

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF RISLEY WITH HOPWELL PARISH COUNCIL

held at Harrison's Cottage on Thursday 11 January 2018 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs B Housley, S Jarratt, F Jones, M O'Neill and D Rhodes

In attendance: Cllrs V Clare and W Major
S Dunkley (Clerk)
Cllr C Powers, SPC – observing

Councillor M O'Neill (Vice-Chair) in the Chair

Part 1 – Non confidential information

17-118 Apologies

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Ancliff, Hitchcock and Hobbs.

17-119 Variation of order of business

None required.

17-120 Declarations of interest

None.

17-121 Dispensations

None.

17-122 Public session

1) Members of the Public

None present.

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

- a) Three shed burglaries on Derby Road had taken place on 26 December 2017; an attempt to pass on fake £50 notes at the Risley Hall Hotel on 28 December and a further shed burglary on Derby Road on 2 January 2018. It was agreed to add an item to the next newsletter.
- b) i) Councillor Major reported on the success on the bid for Derbyshire to be one of the ten authorities to pilot a 100% business rate growth retention scheme. The monies will go into the Derbyshire Economic Partnership for regeneration for the whole of Derbyshire and will help protect shrinkage of business rates. Around £150k will be for Erewash and will help to protect frontline services.
ii) Residents can apply for a voucher towards the infrastructure for BT Broadband which will help to roll out a faster service.
- c) Councillor Clare reported that the brown bin collection (garden waste) will recommence on week commencing 5 February and therefore the bin cannot be used for recycling after this date.

- 3) Councillors appointed to outside bodies
Nothing to report.

17-123 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 7 December 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 December 2017 were proposed as a true record by Councillor Jones, seconded by Councillor Housley, unanimously agreed and then signed by the Chairman.

17-124 Exempt items

None.

17-125 Chairman's announcements/report

The Chairman's report had been distributed prior to the meeting and was noted. An additional report was given by the Clerk on the Chairman's behalf regarding the wetpour surfacing around the swings on the play area being slippery due to algae. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk ask the contractor to remedy this as a matter of urgency. The contractor also to be asked to look at the swing chains.

17-126 Clerk's report

The Clerk's report had been distributed prior to the meeting and was noted. The date of the May meeting to be amended when there was a full compliment of members.

17-127 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

Circular Nos. 1/2018 and 2/2018 had been distributed prior to the meeting. The Clerk was asked to obtain further information on the legal guidance for the Data Protection Officer and report to the next meeting.

A further Councillor Essential Training is to be held at the DALC offices in Cromford on Monday, 12 February 2018. Councillor Housley expressed an interest and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk make the necessary arrangements.

17-128 Matters for determination

- (a) Grounds Maintenance – copies of the previous tender documents had been distributed to all members prior to the meeting and it was generally felt that the specification could be tightened up to ensure that the parish council's needs were met. It was RESOLVED that a working party (Cllrs Ancliff, Hobbs, Jarratt and Jones) be set up to go through the paperwork before it is forwarded to interested parties. It was agreed to send this to those contractors who tendered last year.
- (b) The Clerk reported that the webmaster for the Parish Council's website would be retiring in October this year and therefore it would be necessary to look into the options available to the Parish Council. It was RESOLVED to discuss this at a future meeting.
- (c) A discussion took place on the possibility of changing the venue for the Parish Council's monthly meetings as it was felt that disabled access could be better for those with difficulties. Councillor Jones had enquired at the Risley Hall Hotel and it was

RESOLVED that the Clerk should write to seek confirmation as to whether they would be in a position to assist each month and ask what the room hire fee would be.

17-129 Finance

It was resolved that the following payments be made:

<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>
002164	When You Wish upon a Star (donation in lieu of Christmas Tree)	£ 250.00
002165	The Salvation Army (donation for Carols around the Tree)	£ 250.00
002166	Mrs S J Dunkley (Salary and expenses – December)	£ 240.10
002167	HMRC (PAYE – December)	£ 50.20
002168	G Burley and Sons Limited (Grounds Maintenance for Nov/Dec and Increase due to additional requirements VAT - £388.79)	£2,332.70
002169	SLCC (Registration fee for CiLCA qualification)	£ 250.00

Receipts

£52.59 - Donations for the Salvation Army from Carols around the Tree

2018/19 Budget

The Clerk distributed copies of the financial forecast for the ensuing year. It was proposed by Councillor Jarratt, seconded by Councillor Rhodes and unanimously RESOLVED that there would be no increase in the precept function for this year. It was noted that there would be a 5% reduction in concurrent monies. In order to achieve a balanced budget, it was felt that a further percentage of the Clerk's salary and possibly the Christmas Tree function be transferred from concurrent to precept. The Reserve Policy to be agreed at a future meeting.

17-130 Playground inspections

The December inspection report was noted. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk ask the contractor to attend to the chains on the swings when they were dealing with the algae on the wetpour surface.

17-131 Planning

The revised plans for ERE/1117/0029 and ERE/1017/0017 were noted and the Clerk was asked to clarify that the Parish Council's concerns on the previous application had been noted with regards to the latter. The decisions made by the Borough Council were also noted.

17-132 Matters for information

- a) Treetops Hospice Open Day on Saturday, 13 January when the plans for the proposed day unit would be available.

17-133 Future agenda items

Sign/Planter for Hopwell – March
New play equipment – March 2018
Reserve Policy – February/March
Newsletter – February/March
Cleaning of war memorial
HS2 Meeting

Dates of future meetings: 8 February; 8 March; 12 April.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.