

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RISLEY WITH HOPWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Held at Harrison's Cottage on Thursday 14 January 2016 at 7.00pm

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

In attendance: PCSO K Pykett, County Councillor W Major, L Ghent (clerk) and 5 residents

Part 1 – Non confidential information

16-05 Apologies

None.

16-06 Variation of business

None.

16-07 Declarations of interest

Cllr D Rhodes declared an interest as he is the parish council representative on the Village Hall Management Committee.

16-08 Public session

1) Public

In accordance with the parish council's standing orders Richard Hardy, Adrian Fogg, Raewyn Henshaw and a representative of the WI addressed the meeting regarding the Rural Community Grant Scheme. A number of points and questions were raised including:

- The Village Hall Committee are disappointed that the parish council did not submit a bid on the grounds that not enough information was provided to them.
- The Village Hall Committee has raised £16,000 and would like to formally ask the parish council to fund the difference from their surplus (£12,000).
- The Village Hall Committee and the parish council all want the best for Risley.
- Concerns were expressed that the relationship between the Village Hall Committee and the parish council appears to have broken down.
- The poor state of the car park causes a lot of extra work for the Village Hall Committee who regularly has to clean the hall several times a day.
- Many of the regular users of the hall have made donations towards the resurfacing.
- Older users of the hall find the uneven surface slippery and dangerous.

In response the residents were advised that the requirements of the application were not met and there are concerns regarding the type of surface included in the quote as the parish council had been informed previously to alleviate concerns regarding flooding that a semi-permeable surface would be used.

2) Reports of councillors appointed to outside bodies

None.

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

PCSO Karen Pykett reported the crime figures for Risley from 8 December to 14 January 2016:

20 December Derby Road – theft from motor vehicle

20 December Derby Road – attempted dwelling burglary

21 December Derby Road – non-dwelling burglary

PCSO Pykett addressed the meeting regarding the Police priorities for the area. Currently the priority is speeding through Stanton by Dale village. A community speed watch has been created who with the use of a hand held speed gun.

She asked the meeting for suggestions for future priorities for the area.

Suggestions included:

- Non-dwelling burglaries
- Lorries through Stanton by Dale

PCSO Pykett was asked to clarify the legal position regarding parked cars on Derby Road. She confirmed that cars parked on Derby Road should be parked in line with the flow of traffic with side lights on if after dark unless parked in a designated parking bay. This is not a high priority for the Police however if this does become a problem she will place letters on windscreens advising drivers of the legal requirements and ask local Police patrols to keep an eye on the situation.

County Councillor Wayne Major reported to the meeting:

- Sandiacre Parish Council has secured £10,000 funding for the Playscheme which will start during the February half term.
- Sandiacre Parish Council is to host DALC training sessions for new councillors @ £10 per head.
- DCC has been presented with the largest petition containing 22,000 signatures regarding proposed changes to community transport which triggered a full debate at Council. The Council voted to continue with the plans.

16-09 Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 10 December 2015 and the extraordinary meeting held on 8 January 2016

RESOLVED that the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 10 December 2015 and the extraordinary meeting held on 8 January 2016 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

16-10 Exempt items

None.

16-11 Chair's announcements/report

1. Carols round the Christmas tree

This event was again very successful. Thanks go to Cllr. Hobbs for her part in the organisation, particularly the Christingle making which draws in the families. Thanks to all members of the Parish Council for their help. We raised £134.42 for the salvation Army which the parish council have made up to £150.00 as in previous years..

2. Light at The City

Cllr. Jones has been investigating the light at The City which has stopped working.

3 DALC board nominations

DALC has asked for nominations to the board. If anyone wishes to be nominated the clerk has the relevant form.

4. Appointment of clerk

Three persons have been shortlisted and interviews will take place on Thursday 28th January.

5. Stoning of footpaths at The Nook

I have been in touch with the owner of The Nook as she has concerns about the planned work on her land. She draws our attention to the presence of land drains and the poor state of a hedge on the left hand side. She is concerned about any digging out to lay fibre matting. I suggested that when we meet with the contractor when we know work is to begin.

6. Village clear up working party

Two members of the public have volunteered to be part of a working party to reduce the ivy on trees on the bank opposite the Risley Park. Recently a tree has come down blocking the footpath. An item will be included on the agenda for February to agree a date to organise a working party to include the ivy and the hedge bottom along the school boundary. Any other similar jobs can be discussed.

16-12 Clerk's report

The clerk's report has already been circulated to members.

1. DCC highway issues

The raised tarmac outside no. 2 Rushy Lane has now been repaired. Cllr S Jarratt has brought to my attention damage to the kerbside at the bottom of the lane to Lindley House and Peat Meadow and flooding across the road onto Pastures Farm. This was reported to EBC in December and officers came out to look at the issue but nothing further has happened. This is to be added to the agenda for February.

2. Sweeping of path along Derby Road between Rising Lea Business Park and Lodge Cottage

I contacted EBC on 4 January regarding the need for this stretch of footpath to be swept. The Scarab Minor visited on 5 January to sweep as requested but the path is too narrow. The cleansing team have been asked to visit to clear the path. This has been carried out and there is some improvement.

3. Minor maintenance grant – stoning of footpaths

Natural Landscapes have been authorised to go ahead with the work in two stages as agreed. He will advise us when he is ready to commence work. Permission has been granted by the owners of Breaston Farm Shop for access. The Chair has reported concerns of the owner of The Nook in her report.

4. Request from Treetops Hospice to use Rush Meadow, Saturday 26 March

A request was received after the agenda had been published from the hospice for permission to use Rush Meadow for car parking during the Easter egg hunt event on 26 March. This is to be included on the agenda for February.

16-13 Matters for determination

1. Repairs to the light at The City

RESOLVED that Cllr F Jones be given delegated authority to organise repairs to the light at The City.

2. Email from Village Hall Management Committee

RESOLVED that Cllrs F Jones, S Jarratt and D Rhodes be appointed to represent the parish council at an informal meeting with representatives of the Village Hall Committee.

3. Budget

RESOLVED that the budget be approved.

4. Precept

RESOLVED that the parish council submit a request for the precept figure for 2016/17 remain the same as in 2015/16 at £6,946.

16-14 Finance

1. Accounts for payment

It was **RESOLVED** that the following accounts be paid:

a)	L Ghent	Clerk's salary & expenses	£186.52
b)	HMRC	PAYE tax	£41.00
c)	Park Hall Designs	Website	£147.34
d)	F Jones	Mince pies for Christmas carol service	£14.90
e)	Salvation Army	Donation following Christmas carol service	£150.00
f)	P Guyll	Playground inspections x 2	£40.00

2. Receipts

It was noted that the collection at Christmas carol service raised £134.42.

16-15 Playground inspections

1. The playground inspection record for December was submitted by Cllr S Jarratt plus two monthly inspections carried out by The Dirty Wellies Gardening Co.
2. The main matter arising is the problem of dog faeces particularly within the play area. Although EBC have replaced some of the signs and added temporary spray signs to the path at the entrance to the park it is felt that the signage is inadequate. The clerk informed the meeting that EBC will carry out covert surveillance if good quality intelligence is made available to them.

16-16 Planning

1. New applications

- (i) 1215/0036: Risley Lodge, Derby Road – proposed single storey extension to the western elevation and demolition of the existing boiler room and WC land south west of 19a Derby Road
It was **RESOLVED** that the parish council had no objections to the proposals and the clerk be authorised to submit their representation accordingly.

2. Previous applications

- (i) 1115/0005: 34 Bostocks Lane, Sandiacre (Risley) – dormers to the front and rear and the erection of single storey side and rear extension – **approved** with conditions (21/12/2015).
It was **RESOLVED** that the decision be noted.

3. National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) Consultation

RESOLVED that the parish council would make a submission regarding proposed changes to the NPPF to include the following points:

- We support the Local Government Association in its opinion that the planning system is not a barrier to development.
- The Royal Society of Chartered Surveyors has said that there is an acute shortage of skilled workers in the construction industry.
- The LGA revealed that there are some 475,000+ plots with planning permission but as yet unbuilt or unfinished.
- There needs to be disincentives to discourage the holding of land with planning permission without actively building on it.
- There needs to be incentives to encourage the use of sustainable brownfield sites.
- Definition of “sustainable development”.
- The importance of infrastructure to support more housing stock.
- The CPRE states that affordable rural housing must be in the right place. It is unlikely that small scale developments in our area will be affordable.
- Cuts to Local Authorities have resulted in cuts to planning departments.

16-17 Training

Sandiacre Parish Council are going to host DALC New Councillor Training. Cllrs P Ancliff, J Hitchcock, R Hobbs, B Housley, S Jarratt, M O’Neill and D Rhodes expressed an interest in attending. The clerk will advise the clerk at Sandiacre PC.

16-18 Matters for information

1. CPRE magazine and newsletter passed to Cllr R Hobbs.
2. Citizens’ Advice Bureau annual report has been received along with a Christmas card. It is available from the clerk if any councillor wishes to read it.
3. A Christmas card was received from Maggie Throup MP.
4. DALC Spring Seminar is to be held 11 April 2016, from 10am-3.30pm, at St John’s Church, Walton Back Lane, Walton, Chesterfield. S42 7LT. The cost is £40 per member council delegate. If you wish to register your interest in booking a delegate place/s please contact Glen – admin@derbyshirealc.gov.uk
5. EBC Borough & Parish Councils’ Forum – Monday 25 January, 6.30pm at Ilkeston Town Hall. Councillors B Housley and S Jarratt are to attend.

6. Environment Agency Campaign – posters have been displayed on two noticeboards.
7. Holiday Playscheme – Sandiacre Parish council has confirmed that their bid was successful and it will commence during the February half term. The cost is £6 per day (6 hours) or £3 per half day (3 hours). Sandiacre PC clerk will forward promotional information to the clerk as soon as it available. In the meantime any parent interested should contact Adam Metcalf, A M Sports Coaching, Mob: 07738 7142187, info@amsportscoaching.co.uk.

16-19 Newsletter

Suggested items to be included in the next edition; old photos of Hopwell and Risley (linked in with a section on the website); reporting of dog faeces; the big fish and chip event in aid of Spinal Injury charity; and events at the Village Hall. The main feature will be the playscheme.

16-20 Future agenda items

1. Stoning of footpaths.
2. Report to EBC re flooding issues and broken kerbstone at bottom of lane to Lindley House and Peat Meadow.
3. Village clean up working party
4. Hiring of Rush Meadow by Treetops Hospice.
5. September agenda – Infilling of bulbs
6. Future agendas – DCC elections, May 2017 & consultation regarding school crossing patrols.

Part 2 – Confidential information

None.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.