put in a response now. Therefore, Mrs Rooker proposed and Mr Buonaparte seconded and all agreed that the parish council Objected. Mr Grimes was delegated to inform the CDC planning department.</p> <p>Mr Grimes also asked Mr Berry about the progress with the planning situation at the Old Goods Yard. Mr Berry said that Enforcement must take place on or before 1st April.</p>	MG
7.	<p>FINANCIAL AT BANK AS AT 21 January Treasurers a/c 0238463: £2,029.37 Savings a/c no. 7156322: £8,976.44 (first tranche of new precept not due until mid/end April). Watershed Magazine subvention request for £510. Mr Kinmont recalled he had agreed a few years ago 2 x £400 and then no more. There was general discussion about whether the Watershed was needed in its current printed state and why there was £150 postage costs to people who had left the parish, whether the Parish Council should be seen to be supporting the Parochial Church Council and how the Rodmarton Parish Council must be seen to be accountable to all parishioners, whether Church of England worshipers or not. There was a proposal to pay £250 only, but the consensus was to wait until the next financial year anyway, pending someone from the Watershed Magazine or Parochial Church Council attending a Rodmarton Parish Council meeting and explaining the figures they have come up with and the background detail, eg circulation figures and what the parochial church council pays.</p>	
8.	<p>CONFIRM SUMMER MEETING IS IN JULY NOT AUGUST This was confirmed – therefore the date of the meeting will be Tuesday 16 July 2019.</p>	
9.	<p>VERGES – mowing (possible to include some of Sandpool Lane and road to Coates) – damage (inc outside Rose Cottage, Tarlton). The mowing topic was postponed until Anne McCurdy who raised it could attend a meeting and inform councillors; to be included in the next meeting agenda. The damage to the verge was discussed and Mrs Rooker circulated some photographs which showed just how badly damaged the verge was, due to vehicles being driven on and off it in wet conditions. Mr Drake would have a quite word with the people thought to be involved. There was also the problem outside the new build, Mariners, where the contractors had not restored the green although they had said they would; the situation has not been helped by UBICO driving over it too. Mr Grimes would chase these people up.</p>	AMcC PSH PD MG
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11	<p>GENERAL/IN CIRCULATION: as per e-mails – no comments, but regarding the upcoming council elections councillors took nomination papers to submit to the Returning Officer of the CDC no later than 4pm on Wednesday 3rd April.</p>	ALL



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11.	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS – A grit box was needed in Tarlton – this topic to be included in the next agenda. The Sign to the church (chapel of ease) in Tarlton was missing, but Mr Grimes said he had it in his shed because the soft wood dowel to hold the oak sign in place had rotted and an oak dowel was needed. Mrs Rooker gave advance apologies for the May meeting. Mr Grimes had asked Mr Berry earlier before he had to leave whether the organisers of the Royal Agricultural University Rag Week Tractor Pull had made any donation to the cost of the massive police presence at the event. The answer was 'No'. Mr Grimes said that such activity put a strain on the already stretched police resources and tax payers did not pay the police to do charity work. Mr Drake said there were only six police officers for the whole of the Cotswolds. Mrs Rooker asked if there was any enthusiasm to join in the Keep Britain Tidy campaign, but it was thought litter would be dealt with as currently on an ad hoc basis. Mr Grimes said he had applied for and received consent to take off some low hanging branches of the tree on Tarlton Green. Also, many thanks to Tony Scott for making the sign for the Tarlton bus shelter "Please do not urinate"! Mr Buonaparte wondered if any thought had been given to a clear up of the church yard at St Peter's, Rodmarton. Nothing specific had been diarised, but it would be great if any parishioners were to notify councillors of their wish to help.</p>	<p>PSH MG</p>
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