

# MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF RISLEY WITH HOPWELL PARISH COUNCIL

held at Harrison's Cottage on Thursday, 10 November 2016 at 7.00pm

**Present:** Cllrs, J Hitchcock, R Hobbs, B Housley, S Jarratt, F Jones and  
D Rhodes

**In attendance:** Sue Dunkley (Clerk)

## Part 1 – Non confidential information

### 16-167 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Ancliff and O'Neill. As both the Chairman and Vice-Chairman were not present, nominations were called and Councillor F Jones took the Chair.

### 16-168 Variation of business

No variation of business was necessary.

### 16-169 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest to be made.

### 16-170 Dispensations

None

### 16-171 Public session

1) Public

No members of the public were present.

2) Councillors appointed to outside bodies

None

3) Reports from the Police Liaison Officer, County Council and Borough Council

a) Police report (received by the Clerk):

8/10 Attempted shed burglary on First Avenue, disturbed by ip

13/10 ABH common assault on Derby Road

13/10 Dwelling burglary on Derby Road

18/10 Dwelling burglary on Derby Road

29/10 One male arrested on scene (Derby Road) for theft thanks to member of the public calling the Police

1/11 Damage to padlock on Breaston Lane

3/11 Burglary on Derby Road

- b) County Councillor report  
Councillor Major reported that more people are coming forward and reporting incidents of hate crime, the reporting of hate crime has increased dramatically.
- c) Borough Councillor report  
Councillor Clare reported on several events which will be taking place within the Borough over the next few weeks – 13 November is the Remembrance Services in both Ilkeston and Long Eaton as well as other parishes; 17 to 19 November is the Chestnut Fair in Long Eaton; Christmas Lights will be switched on in Long Eaton and Ilkeston on 24 and 25 November respectively. Week commencing 28 November is the last brown bin collection and the service will be resumed week commencing 6 February 2017.

Information is available on the Borough Council's webpage on 'coping with flooding' and 'coping with inclement weather'.

Councillor Major also reported on the increasing number of incidents involving travellers. The cost of cleaning up after such visits is very high and he advised that parish councils should look at securing any areas of land they are responsible for. A tough decision had to be taken by the Borough Council to close the café and crèche at the leisure centres which was losing £40,000 per year.

#### **16-172 Minutes of previous meetings**

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 13 October were proposed by Councillor Hobbs, seconded by Councillor Jarratt and it was RESOLVED that these be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

#### **16-173 Exempt items**

There were no exempt items to be discussed.

#### **16-174 Chair's announcements/report**

The Chair's report had been circulated before the meeting. It was agreed that action should be taken to cut back the brambles on the right hand side of Breaston Lane and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk contact Tim Ainsworth to carry out the work.

#### **16-175 Clerk's report**

The Clerk's report had also been distributed and the contents noted. A reply from the Borough Council had been received after the report had been distribution with regards to the bus shelter on Derby Road. Unfortunately the Borough Council will not be able to install an additional shelter due to lack of resources.

Councillors were asked to note that the March meeting will be moved from the 9<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

#### **16-176 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils**

Circular No. 16/2016 had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.

#### **16-177 Matters for determination**

##### a) Councillor Training

The dates of the training were noted and if anyone is interested in attending should contact the Clerk.

##### b) Community Speedwatch Scheme

The Clerk reported on the meeting held on 9 November with the police in relation to the possible community speedwatch scheme for the village. PCSO Pykett explained that only two/three people were required for each session, which would last approximately 45 minutes. One session will be held each month in areas which are causing concern. Volunteers would register the speed of traffic and the police would write to offenders. The first session will be arranged and the date will be emailed to interested parties. The Clerk has a supply of forms should anyone wish to take part.

##### c) Release of Rural Community Grant

Councillor Rhodes gave an update on the lighting work at the Village Hall and on behalf of the Management Committee asked whether the Parish Council would be agreeable to release 50% of the grant in order for the work to be commenced. The revised plans have yet to be submitted to the planning authority and therefore the Clerk was asked to include this item on the December agenda.

##### d) Online banking

The Clerk reported that several parish councils had changed from cheque payments to online banking and asked that the Parish Council consider doing the same. Further information to be sought from the bank.

##### e) Newsletter

It was agreed to produce a further newsletter giving details of the Carols around the Tree as well as other news for residents.

#### **16/178 Finance**

It was RESOLVED that the following accounts be approved for payment:

| <u>Cheque No.</u> | <u>Payee</u>  | <u>Amount</u> |
|-------------------|---|---------------|
| 001979            | PCC All Saints Church<br>(Room Hire – replacement for cheque<br>001978 which had not been received) | £130.00       |

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| 001980 | Park Hall Design<br>7 months' maintenance and renewal of<br>Website hosting) | £110.00 |
| 001981 | S J Dunkley<br>(Salary and expenses – October)                               | £251.04 |
| 001982 | HMRC<br>(PAYE – October)   | £ 48.80 |

#### Receipts

None

#### 2017-18 Budgets

The Clerk had distributed the bank reconciliation and monthly analysis for the precept and concurrent budgets together with proposals for the forthcoming financial year. It was RESOLVED that these be discussed and agreed next month when the meeting will be at a full compliment.

A discussion took place on the mowing budget as the Parish Council is not happy with the state of the areas, especially the play area as complaints had been received as it was difficult to play football due to the length of the grass. As money was still available in the budget for mowing, it was RESOLVED that the Clerk should approach another contractor to undertake a final cut to Rush Meadow, the play area and the verges.

#### **16-179 Playground Inspections**

Councillor Hitchcock submitted the October inspection sheet. Apart from the length of the grass, there was nothing to report.

#### **16-180 Planning**

ERE/0716/0044 – 3 The Crescent, Risley Lane (two storey side extension and a single storey rear extension – amended plans). No objections.

#### **16-181 Matters for information**

a) Carols around the Christmas Tree – final arrangements to be discussed at the next meeting.

#### **16-165 Future agenda items**

- New play equipment – Big Lottery Grant – future
- Possible sign for Hopwell – future
- Fencing at Rush Meadow - future

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.