

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF RISLEY WITH HOPWELL PARISH COUNCIL

held at Harrison's Cottage on Thursday, 12 January 2017 at 7.00pm

Present: Parish Councillors J Hitchcock, R Hobbs, B Housley, S Jarratt,
F Jones, M O'Neill and D Rhodes

Borough Councillor V Clare and County Councillor W Major

In attendance: Sue Dunkley (Clerk)

As both the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman were absent at the beginning of the meeting, Councillor Jarratt was nominated and took the Chair.

Part 1 – Non confidential information

16-199 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor P Ancliff.

16-200 Variation of business

A variation of business was not required on this occasion.

16-201 Declarations of interest

Councillor Hobbs declared a personal interest in item number 11(d) as she is the Secretary to the Parochial Church Council.

16-202 Dispensations

None required.

16-203 Public session

Members of the public

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

Councillors appointed to outside bodies

Nothing to report.

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

i) Police report – nothing to report

- ii) County Councillor report
- a) Councillor Major was pleased to confirm that the Parish's application for grant funding from the Rural Community Grant on behalf of the Cricket Club has been successful.
 - b) The HS2 consultation is taking place and public open sessions are to be arranged with one at the West Park Leisure Centre. Sandiacre Parish Council will be meeting on 31 January 2017 at the Memorial Institute commencing at 6.30pm to discuss information already received.
 - c) Councillor Major confirmed that concurrent funding will be reduced by 5%, following a 20% reduction the Borough Council faces from central government funding. However, it is close to a balanced budget and this will be taken to the March full council meeting.
 - d) The Stanton Supplementary Planning Document will be discussed at the full council meeting on 19th January.
 - e) Several proposals are being considered by the County Council with regards to the household recycling waste centres, and it is hoped that these will be implemented before April. First of all, the Erewash centre will be restricted to Erewash residents only. Secondly, owners of vans, pick-up trucks etc will be required to apply for a free permit although it is believed this will be an on-cost due to administration. Finally, it is proposed to charge for non-domestic waste such as garden waste, furniture, bathroom suites etc. It is expected to create income of £100k per year and a reduction of 75% of waste going to recycling centre. However, it may create a fly-tipping problem for district councils.
- iii) Borough Councillor Report
- Councillor Clare reported that there will be a further round of rural community grant funding and applications will need to be submitted within 10 weeks.

16-204 Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 8 December were proposed by Councillor Jones, seconded by Councillor Hobbs and it was RESOLVED that these be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

16-205 Exempt items

There were no exempt items to be discussed.

16-206 Chair's announcements/report

The Chair's report had been circulated before the meeting. With regards to the increased cost for the provision of the bus shelter on Derby Road, it was unanimously agreed and RESOLVED that the Parish Council fund 50% of the costs which would be between £2,500-£3,000.

The report of the meeting held between the Chairman and the flooding officer at the Borough Council, Mr D Bramwell, was noted and although it was considered that this issue should be resolved as soon as possible, it was agreed that this matter be deferred to the next meeting when the Chairman would be present to report further.

The Clerk confirmed that she had spoken to Mr Cresswell regarding the stoning of the footpath and is awaiting a quotation for the work once he has had the opportunity to visit the site.

The Chair proposed that the Parish Council consider the reinstatement of the footpath in front of Meadow View Flats and again it was agreed to defer this to the next meeting.

16-207 Clerk's report

The Clerk's report had also been distributed and the contents noted. Since her report had been circulated, a reply had been received from the County Council regarding the parking on Rushy Lane which was self-explanatory. Further concerns had been raised by a resident of First Avenue regarding parking outside of his property which is making access and egress to his drive difficult as cars are being parked over his dropped kerb. The Clerk is to report further to the next meeting.

A quotation had been received for the clearing of overgrown vegetation from the footpath off Rushy Lane. It was considered that the stoning of the footpath from Derby Road was a priority but this could be considered during the next financial year.

16-208 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

Circular no. 19/2016 was noted. No action was necessary.

16-209 Matters for determination

- a) Works to wall at Risley Hall – to be deferred to next meeting
- b) Scrutiny review of broadband access – the request for feedback from the County Council was discussed and will be emailed to all Parish Councillors. Notices will be displayed on the noticeboards.
- c) Donations – a request from the Church Council for a financial donation towards the upkeep of the churchyard had been received and it was RESOLVED to forward the £250.00 which had been budgeted to the Church Council. The Chairman had also visited the Mother and Toddler Group and had reported to the Clerk that they were struggling to replace the damaged equipment following the flooding in the Village Hall. It was RESOLVED by four votes to three that a donation of £300.00 be forwarded to assist with the replacement.
- d) Grounds Maintenance Contract – the Clerk reported that she had drafted the tender document for the grounds maintenance contract and asked for volunteers to sit on a working party to approve the document and oversee the tendering

exercise before recommending to the Parish Council. It was RESOLVED that Councillors Hobbs, Jarratt and Rhodes to sit on the working party.

16/210 Finance

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

<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>
002051	Mr Paul Gyll (Dirty Wellies) (mowing, hedge cuttings and inspections)	£1121.00
002052	Park Hall Designs (Website maintenance – Nov/Dec)	£ 16.65
002053	Mrs S J Dunkley (Salary and expenses – December)	£ 273.90
002054	The Salvation Army (Donation for Carol Service)	£ 150.00
002055	When you wish upon a Star charity (Donation in lieu of Christmas Tree)	£ 200.00
002056	SSE (Power for Information Point)	£ 20.00
002057	All Saints PCC (Donation to churchyard maintenance)	£ 250.00
002058	Risley Mother and Toddler Group (Donation for play equipment)	£ 300.00
Direct Debit	HMRC (PAYE – December)	£ 57.40

Receipts

£27.98 - Donation from the Carol Service for the Salvation Army

2017-18 Budgets

Councillor Jarratt reported on the meeting of the Finance Working Party held on 6 January 2017 and the proposed budget for the 2017/18 financial year. It had been confirmed that there would be a 5% reduction in the amount of concurrent funding from the Borough Council. It was RESOLVED that the proposed budget for the forthcoming financial year be approved with no increase to the precept funding.

16-211 Playground Inspections

No report was received.

16-212 Planning

No planning applications or decision notices had been received.

16-213 Matters for information

a) Severn Trent Water is to commence work on Derby Road, Sandiacre and this

may have an impact on traffic around the crossroads. A notice had been placed on the noticeboards to inform residents and the Clerk had mentioned to the Stanton by Dale Parish Clerk too.

16-214 Future agenda items

- New play equipment – Big Lottery Grant – future
- Sign/Planter for Hopwell – future
- Fencing at Rush Meadow – future
- Reinstatement of footpath at Meadow View - future

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.