

# MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF RISLEY WITH HOPWELL PARISH COUNCIL

held at the Risley Hall Hotel on Thursday 14 September 2017 at 7.00pm

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

**In attendance:** Cllr V Clare, Cllr W Mayor and S Dunkley (Clerk)

## Part 1 – Non confidential information

### 17-54 Apologies

There were no apologies for absence.

### 17-55 Variation of order of business

Not required.

### 17-56 Declarations of interest

None. An amendment to Councillor O'Neill's register of interests is required to show his new employment and the Clerk confirmed that this will be done shortly.

### 17-57 Dispensations

None.

### 17-58 Public session

#### 1) Public

The Chairman read a letter which had been left at Harrisons Cottage with regards to the proposed bus shelter asking for consideration to be given to the residents who will be affected. Councillor Major reported that bus shelters do have a tendency to attract anti-social behaviour and advised that the negative impacts should be taken into consideration, although Councillors Hobbs and Rhodes pointed out that there had been very little problem with the bus shelter outside of their properties, although parking can be difficult during school pick-up times but only for ten minutes or so.

It was agreed that further consultation with residents was required before a firm decision is made and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk devise a short survey which was to be delivered to all properties in the vicinity (both sides of Derby Road up to Meadow View Court, First and Second Avenues and the Risley side of Bostocks Lane and Rushy Lane).

- 2) Councillors appointed to outside bodies  
Councillor Jones asked for it to be minuted that an amendment was required to the item in the newsletter relating to the Risley Educational Foundation to show that £300 had been donated to each of the applicants.
- 3) Reports from the Police Liaison Officer, County Council and Borough Council
- a) There had been one report of a dwelling burglary on Derby Road and a report of actual bodily harm at the Risley Hall Hotel during August. It was further reported that there would be no speedwatch session until February 2018.
- b) i) Councillor Major reported that the controlling group of the County Council had held an emergency budget meeting, one of the main items was to change some of the Council's priorities with some money going into the community bus services which is a vital service for the rural communities.
- ii) There is to be a new day care at Lacemakers Court, Long Eaton and more information will be available at the venue on Saturday, 11 September.
- iii) Councillor Major was pleased to report that 60 apprenticeships have been created within the Authority.
- ii) A consultation report on the HS2 project will be available on the HS2 website at the end of September/beginning of October which will give more information on the routes and significant works required.
- iii) A large number of Gold Cards are coming up for renewal and people are being advised to check the expiration date of their own cards before travelling.
- iv) There has been a significant rise in anti-social behaviour over the past few months and the authorities are working with the police.
- v) As the number of users of the Sandiacre Friesland Sports Centre had fallen, a consultation exercise had been carried out and it has been agreed that this facility will be closed between the hours of 7.00am and 3.00pm during term times thus making a saving for the Borough Council.
- vi) The Executive was pleased to note that there had been more compliments than complaints in the last three quarters of the year.
- vii) Several awards had been made from the Rural Community Grant Scheme with grants being made to Sandiacre Football Club and the Derbyshire and Sandiacre Canal Trust.
- c) i) Councillor Clare reported that the last Full Council meeting had been cancelled due to lack of business.

- ii) The Autumn edition of the EBC Today newsletter is being distributed to all households.

**17-59 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 13 July 2017**

The minutes of the meeting were proposed as a true record by Councillor Jones, seconded by Councillor Hobbs, unanimously agreed and then signed by the Chairman.

**17-60 Exempt items**

None.

**17-61 Chairman's announcements/report**

The Chairman's report had been distributed prior to the meeting and was noted.

**17-62 Clerk's report**

The Clerk's report had been distributed prior to the meeting and was noted. It was further noted that a booking for Rush Meadow had been received for July 2018. It was agreed that an amendment was required to the hire agreement in that this should be returned six weeks prior to the date required with a deposit and the Clerk was asked to amend as necessary.

**17-63 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils**

Circular No. 10/2017 giving information on the Annual General Meeting, the FOI/Data Protection implications and the Council Essential Training, had been circulated to all members. This had been noted.

**17-64 Matters for determination**

- (a) The Clerk reported that she was still awaiting quotations on the play area equipment and will bring this to a future meeting for determination.
- (b) A letter had been received inviting the Parish Council to be represented at the Parish and Town Councils' Liaison Forum meeting on 21 September 2017 at County Hall, Matlock. No-one was available to attend.
- (c) Following the assistance by the members of the Risley Women's Institute at the Brass Band afternoon, it was RESOLVED that a donation of £25.00 be forwarded with the Parish Council's thanks.
- (d) A discussion was held on the Christmas Lights Service. It is hoped to hold the event on Tuesday, 18 December and the Clerk will let everyone know once Reverend Lucas and the Brownies had confirmed their availability. It was also RESOLVED that the installation of the tree would be carried out by local volunteers and Councillor Rhodes agreed to speak to Mr Gleave to ask if he could take a look at the electrics.
- (e) A letter had been received from DALC regarding a vacancy on Erewash Borough Council's Standards Committee. Nominations to be received by 13 October and Councillor O'Neill expressed an interest.

- (f) The Clerk requested permission to ask for limited access to the bank account's online facilities in order to view statements online rather than having to visit a local branch. This was RESOLVED.
- (g) The Chairman reported that she had visited Collyers Nursery and had identified a replacement tree for Rush Meadow which they would be happy to deliver in November. The Chairman also asked the Parish Council to authorise tree supports for this new tree and for that on the play area which have been vandalised. This was agreed and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk approach Tim Ainsworth to ask him to carry out this work. It was also RESOLVED to plant Hawthorne in the gaps of the hedgerow at Rush Meadow.
- (h) Councillor Rhodes reported on the inconsistency of the traffic lights at the crossroads particularly when there is less traffic. It was RESOLVED that this be brought to the attention of the County Council, with a copy to Councillor Major, along with the road surface and potholes which were to be sorted earlier in the year.
- (i) It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council would once again take part in the Snow Warden Scheme and Councillor Hitchcock was happy to co-ordinate. It was agreed that a further supply of salt was not required this year.
- (j) A letter had been received from the Royal British Legion regarding the lamp post poppy campaign and it was RESOLVED to order six of these poppies to go on the lamp columns nearest the war memorial.
- (k) The Parish Council had already agreed to support the Women's Institute should they wish to hold an event on Rush Meadow on 18 August 2018 to celebrate their centenary and the Clerk asked for approval to book a brass band for this. If their event, for whatever reason, did not take place then this will be another Parish Council run event.
- (l) The Clerk was asked to purchase a further supply of bases for the bird spikes on the swings.

## 17-65 Finance

It was resolved that the following payments be made:

<u>Cheque No</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>
002132	G Burley & Sons Limited (Grounds Maintenance – VAT £63.18)	£ 378.80
002133	Canopy Tree Services (Works to tree on Rush Meadow – VAT £130)	£ 780.00
002134	McAfee Software Security (Subscription renewal 2017-18)	£ 79.99
002135	Canopy Tree Services (Reduction of lime tree – VAT £90.00)	£ 540.00
002136	Poplar Tree Services Limited (Remove wild cherry and self set Trees – VAT £80.00)	£ 480.00
002137	G Burley & Sons Limited (Grounds Maintenance – VAT £63.18)	£ 378.80

002138	Steve Bilbie (Stoning of footpaths)	£2,090.00
002139	Mrs S J Dunkley (Salary and expenses – July/August)	£ 267.50
002140	HMRC (PAYE – August)	£ 50.40
002141	Derbyshire Association of Local Councils (Finance training for Clerk)	£ 60.00
002142	G Burley & Sons (Mowing at Village Hall – VAT £35.80)	£ 214.80
002143	Risley Women’s Institute (Donation)	£ 25.00

Receipts

£150.00 Hire of Rush Meadow for wedding (7-9 September 2017)  
£430.00 Rights of Way Minor Maintenance Grant from DCC  
£ 0.26 Bank Interest

**17-66 Playground inspections**

The July and August inspection reports were noted.

**17-67 Planning**

- (a) **ERE/0817/0038** 50 Second Avenue, Risley (Single storey front porch extension) – no objections
- (b) **ERE/0817/0057** Hall Cottage, 109 Derby Road, Risley – Tree Preservation Order (works to protected lime tree –crown lift to 9 feet above ground level and crown reduction to height of 28 feet and spread of 30 feet (15 feet each side of trunk) - noted

Decisions

None.

**17-68 Matters for information**

- (a) Autumn Footprint Walking Festival – Risley Parish Council walk on 24 September 2017
- (b) Letter of thanks from 2<sup>nd</sup> Risley Brownies for the donation and the Village Hall Management Committee for the grant funding in relation to the lighting
- (c) The 2017 Mayor’s Award for voluntary service
- (d) Sandiacre Parish Council will be hosting a further training session for Parish Councillors at the Memorial Institute on 24 October 2017. Further information will be forwarded shortly.

**17-69 Future agenda items**

- a) New play equipment -future
- b) Sign/planter for Hopwell – 2018
- c) Representative on the Village Hall Management Committee – future
- d) Grounds maintenance extension – November 2017
- e) Mowing at Village Hall – July 2018

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.