

# MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISHES OF HOPWELL AND RISLEY

Held in the Baronial Hall, Risley Hall Hotel on Thursday 12 April 2018 at 7.00pm

**Present:** Councillors P Ancliff, J Hitchcock, R Hobbs, B Housley, S Jarratt and M O'Neill

**In attendance:** 9 members of the parish

APM-1 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillors F Jones and D Rhodes and also from Borough Councillor V Clare.

APM-2 **Election of Chair**

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1972, the Chair of the Parish Council, Councillor Ancliff took the Chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APM-3 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 April 2018 were proposed by Councillor Hobbs and seconded by Councillor Jarratt. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

APM-4 **Reports**

Copies of all reports are attached to the minutes of the meeting held by the Clerk to the Parish Council as well as on the Parish Council's webpage:

- a) Councillor P Ancliff commenced by giving a report on behalf of Risley with Hopwell Parish Council.
- b) The Clerk read the report by the Erewash Ward Councillor, Councillor V Clare.
- c) County Councillor W Major gave a verbal report on the work of the County Council since its change in control. There has been a change to the structure at County Hall with the authority being overseen by directors but no chief executive. He reported on the 2% increase in the level of council tax, mainly due to what is required for adult social care and also children's services. There will be an increase again next year but hopefully council tax will be frozen in 2020 and 2021.

There has also been an increase of £1.5m in the highways budget. Councillor Major reported that a temporary fix has been made to the Risley crossroads road surface but that a more permanent solution is on the list to be carried out.

APM-5 **Reports from other Organisations and Clubs in the Parish**

Report had been received by the following organisations:

- a) All Saints Church, Risley (read by Councillor Hobbs in her capacity as PCC Secretary)
- b) Treetops Hospice (read by the Clerk)
- c) Friends of Risley School Association (read by the Clerk)
- d) Risley Educational Foundation (read by the Chairman)

APM-6 **Question and Answer session**

- a) A resident attended the meeting to bring a problem with the village hall lights to the attention of the Parish Council. She had been in contact with the Clerk on a number of occasions since the third week in March regarding the lights shining into her property and the problem with them being left on until the early hours of the morning which is affecting her sleep.

The Clerk confirmed that she had approached Mr Hardy of the Village Hall Management Committee to ask for this to be dealt with and he confirmed that he would arrange for the light in question to be tilted away from her property but that this could not be done until week commencing 16 April 2018. Councillor Jarratt, as the Parish Council representative, agreed to take this up with the Committee.

- b) Several residents had attended the meeting to discuss the problems with flooding which had occurred at least three times over the last few weeks and affecting properties in the vicinity of the bridleway up to The Nook. This has been a problem for several years but especially these last few weeks with the torrential rain. Both the County Council and Severn Trent Water Authority have been involved and it has been confirmed that a maintenance plan should be put in place for the drains to be regularly cleared. Councillor Major is aware of the problem and following discussion with the highway engineers at the County believes that the drains are not adequate. At this point, Councillor Jarratt reported that Pastures Farm also suffers with surface water running down into the property during times of heavy downpour. Councillor Major is awaiting a report from County and once received would be willing to meet with the residents further. He has asked the Clerk to contact the Borough Council to ask for a further clean of the area.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm

Signed .....

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