

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RISLEY WITH HOPWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Held at Harrison's Cottage on Thursday 10 March 2016 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs P Ancliff (Chair), R Hobbs, B Housley, S Jarratt, F Jones, M O'Neill and D Rhodes

In attendance: S Dunkley (clerk) and Borough Councillor Mrs V Clare

Part 1 – Non confidential information

16-40 Apologies

Councillor J Hitchcock and County Councillor W Major.

16-41 Variation of business

None.

16-42 Declarations of interest

Declarations were received from Councillors P Ancliff, R Hobbs, B Housley and S Jarratt as members of the Risley Conservation Group and from Cllr D Rhodes as the parish council representative on the Village Hall Management Committee.

16-43 Dispensations

None.

16-44 Public session

1) Public

None.

2) Reports of councillors appointed to outside bodies

None.

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

a) Police report:

- 13/2 Breaston Lane – Theft from motor vehicle
- 14/2 Risley Hall – Burglary. Theft from hotel room
- 21/2 Risley Hall – possession of Class B drug
- 5/3 Bostocks Lane – dwelling burglary

b) Borough Councillor Mrs V Clare reported to the meeting:

- Full Council was held on 3 March when the 2016/17 budget was approved. There would be a 10p per week increase in the Erewash portion of the Council Tax, the first increase in six years.
- Devolution deal – at the same Full Council meeting, it was unanimously agreed that Erewash would not be part of the proposed North Midlands devolution deal.
- HS2 – this is to be discussed on 12 April 2016 and Councillor Clare will report to a future meeting.
- All dogs are required to be microchipped and Councillor Clare reported that the Borough Council would be offering this service on 21 March (Cotmanhay); 22 March (Sandiacre Library); 23 March (Sawley Community Centre) and 24 March (Ashbrook Community Centre, Borrowash). It was RESOLVED that the Clerk should print off the information from the EBC website for the noticeboards.

16-45 Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 11 February 2016

RESOLVED that the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 11 February be approved as a true record.

16-46 Exempt items

None.

16-47 Chair's announcements/report

1. The Chair reported on a meeting she had had with Mr and Mrs Dilks, the owners of Bluebell Wood regarding trees which had been cut back by the owners of the adjacent field. It was understood that it is proposed to erect a menage and carry out associated works such as a road and stables and the Chair asked that those councillors who walk up the bridleway to be vigilant of any works being done. Mr and Mrs Dilks had been advised to contact the Planning Department at EBC.
2. Cllr Ancliff reported that she had spoken to Trevor Robinson of Natural Landscapes who had confirmed that work would commence on the first phase of the footpath repairs at The Nook on Friday, 11 March. Mr Robinson had spoken to Mrs Hartley.
3. It had been confirmed by Planning Enforcement that the work to the wall and electric gates at Golden Brook Farm is classed as permitted development.
4. With regards to the proposed works to the car park at the Village Hall, members of the Village Hall Committee had obtained verbal agreement from the owners of the adjacent properties. However, it was felt that agreement should be made in writing for our records and this had been confirmed by the Borough Council's legal department. It was therefore RESOLVED that the Chairman and Clerk would draft a letter to Mr Mason and Mr Oakley to this effect. It was also reported that Adrian Fogg had spoken to Alan Revill who had confirmed that there is no right of way over his land beyond.

16-48 Clerk's report

1. As Councillors would be aware, the Queen will be celebrating her 90th Birthday this year and asked if the Parish Council wished to commemorate this in any way. She reported

that one way would be to arrange for hanging baskets to be erected around the Parish by the Borough Council. Last year, these cost £85 each for one year or £55 each for a three year contract (prices for this year to be confirmed) which included the sponsorship board and maintenance. The baskets are only able to be erected onto steel lamp columns which had no traffic signs. It was RESOLVED that the clerk should look at which columns would be appropriate and report at the next meeting.

2. The Clerk had approached the Pride Co-ordinator at the Borough Council with regards to a community litter pick. The next available date was Saturday, 7 May 2016, the same date as the proposed work being undertaken by the School, and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk confirm this date. Locations would be decided at the next meeting.
3. The Risley Conservation Group had asked to loan the projector for the presentation which they had arranged for 21 April 2016. It was agreed that the Clerk would arrange for it to be left with the Chairman.
4. The former Clerk had left a notice on the windscreen of the car which had been parking at the entrance to Rush Meadow but to no avail. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk ask the County Council/Police to intervene as access will be required to the field.

16-49 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

Circular No. 05/2016 had previously been circulated to Councillors. It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council's Financial Regulations and Standing Orders be reviewed and amended as recommended.

16-50 Matters for determination

1) Draft Grant Policy

The Clerk and former Clerk had forwarded sample grant policies to Councillors Jarratt, O'Neill and Rhodes for consideration. Councillor Jarratt had drafted a policy which followed the structure of those which had been adopted by neighbouring authorities. A copy of the draft policy was distributed to all members.

- It was suggested that a limit of say 20% of the Parish reserves be set for such grants, ie £4-5,000 for the 2016/17 financial year, to be reviewed each year.
 - Applications to be received for consideration at the end of each financial year when reserves were known.
 - It was agreed that all members review the draft and it was hoped to be in a position to adopt a grant policy at the next meeting.
- 2) The consultation on proposals to withdraw funding for subsidised local bus services was noted. This had been displayed on the noticeboards for individuals to respond to if they so wished.
 - 3) It was agreed that the request for a donation by the Risley Conservation Group be discussed at the next meeting.
 - 4) The request by Treetops Hospice to use Rush Meadows as an overspill car parking for the Easter Egg Hunt on 26th March was discussed. It was felt that the ground was too

waterlogged at the moment and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk write informing the organisers that the Parish Council could not agree to its use at the present time.

- 5) A discussion took place on the fencing to the play area and it was RESOLVED to obtain quotations from Premier Landscaping and Mr Mrvik for the necessary work.
- 6) The Parish Council's membership of the Derbyshire Association of Local Councils (DALC) would shortly be due for renewal and it was RESOLVED to continue with the enhanced package for the forthcoming year.
- 7) It was RESOLVED that the Clerk should register for the CiLCA qualification with the SLCC and for the training with DALC, the first session being held on 18 May 2016 at Bakewell.
- 8) The Chairman had received a second quotation for the works required to the ash tree at the rear of No. 20 Rushy Lane and it was RESOLVED to accept the quotation from Poplar Tree Services in the sum of £400. The Chair agreed to contact them to discuss when the work would be carried out.

16-51 Finance

1) Accounts for payment

RESOLVED that the following accounts be paid:

a)	L Ghent	Clerk's salary and expenses	£428.35
b)	HMRC	PAYE tax	£92.40

2) Receipts

Donation from resident of the Parish £1,000.00

16-52 Playground Inspections

1. The playground inspection record for February was submitted by Cllr R Hobbs.
2. The main matter arising continues to be the problem of animal faeces.

16-53 Planning

1. New applications

ERE/0216/0031 – Golden Valley Farm, Derby Road, Risley (removal of barn structure and construction of garage block ancillary to farmhouse – resubmission of ERE/0715/0006). No objection.

ERE/0216/0048 – Land east of 56 Bostocks Lane, Sandiacre (non residential major specialist healthcare centre (D1 use) with associated access parking and landscaping). Whilst it was understood that no objection had been made by the residents of the area, the Parish Council wished to have its observations recorded by the Borough Council. It was felt that:

- it would be dangerous for pedestrians and road users when traffic turned right from the development onto Bostocks Lane, particular during rush hours
- The turning circle was too tight, particularly for large vehicles such as refuse, delivery and emergency service vehicles
- Concern as to the security of the drugs which would be used at the site
- The street scene would be adversely affected.

2. Decisions

Amendment had now been made to the illuminated signage at Treetops Hospice which was now approved by the Planning Department.

RESOLVED that the decision be noted.

16-54 Matters for information

- 1) Letter of thanks from Breast Cancer Now for donation of £150.00 following the Christmas Carol Service
- 2) The Borough Council had re-launched the Mayor's Award to recognise the voluntary work which is being carried out throughout the Borough. Nominations to be sent to the civic office by 31 March 2016
- 3) Survey on the Highways Asset Infrastructure Management Strategy – noted.

16-55 Future agenda items

- Vehicle activated signs and possible relocation of sign – April
- Bus shelter – April
- Grant Policy - April
- Standing Orders and Financial Regulations – April
- Donation to Risley Conservation Group and other Risley groups

Part 2 – Confidential information

16-56 Confidential items

None.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.