

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF RISLEY WITH HOPWELL PARISH COUNCIL

held at Harrison's Cottage on Thursday, 14 July 2016 at 7.00pm

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

In attendance: Borough Councillor V Clare; County Councillor W Major; S Dunkley
(Clerk) and three members of the public

Part 1 – Non confidential information

16-113 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor D Rhodes and PCSO Pykett

16-114 Variation of business

None necessary

16-115 Declarations of interest

Councillor P Ancliff declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in agenda item 14 (Planning) in relation to the additional application ERE/0616/0056 for the change of use of agricultural land to equestrian use as she is the owner of the adjacent wood.

16-116 Dispensations

None

16-117 Public session

1) Public

Three members of the public were in attendance to express their objections to the planning application ERE/0616/0056. Their concerns were noted and they were advised that they would be taken into account when the item was to be discussed.

2) Councillors appointed to outside bodies

None

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

a) Police report (received by the Clerk):

One theft from motor vehicle on Second Avenue. The Clerk informed the meeting that the Police would not be able to routinely attend parish meetings in the future unless there was something specific to be discussed.

b) County Councillor report

Councillor Major reported:

- The consultation on the reduction of subsidised bus services has now been completed. There will be no effect on Risley but there will be to the Sandiacre and Stanton by Dale route.
- The consultation on the future of children's centres has also been concluded and the Sandiacre children's centre will be closed.
- A new community programme has been agreed whereby county councillors will receive funding to give to worthy organisations within their wards. Councillor Major reported that he will be assisting with the funding of the Playscheme next year.
- It has also been confirmed that the school crossing patrol will be secured until such time as the post becomes vacant.

c) Borough Councillor report

Councillor Clare reported:

- The Erewash Museum will be staging a host of events over the Summer holidays including a 'beach' within the gardens
- Both swimming pools will be holding junior swimming sessions throughout the summer break. Residents are able to purchase a season ticket for the whole of the holidays for £15.
- Erewash has been awarded a grant of £70,000 from the PACE project (Physical Activity for Children Everywhere) and will be employing an additional member of staff to help bring down the level of obesity in children in the borough.
- Fixed penalties for flytipping have been introduced in the Borough supported by CCTV cameras in the hotspots.
- The dryside changing rooms at West Park Leisure Centre have undergone a £218,000 refurbishment and will be officially opened on 21 July.

16-118 Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 9 June 2016 were proposed by Councillor Jones and seconded by Councillor Housley and the minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 27 June 2016 were proposed by Councillor Hobbs and seconded by Councillor Jarratt and it was RESOLVED that these minutes be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

16-119 Exempt items

None.

16-120 Chairman's announcements/report

The Chairman reported that the work being carried out on Willoughby Court is being investigated by the Planning Department.

16-121 Clerk's report

The Clerk had distributed her report prior to the meeting.

- The poor state of the footpath at the top of Second Avenue has been reported to East Midlands Homes. However, Councillor Jones reported that remedial works have been carried out.
- The Clerk was asked to explore the possibility of the Parish Council and the Village Hall hosting a brass band concert/summer fair in 2017.
- It was agreed that the Parish Council should promote the work it carries out in the new edition of the newsletter. The Clerk to draft the newsletter for approval.
- The Clerk is obtaining a price to update the two noticeboards in the Church grounds and on Derby Road.
- Only one quotation has been received for the fencing repairs on the play area and the Clerk was authorised to ask the contractor to go ahead.
- The Clerk reported that she has not yet received anything from the County Council regarding the proposed speed signs on Derby Road despite two requests for information and assistance. Councillor Major asked to be kept in the loop so he could chase with the Highways Authority.

16-122 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

Circular No. 10/2016 and 11/2016 had previously been circulated to Councillors for information. These had been noted and the Clerk was asked to obtain a full list of training which could be undertaken with DALC.

16-123 Matters for determination

a) Use of Rush Meadow

Concern has been expressed for some months over the parking of vehicles in front of the access gates to Rush Meadow and it was RESOLVED to arrange for a sign to be erected on the gate bringing to everyone's attention that access is required at all times. Councillor Hobbs agreed to arrange for this to be done.

It had also been noted on several occasions that hirers of the Village Hall have been using Rush Meadow as well as the Village Hall. The Parish Council, as owners of the land, would be liable for any accident which occurs whilst people were using the land and therefore it was RESOLVED that the Clerk should write to the Village Hall Management Committee reminding them that hirers of the Village Hall are not allowed on Rush Meadow without the permission of the Parish Council. The Clerk was also asked to draft a hire agreement for future use should people wish to use the area.

b) Staff Appraisal Policy

The Clerk had drafted a policy as the six monthly appraisal was needed before the September or October meeting. After a slight amendment, it was RESOLVED that

the policy be approved. It was also RESOLVED that the Chairman and Councillor Hobbs would sit on the appraisal panel.

c) Gate at the entrance to the car park

The Chairman reported that the gate at the entrance to the car park needed reinstating following the car park surfacing. The gate did not belong to the Parish Council and therefore it was unable to put back in place. The boundary post needed to be returned to its correct location following the works and Councillor Hitchcock agreed to carry this out.

It was also noted that the kerb has yet to be dropped and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk write to the Management Committee to ask when this is to be done.

d) Consultation of the Stanton SPD

The Chairman reported on the recent consultation which she attended with the Clerk on the proposed Stanton SPD. The Head of Planning was willing to visit those parish councils which would be affected by the traffic options in order to get local knowledge before a decision is made. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk ask if he would be available prior to the next Parish meeting.

e) Mowing contract

The Clerk reported that the mowing contract was due to go out for tender in 2017. It was RESOLVED that she should contact the current contractor to ask for the schedule of cuts for the remainder of the year.

f) Footpath Walk

The Chairman reported that Risley would be taking part in the Autumn Footprints walking festival and that the walk would be taking place on Sunday, 25 September. Councillors Hitchcock and Rhodes had volunteered to marshall the walk and Councillor Housley and the Clerk would make arrangements for refreshments to be available in Harrison's Cottage.

16/124 Finance

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

<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>
001959	Mr Timothy Ainsworth (Strimming to hedge at rear of Village Hall)	£ 30.00
001960	Mrs S Dunkley (Clerk's salary and expenses)	£319.71
001961	HMRC (PAYE tax)	£ 60.60
001962	Mrs S Dunkley (Reimbursement for purchase of parish Laptop – VAT £54.83)	£329.00

001963	Dirty Wellies Gardening Services (Mowing and play area inspection)	£316.00
--------	---	---------

b) Receipts

£1.08 - bank interest.

16-125 Playground Inspections

Inspections carried out by Councillor Jones and the contractor during June were noted and there were no matters arising.

16-126 Planning

ERE/0616/0017 – 50 Derby Road, Risley (to remove the hedge from the front boundary and replace with a brick wall) - no objection

At this point, the Vice-Chairman Councillor O'Neill took the chair owing to the Chairman's interest in the following item.

ERE/0616/0056 – Land north of Woodpeckers, Derby Road, Risley (change of use of land to equestrian use, construct a single storey wooden stable block including tack room and hay barn, construct a manure clamp and install a stone access track) – following the representations made in the public session, the Parish Council wished to object to this application over the following points:

- Traffic/road safety – there would be a substantial increase in the number of vehicles emerging onto the B5010 Derby Road, a 40mph classified road, at the point where visibility is substandard to the detriment of highway safety. There is no room for two vehicles to pass at the entrance. The site is served by a single carriageway bridlepath which varies in width from 3 to 5m. As well as this site, the access serves the residences of Risley Lodge, Dayne Court, Risley Lodge Farm and provides access to farmland and woodland. There are no passing places on the access road and it is also used by pedestrians and horse riders. Work has already started on the site and the gates, we believe, have been located in the wrong location as drivers need to leave their vehicles on the access road whilst locking/unlocking the gate before driving in/out.
- Lighting – there is no power (or water) to the site and therefore it is assumed that a generator will be used. The noise of this, together with the effects to the natural darkness of this area will affect the activity of wildlife, bats and owls associated with the woodland.
- Stone track – whereas the application form states 'install stone track' the work has already started and the site plan shows a track which is 10m wide adjacent to the woodland. It is considered that a width of 3m is adequate and that more than this constitutes inappropriate development in the Greenbelt.

- Size and parking – the application for four stables for personal use seems excessive. The D&A statement says that the stables are for personal use and not for livery or any commercial use therefore why is parking for four vehicles to be on site at any one time
- Manure clamp – to be emptied three times a year. We believe this is inadequate for four horses. Also, where is the run-off being collected?
- Crime – Diesel has been stolen twice in this area. Equestrian centres are targets to criminals and this will attract crime to the area
- Impact on wildlife and trees – adjacent woodland is an important habitat – tree girths show some to be 150-200 years old.

The Ward Councillor was asked to request that this application be considered by the Committee should officer recommendation be to approve.

Decisions

Land south west of 19a Derby Road, Risley (erection of two storey detached dwelling with detached garage) - approved with conditions

Land east of 56 Bostocks Lane, Risley (erection of specialist healthcare centre) – approved with conditions

For information :

Appeal in relation to Brailsford Meadow Agricultural Building, Risley Lane, Breaston

16-127 Matters for information

- The recent playscheme had been very well received.
- Community Forum – Monday, 25 July in the Long Eaton Town Hall commencing at 7.00pm

16-128 Future agenda items

- Bus shelter – future
- Community Speed Watch on Derby Road – future (Clerk to approach Police for possible date)
- Vehicle Activated Signs – future (Councillors O’Neill, Jones, Jarratt and Hitchcock to sit on the working party)
- Christmas around the Tree - December

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.