

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF RISLEY WITH HOPWELL PARISH COUNCIL

held at Harrison's Cottage on Thursday, 13 April 2017 at 7.00pm

Present: Parish Councillors P Ancliff, R Hobbs, S Jarratt, F Jones, M O'Neill
and D Rhodes

In attendance: Sue Dunkley (Clerk)

Part 1 – Non confidential information

16-247 Apologies

Apologies were received from Parish Councillors J Hitchcock, B Housley, Borough Councillor V Clare and County Councillor W Major.

16-248 Variation of business

Not required on this occasion.

16-249 Declarations of interest

Councillor Hobbs - item 1.11(f) (Room Hire) in her capacity as Secretary to the PCC.
Councillor Rhodes - item 1.12 (Finance) in his capacity as parish council representative on the Village Hall Management Committee.

16-250 Dispensations

None.

16-251 Public session

Members of the public

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

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

- i) Police report – Nothing to report.
- ii) County Councillor report – Nothing received.
- iii) Borough Councillor Report - Nothing received.

16-252 Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 16 March 2017 were proposed by Councillor Jones, seconded by Councillor Jarratt and it was RESOLVED that these be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

16-253 Exempt items

None.

16-254 Chair's announcements/report

The Chair's report had been circulated before the meeting, the contents of which were noted and to be discussed under Matters for Determination, Item 1.11.

16-255 Clerk's report

The Clerk's report had also been distributed and the contents noted.

16-256 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

Circular no. 5 had been distributed prior to the meeting, the contents of which were noted.

16-257 Matters for determination

a) Land at the rear of the Village Hall (ditch and gate) – the Chairman had made reference to this item in her Chairman's report which had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. It was reiterated that the advice from various bodies was that the ditch should be left as an open ditch. However, it was considered that this may pose a danger particularly to children who should enter the area. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk should contact the insurance company for advice on whether a sign should be erected and, if so, the wording which was required. It was further resolved that Mr S Bilbie should be asked to line the ditch with Terram or similar material and to part fill the ditch with appropriate material.

A discussion took place on whether a gate was required to the area. Such a gate would mark the boundary and keep people out of the area, however some would prefer to keep the land open. It was originally hoped to use the historical gate from the Village Hall land but this was too wide for this purpose. Councillor Jones made mention of a more appropriate location for this and would contact the owner of the adjacent property and report back to the next meeting. It was RESOLVED to obtain a quotation for a galvanised springed steel gate with posts to be opened inwards onto the Parish Council's land.

- b) Planter/Information Board at Hopwell - The Clerk was asked to obtain a quotation from Plantscape for the renting of a maintained 2/3 tier planter to be placed in the layby at Hopwell. To be discussed at the next meeting.
- c) Stoning of footpaths – the Chairman reported that she had spoken to Mr S Bilbie regarding the works required for the stoning of the footpaths and that a quotation will be forthcoming.
- d) Fencing at play area – The Clerk informed the meeting that she had made numerous attempts to contact Steelcraft for a quotation for the fencing at the play area. As no there had been no evidence of foxes entering the area over the last few months, it was agreed to leave this for the time being.
- e) Retaining wall at the entrance to the bridleway at Manor Farm, Derby Road – Councillor Jones reported on the repairs required to the small retaining wall at the

above location. As this is County Council land, it was RESOLVED that the Clerk write to bring the repair to its attention.

- f) Daffodils on Breaston Lane – Since the brambles had been cut back, a good show of daffodils had emerged and it was RESOLVED that the Chairman should purchase plant food to feed them.
- g) Equipment on play area – the Clerk reported that she was in the process of applying for Big Lottery funding in order to install more equipment on the play area. It was RESOLVED to apply for the full £10,000 and to obtain two more quotations for the equipment.
- h) Room Hire at Harrisons Cottage – the Clerk reported that the hourly rate for the hiring of Harrisons Cottage was to increase by 50% from April and asked for approval to continue to use the premises. It was RESOLVED to continue to use the venue for parish meetings.

16/258 Finance

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

<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>
002069	Risley PCC (room hire January-March 2017)	£ 80.00
002070	Mrs S J Dunkley (Salary and expenses – March)	£ 254.90
002071	Abacus Lighting (50% of Rural Community funding for Lighting at the Village Hall)	£4,580.50**
Direct Debit	HMRC (PAYE – March)	£ 49.60

**The Clerk informed the meeting that the planning application for the lighting works at the Village Hall had been approved at the meeting on 12 April and, as discussed at a previous meeting, a cheque for 50% of the grant was agreed to be released in order that the materials may be ordered.

002072	Void
002073	Void

Receipts

Precept and Concurrent funding - £15,194.00

16-259 Playground Inspections

Report received from Cllr Jones. It was noted that the bird spikes had been removed from the swings.

16-260 Planning

As mentioned previously the application at the Village Hall had been approved.

16-261 Matters for information

- a) No reply had been received from the owners of Risley Hall Hotel regarding the wall.
- b) EMH had removed rubbish from a property on Second Avenue.
- c) Erewash in Bloom Competition has been launched. Notices to be displayed on the noticeboards.

16-262 Future agenda items

- Acquisition of land owned by Derbyshire Wildlife Trust
- Litter pick – 20 May 2017