

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RISLEY PARISH COUNCIL
in Harrison's Cottage, Risley Churchyard on Thursday 10 May 2012 at 7:00pm.

Present: Cllrs A.Fogg, R.Hardy, Mrs R.Hobbs, F.Jones, M.O'Neill (in the chair), D.Rhodes.
In attendance: EBC Cllr D.Orchard, Mr S.A.Leleux, Clerk, two parishioners.

Apologies: Cllr Mrs P.Ancliff, DCC Cllr W.Major, EBC Cllr Mrs V.Clare.

12-1 Election of Chair 2012-2013

Cllr Jones proposed, seconded by Cllr Mrs Hobbs, that Cllr O'Neill remain as Chairman for the coming year. In the absence of any other nominations Cllr O'Neill was declared elected, and signed the Acceptance of Office.

12-2 Election of Vice-chair 2012-2013

Cllr Mrs Ancliffe having previously stated her willingness to stand, she was proposed by Cllr Jones and seconded by Cllr Mrs Hobbs. In the absence of any other nominations Cllr Mrs Ancliff was declared elected.

12-3 Public Session

Mr & Mrs Chapman live in one of the houses beside the bridleway to the Nook. They explained the problem caused by vegetation, and in particular a yew tree, growing between the boundary wall of 74 Derby Road and the edge of the tarmac pavement. They said that it greatly reduced the visibility of eastbound traffic for anyone leaving the bridleway, whether to turn left or right. The Clerk reported that following receipt of their letter about this problem he had informed DCC, but so far had heard nothing except that they had written to No 74.

Cllr D.Rhodes arrived at this point (7:10pm).

Mr & Mrs Chapman appreciated the resurfacing of the bridleway, but pointed out that recent heavy rain had washed some of the surface away and potholes were forming. There was also a new hole developing where the bridleway met the tarmac surface of Derby Road itself. It was agreed to bring this to the attention of DCC.

12-4 Minutes

The Minutes of 12 April 2012 were agreed and signed.

12-5 Declarations of Interest

None.

Matters Arising

12-6 Telephone Box (11-248)

The shelving had been installed and assorted leaflets placed in the racks. Although a quote to paint the outside had been received, it was agreed that the inside should be painted as well, so revised quotes will be obtained. It was also agreed to seek a quote to replace the glass panels reading 'telephone' with new ones reading 'information point', and to remove the 'no coins' notice.

12-7 Footpath Repairs (11-251-A)

The Clerk reported that the full cost of resurfacing part of the Nook bridleway had been reclaimed from DCC, leaving £360 of this year's grant available. It was reported that the path

past the Nature Reserve to the golf course was badly rutted following the use of a vehicle by the new owner for about 6 months. As the actual footpath is the responsibility of the landowner it was agreed to ask DCC to inspect it. Cllr Fogg agreed to obtain a quote for filling holes on the Nook bridleway (see 12-3 above).

12-8 Annual Returns (11-253)

The Clerk reported that the Audit Commission's Annual Return had been sent, and also that the annual return of tax and National Insurance had been made to HMRC.

12-9 Donations (11-258)

Cheques had been written for the bodies agreed at the previous meeting. It was agreed to consider the Cricket Club if it made a request.

12-10 Litter Pick

It was reported that four Councillors had collected about 9 bags of litter along Breaston Lane between Derby Road and The Crescent. There is a picture on the website.

12-11 Correspondence

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. EBC Ian Marsden: Thanks for distributing leaflets. 86 were returned out of 364 sent to us which is 24%.
- B. EBC Jubilee Benches: 60 will be placed around the Borough. It was agreed to request the provision of seats at the entrance to Rush Meadow and along Derby Road near the Old Rectory. It was also agreed to request the provision of a bus shelter outside the flats.
- C. Wind Turbines: On-line petition against (google petition 22958)
- D. DALC Induction Pack for New Councillors (12 pages).
- E. Local Works: Asking for a donation and/or write to our MP to counter the delaying tactics of opponents to the Sustainable Communities Act
- F. EBC confirmation of Precept £7010 and Concurrent Functions £10595.
- G. Friesland Sports Centre: Dates of summer play scheme are weeks beginning 6 & 13 August. It was agreed to produce a flyer nearer the school holidays.
- H. Mrs Chapman: Restricted view from vehicles leaving Nook bridleway due to self-set yew outside the boundary (she says) of 74 Derby Road. Also a pothole is developing in the new surface. The Clerk has received a copy of the letter DCC has sent to the occupier of No 74.
- I. EBC Cllr A. Phillips: Letter of apology regarding his comments in January about the ways parishes spent Concurrent Functions (see 11-251-J).
- J. EBC Dog Control Orders
- K. DCC Cllr Major: Knot weed at Risley Park. It was treated on 21 October and will be treated routinely this coming year. The optimum time for treatment is August/September, when the chemicals are more likely to be drawn back into the roots. Treat too soon and the new grow is killed but not the roots.
- L. DALC Newsletter: Survey form from the Derbyshire Trusted Befriending Network.
- M. DALC – Procedures: The only relevant one missing from our 'very comprehensive list' is Freedom of Information.
- N. Information Commissioner: Handbook. RPC needs to register. The Clerk was instructed to adapt the model Freedom of Information policy for consideration.
- O. EBC – Finance: A decision about allowing the repayments for a new PWLB loan will have to wait until the committee studying Concurrent Functions makes its report, probably in two to three months' time.

- P. PlayGround Supplies: Inspection report. Usual defects plus a broken panel on the roundabout. It was agreed to have this repaired, and, as a gesture of goodwill, to pay the invoice immediately if it came a long time before the next meeting.
- Q. HMRC – VAT refund of £1187.60 had been received.
- R. Zurich Insurance: A draft policy and quote had been circulate. It was agreed to ask what additional sum would be required to cover clearance of the telephone box site if it was damaged beyond repair.
- S. NatWest Bank: Changes in overdraft rates.
- T. Local Government Boundary Commission: Draft recommendations for Derbyshire County Council are on the website www.lgbce.org.uk. Submissions should be received before 8 June.

12-12 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the following be paid:

A.	R.Birtwistle – Phone box shelves	50.00
B.	Information Commission - Registration	35.00
C.	PlayGround Supplies – Inspection*	48.00
D.	S.A.Leleux – Clerk salary & expenses	194.29
E.	Donations to: Risley Toddlers, 2 nd Risley Brownies, 1 st Risley Guides, Risley Not So Young, Village Hall, Derbyshire Children’s Holidays. Each	50.00

The annual subscription for CPRE, £29.00, had been paid.

There was a credit balance with Southern Electric for the telephone box of £23.33.

*_It was agreed that if PlayGround Supplies presented an invoice for the roundabout repair well before the next meeting then the Clerk could ask two Councillors to sign a cheque for prompt payment, as a gesture of goodwill in view of recent disagreement with the firm.

12-13 Planning Applications

Previous Applications

1. (0212/0030) Derby Road: Erect rear single storey extension. Approved.
2. (0212/0056) Old Orchard House, Derby Road: Single storey rear extension, two storey front extension between gables, alterations to front entrance porch and render part of walls. Approved.
3. (0312/1279) Risley Hall: Work including felling to various trees. Approved.

New Applications

- A. (0414/0004) 66 Derby Road: Provision of pitched roof to, and erection of extension to, existing rear extension. No objection.

12-14 Clerk’s Training Course

Several points were raised, the most important being the need to register with the Information Commissioner and revise our FOI procedure. Also, next year HMRC will require businesses to update tax and National Insurance records at the same time as the payroll is calculated. HMRC promises to provide free basic payroll software for small businesses to use, but it may be necessary to have the Clerk’s salary produced professionally.

12-15 Diamond Jubilee (11-259)

Cllr Hardy reported that a large banner on Rush Meadow would advertise both the day time and evening events on Monday 4 June.

Observations from Councillors

12-16 Playground Equipment

Cllr Jones, on behalf of Cllr Mrs Ancliff, requested that steps be taken now to replace the TotLot and repair the safety surface, at a cost of approximately £10K. This would still leave

RPC with some money to put towards other equipment. It was agreed to do this, after obtaining revised quotes.

12-17 CPRE

The effects of proposed planning changes are hard to predict. CPRE is available to assist us when necessary. We can help by informing CPRE where the funding of infrastructure, transport etc is refused by developers on the grounds of 'not being cost efficient'.

Neighbourhood plans are very expensive to set up. Regarding strategic housing plans, EBC wants to protect the Green Belt, unlike Amber Valley which apparently supports green field construction where developers say brownfield sites are uneconomic. Residents need to support brownfield development eg Stanton to help protect our Green Belt.

12-18 Grit Bins

Cllr Fogg reported that he had checked and filled all the RPC grit bins, and he still had a reasonable quantity in stock. He will examine and refill the bin at the Village Hall.

12-19 EBC Report

EBC Cllr D.Orchard reported that the new Mayor is Cllr Mrs J.Hulls (Sandiacre) who has arranged a charity walk in Trent College Arboretum. The Borough now has 7 nature reserves. The Museum is celebrating its 30th anniversary. Buildings of local interest are shown on the Council's website.

The meeting closed at 8:30pm.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RISLEY PARISH COUNCIL
in Harrison's Cottage, Risley Churchyard on Thursday 14 June 2012 at 7:00pm.

Present: Cllrs Mrs P.Ancliff, R.Hardy, Mrs R.Hobbs, F.Jones, M.O'Neill (in the chair), D.Rhodes. In attendance: DCC Cllr W.Major, EBC Cllr Mrs V.Clare, PCSO 4602 Miss L.Buchanan, Mr S.A.Leleux, Clerk.

Apologies: Cllrs A.Fogg, Mrs B.Housley, EBC Cllr Mr D.Orchard.

12-20 Public Session

Miss L.Buchanan PCSO 4602 introduced herself as the member of the Long Eaton Rural Team (of three) having particular responsibility for Risley and Stanton when the new policing arrangements come into force, probably at the beginning of July. She said that while there had been no reported crime in Risley since the May meeting, there had been two anti-social parking issues. Councillors mentioned some problems with adult cyclists riding along the pavement although there was a cycle lane on each side of Derby Road. Cycling proficiency tests have recently been held at Friesland, and the possibility of having them at Risley School was raised.

Miss Buchanan left, and Cllr Rhodes arrived, at 7:10pm.

12-21 Minutes

The Minutes of 10 May 2012 were agreed and signed.

12-22 Declarations of Interest

None.

Matters Arising

12-23 Visibility of traffic near 74 Derby Road (12-3)

DCC Highways 'confirms the area to the front of No 74 Derby Road does form part of the adopted highway network. Following investigation the District Highway Care Manager has reported that the tree does not create a visibility problem for motorists exiting the bridle path and therefore no action is proposed.' It was agreed to communicate this information to Mr & Mrs Chapman.

12-24 Telephone Box (12-6)

Ilkeston Glass quoted £148.78 to replace the four panes reading 'Telephone' with one clear pane (facing the pub) and three reading 'Information Point'. Cllr Jones proposed, seconded by Cllr Mrs Hobbs, that this be accepted. All were in favour. Although two quotes had been obtained for painting the telephone box, each about £200 for labour and materials, Cllr Mrs Hobbs had met someone (Mr D.King) willing to paint it just for the cost of materials. Cllr Mrs Hobbs proposed, seconded by Cllr Hardy, that Mr King be given the job, once the windows had been changed. All were in favour. It was reported that the telephone box was being well used, and it was agreed to photocopy additional copies of the Risley Conservation Area leaflet, EBC having provided Cllr Mrs Hobbs with a master and permission to do so.

12-25 Footpath Repairs (12-7)

Assuming the quote was reasonable, Cllr Jones proposed, seconded by Cllr Mrs Hobbs, that the remaining DCC grant should be used to fill potholes in the bridleway to the Nook.

12-26 Play Scheme (12-11-G)

It was agreed to produce a newsletter for distribution around the end of June. Besides advertising the Play Scheme, it should include a report of the Jubilee events, forthcoming Village Hall events, the Footpath Walk, telephone box and overhanging vegetation. The Chairman will agree the contents before publication.

12-27 EBC Dog Control Orders (12-11-J)

It was agreed that the First Avenue fenced play area should be included, and if possible the whole field as the (unmarked) football pitch covered most of the remaining area. However, it was agreed that Rush Meadow and the Village Hall grounds should not be included.

12-28 Freedom of Information (12-11-N)

Councillors discussed the model FOI procedure, as modified by the Clerk for Risley. Several suggestions were made for incorporation into the draft. It was agreed that the Chair and Vice-chair could approve the revised draft. The new entry was circulated for Councillors to check its accuracy. No errors were noted.

12-29 Correspondence

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. EBC Ian Marsden/Kathy Kemp: Loss of slide. Was RPC responsible for this playground? The Clerk had replied giving a summary of the current project to improve the playground, the uncertainty whether EBC would meet future PWLB repayments (pointing out that this was having an effect on parishioners), and the plans to go ahead with a replacement for the TotLot.
- B. EBC Proposed changes to Standards Regime and revised Code of Conduct
- C. Play-Ground Supplies: Inspection report. Usual defects but roundabout now repaired.
- D. Audit Commission: Consultation on appointment of external auditor (Grant Thornton)
- E. DALC Newsletters
- F. NHS – Application to become a Foundation Trust. Meetings for those considering applying to become a Public Governor at various centres.
- G. ‘Thank you’ letters received from Risley Village Hall, Derbyshire Children’s Holiday Centre, 1st Risley Guides, NSY, 2nd Risley Brownies. Still waiting to hear from Toddlers.
- H. Steven Smith: He had misunderstood my request and quoted to wash down and give 2 coats to stain the public benches. They were last done by him in May 2010. Since then he had also quoted to repaint the two metal seats in the First Avenue field. Councillors agreed to seek a second quote for both jobs, and to include painting the frames of the swings.
- I. DCC Youth Report:
- J. EBC Borough & Parishes Forum will take place at Long Eaton Town Hall on Wednesday 11 July at 3:30pm.

12-30 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the following be paid:

A.	Paul Guyll (Dirty Wellies) - Mowing	1396.80
B.	Zurich Municipal – Insurance	1525.63
C.	PlayGround Supplies – Inspection (2) & Roundabout repair	680.10
D.	S.A.Leleux – Clerk salary & expenses	179.22
E.	Post Office Ltd – Clerk’s tax	119.29

There was a credit balance with Southern Electric for the telephone box of £20.81.

12-31 Planning Applications

Previous Applications

1. 0412/0004 66 Derby Road: Extension – Approved.
2. 0312/0032 Trentham Farm: Solar panels – Refused
3. 0212/0030 Beechcrot: Lifting crowns of 2 trees – Approved
4. 0212/1265 72 Derby Road: Lift crown of ash tree - Approved

New Applications

None.

12-32 Diamond Jubilee (12-15)

Cllr Hardy reported that Monday 4 June had been a ‘superb, fantastic day’. The sun had even shone! He thought that there had been over 1000 visitors to the various stands in the day (the Treetops car boot sale had brought in extra people) and another 150 at the evening (ticket only) entertainment. Cllr Hardy thanked RPC for its donation of £200 to pay the daytime entertainer (approved in November 2011, minute 11-155). All the stall holders reported good sales – the WI took £600 on cream teas and sold out of food. Cllr Jones proposed, seconded by Cllr Mrs Ancliff, a vote of thanks to all who had worked so hard to achieve this success, particularly Mrs Lynn Tivey and Mr Richard Hardy, and that RPC should make an additional donation of £500 to the Village Hall Committee (using Section 137) to cover any outstanding expenses, any balance to augment the Hall’s building fund. Cllr Hardy abstained, but the remaining Councillors were all in favour.

12-33 Playground Improvement (12-16)

Cllr Mrs Ancliff presented current quotes for an activity unit from several suppliers, and reported that Proludic wanted to re-examine the site before re-quoting. Following discussion, it was agreed to request Sutcliffe Play to inspect the area again to prevent any future misunderstanding, and assuming no difficulties to purchase a Sutcliffe Play metal activity centre for £10,500 (excluding VAT) but including installation and wet pour (safety surface) repairs, unless the quote from Proludic was significantly cheaper.

12-34 Woodland for Sale

Councillors agreed that there was little point in asking Derby Diocese to accept a purely nominal sum for this small patch of woodland. However, they were pleased to hear that the EBC Tree Officer recommends that the entire wood should be covered by a TPO.

Observations from Councillors

12-35 Mowing

It was reported that cut grass was not cleared following mowing, although doing so was probably not in the contract. It was noted that cut grass was not left on the paths.

12-36 Tree Lights

It had been recently discovered that the transformer mounted in the tree to power Christmas lights was unsafe and needed replacement. It was agreed to obtain a quote for a replacement plastic cased transformer. It was suggested that the transformer in the other tree might also have failed, hence the reason why lights there did not work, so it should be checked.

12-37 Commemorative Trees

Cllr Mrs Ancliff reported that a number of the trees in Risley had been planted to commemorate various events, and she was preparing a leaflet about them. It was agreed that such trees should be identified, and quotes will be obtained for suitable plaques. In addition,

she had won the recent EBC photograph competition '60 favourite trees' with a shot of the horse chestnut by the Old Post Office. She was willing to use her prize money to fund the leaflets. It was agreed that Cllr Mrs Ancliff should purchase a good oak to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee. Derbyshire Wildlife Trust had obtained finance to fund some trees.

12-38 Rush Meadow

It was noted that Rush Meadow was being used increasingly by people who hired the Village Hall, and the possibility was raised that eventually such people would come to believe that they had the right to use Rush Meadow. It was agreed to ask the Village Hall Bookings Secretary to ensure that regular users (such as Brownies) knew that such use was by consent of RPC, and that casual users (such as wedding parties) knew that they needed to apply to RPC. In addition, a notice to this effect may be displayed in the Hall.

12-39 EBC Report

EBC Cllr Mrs Clare has been appointed Deputy Mayor, and she described some of her engagements so far, including lighting the Jubilee Beacon at Long Eaton. Erewash Labour Party has just elected a new leader.

12-40 DCC Report

The planned reductions in late night street lighting will shortly begin, with Stanton-by-Dale the first location in this area. DCC has given £1m towards the proposed Ilkeston station on Millership Way. Friesland School has received £290,000 from DCC to convert two squash courts into classrooms.

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Apologies: Cllrs A.Fogg, Mrs B.Housley, EBC Cllrs Mrs V.Clare (duties as Deputy Mayor) & Mr D.Orchard (recovering from major surgery).

12-41 Public Session

1. Mrs Bevan spoke for the three parishioners, who were all resident at Manor Court, conversions of former outbuildings of Manor Farm. They had each received a letter from EBC stating that their homes were being added to a 'local list of buildings of interest', but they were not becoming actual listed buildings. They asked what was the reason for this 'local list', as none of them wanted their homes to appear on any list. DCC Cllr gave an explanation in the absence of both EBC Councillors, and further information will be sought from EBC.
2. Having attended a recent EBC Community Forum and found it useful, Mr Hollingsworth enquired whether RPC Councillors attended. He was answered in the affirmative.

The three parishioners then left.

3. PCSO Miss Buchanan informed Councillors that the new policing structure had begun the previous day. Risley is now on Beat DL02 Long Eaton Rural instead of Beat 194 Sandiace. Due to the changes, crime figures are no longer directly comparable. Three crimes have been recorded in Risley since the last meeting: an attempt to break into Fairmead (at present being renovated), theft of lead from the roof of Risley Church (which will be replaced by an alternative material), and fraud enquiries at Woodhall Park Nursing Home.

Councillors had requested flood warning signs from the Police for part of Derby Road following recent heavy rain, but none had been delivered. It was suggested that a pair of signs could be requested from DCC Highways and kept beside the sand bag box in the churchyard. All-day parking in Second Avenue remains a problem.

Miss Buchanan then left.

12-42 Minutes

The Minutes of 14 June 2012 were agreed and signed.

12-43 Declarations of Interest

None.

Matters Arising

12-44 Telephone Box (12-24)

Ilkeston Glass regretted they were unable to change the panes until mid-July, due to pressure of other work. When this is done the box will be painted. It was reported that the supply of leaflets had to be replenished frequently. It was agreed that copies of the Newsletter should be available.

12-44 Footpath Repairs (12-25)

No quote had yet been received for filling potholes in the Nook bridleway. Cllr Fogg to pursue.

12-45 Newsletter & Play Scheme (12-26)

A newsletter (number 29) had been produced, advertising the Play Scheme and sundry other topics. A letter had been received from a parishioner commenting that some roads received their newsletter before others, with the result that play scheme places could well be fully booked before some children were aware of them. The Clerk had replied, pointing out that all the newsletters were distributed to Councillors at the same time, but local distribution obviously depended on the individual Councillor's work pattern and other commitments, to say nothing of the weather.

12-46 Freedom of Information (12-28)

The Chairman and Vice-chairman had agreed the adaptations to the model for Risley, and it would now go on the website.

12-47 Painting Seats

No quote had yet been received from Cllr Hardy's contact. Cllr Hardy to pursue.

12-48 Tree Lights (12-36)

One contractor had made a thorough inspection but had not yet supplied a quote. Cllr Hardy will remind him. Apart from an acknowledgement and a few questions, nothing had been heard from the other contractor who had been approached.

12-49 Commemorative Trees (12-37)

Two quotes for commemorative plaques had been received, but Cllr Mrs Ancliff is still researching the trees concerned. Known trees are in Rush Meadow, by Manor Farm, and the copper beeches in the School. Locations for plaques: fastened to the tree, on a peg in the ground nearby, or fastened to a nearby building also have to be decided. The oak in Rush Meadow commemorates the wedding of Charles and Diana in 1981. The group on the bank in front of Manor Farm is for the coronation of George VI in 1937. The copper beeches at the School commemorate the Fallen of WW1. Others are being identified.

12-50 Correspondence

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. EBC Planning – Pruning protected trees: Confirms no consent is required to maintain clearance above pavement (about 2.5m).
- B. Parent & Toddler, Village Hall: Thank you for donation
- C. EBC Planning – Golden Valley Farm: The residential caravan has been on site since at least 2001, and the ménage has also existed 'for a long time'. As both have had well over 4 years of use no action can be taken. A Certificate of Lawful Development is being prepared.
- D. EBC – Erewash Core Strategy consultation.
- E. Audit Commission: The external auditor made no comments, and the Notice has been displayed.
- F. DCC Excellence in the Community Awards 2012: Nomination required
- G. DALC Newsletters: General Power of Competence course, new Standards Regime, new DALC Chief Officer Mrs Sarita Presland (currently Norfolk Association Parish Liaison Officer), legal framework for rights of way, nomination for DALC President & Vice-President, parish council representatives on EBC Standards Committee

(agreed to nominate Cllr O'Neill, an existing member of this committee, proposed by Cllr Jones, seconded by Cllr Mrs Hobbs, all in favour), Localism Act training (agreed the Clerk should attend).

H. EBC Cllr Mrs Clare: A Jubilee seat will be installed in Hopwell Road.

I. PlayGround Supplies: Inspection report. Usual defects noted.

J. Mr Richardson: Complaint at the proposed erection of a Marston's Inn and Tavern instead of an office block on the site beside the A52/M1 interchange. It was agreed that RPC could not make any comment before the planning application was officially published.

12-51 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the following be paid:

A.	Audit Commission – Audit	162.00
B.	Stanton-by-Dale PCC – Photocopying & printing	47.39
C.	PlayGround Supplies – Inspection	48.00
D.	S.A.Leleux – Clerk salary & expenses	205.81
E.	NALC – Localism Act course	60.00
F.	Park Hall Designs – Website	60.00

There was a credit balance with Southern Electric for the telephone box of £18.29.

12-52 Planning Applications

Previous Applications

None.

New Applications

- A. 0612/0009 20 Derby Road: Part single storey, part two storey, rear extension to enlarge living room with en-suite shower room over: No objection, although the quality of the scanned images supplied was exceedingly poor.
- B. 0612/0018 12 Bostocks Lane: 2-storey side extension: No objection.
- C. 0612/0030 Trentham Farm, No Mans Lane: Installation of 3 ground-mounted photo-voltaic arrays: Object, on the grounds of impact on the Green Belt, and on nearby residents due to reflection of the sun from the arrays. The new site for these tracking panels is near to both the road and houses, and no matter what their coating, these is always some reflection.
- D. 0612/0040 85 Derby Road: Single storey rear and single storey side extension: Permitted development so no comment.
- E. 0612/0042 Fairmead, Derby Road (between 109 & 111): Amendment of ERE/0711/0037 to rotate gable of garage roof by 90 degrees, insert new side access door and raise the height of the central vehicle entrance door: No objection.

12-53 Borough & Parishes Forum

The Clerk reported on the previous day's meeting. One of the most significant items raised was the need for each parish council to have adopted a new Code of Conduct, officially by 1 July 2012! Any council which had not done so was urged to hold an immediate special meeting and not to wait until September, as failure to adopt a code is now a criminal offence. The code adopted by EBC was distributed, and a version for parish councils will follow. EBC will provide forms for registering Members' Interests, and may provide training on the new code. It will be sufficient for the EBC Monitoring Officer to maintain a central register of interests on the EBC website, so individual parish councils will not need to do this.

It was also reported that the draft report about concurrent functions is due to be presented to the Scrutiny Committee on 31 August. It will then be circulated to parish councils for

comment. Assuming the Scrutiny Committee recommends its adoption, the report then has to be accepted by the Executive, and finally, on 11 October, by the full Council. Assuming Members accept it, details of what is allowable concurrent function expenditure will be known before next year's budgets have to be prepared. There are still a number of outstanding issues, for example the proportion EBC pays of a clerk's salary and the provision of Christmas lights.

Various other items were noted in passing.

Adoption of the EBC Code of Conduct was proposed by Cllr Jones, seconded by Cllr Mrs Ancliff. All were in favour.

12-54 Playground Improvement (12-33)

The Clerk reported that the order had been given to Sutcliffe Play, and installation was scheduled for the week beginning 23 July, with a site meeting the week before. As Sutcliffe's terms are 30 days, Councillors agreed that if, as was likely, the invoice for about £12,700 was received well before the September meeting then the necessary cheque could be signed, provided the work had been completed to Councillors' satisfaction. Arising from this, it was proposed by Cllr Jones, seconded by Cllr Ancliff, that any urgent business during the summer break could be done by the Chairman and Vice-chairman, plus another Councillor. All were in favour.

Observations from Councillors

12-55 Christmas Tree

Cllr Fogg had said that he thought he could obtain a Christmas tree locally for much less than EBC charged. As EBC ordered its trees in August, it was agreed to ask him to confirm the availability of a low-cost local tree.

12-56 Rush Meadow Hedge

It had been recently discovered that at two places the hedge around Rush Meadow was dying. It was agreed that Cllr Mrs Ancliff should plant whips in the gaps in the autumn.

12-57 Bus Shelter Lights (11-250)

Following further investigation, Cllr Jones reported that the bus shelter without lights outside Risley Hall did have both a power supply and lights, but the lights did not work. DCC Cllr Major agreed to make further enquiries into the possibility of making the lights operate.

12-58 Woodland for Sale (12-34)

It was reported that the woodland in the City had been sold prior to auction, and that the new owner intended it to remain available for public use.

12-59 Overhanging Vegetation

It was reported that churchyard trees overhanging the pavement had been pruned. However, trees at 34A & 73 Derby Road and some along the Derby Road boundary of Risley Hall (particularly west of the main entrance) were a hazard to pedestrians. It was agreed to report them to DCC.

12-60 Drainage Problems

Recent heavy rain so overloaded the drains at the entrance to the churchyard that a large lake formed, and the Bishop of Derby (who was holding a meeting in the church) had to climb over the churchyard wall. Although the bridge under Derby Road for the brook had been cleared some time ago the brook still flooded the road. The swift current had demolished the

bridge at the top of the City. A pothole has developed in the nearside lane outside 4, 6 & 8 Derby Road. These problems will be brought to the attention of DCC Highways.

12-61 First Avenue Field

It was agreed to ask the mowing contractor to trim the patch of tall nettles obstructing the kissing gate into the playing field from First Avenue.

12-62 3A Second Avenue

It was reported that while the residents here always parked on their own property, they often drove across the kerb and verge to reach it. As a result, part of the verge is now a muddy hole full of water. It was agreed to ask them to extend the dropped kerb and vehicle surface in front of their property so that their cars could reach any part of their parking area without crossing the verge.

12-63 School Hedge

It was noted that the School hedge greatly overhung the pavement, but it was reported that it was trimmed annually in the holidays. It was also noted that the hedge had many gaps and was full of ivy, and could do with being laid professionally.

12-64 DCC Report

DCC Cllr Major reported that the recent exceptionally prolonged and heavy rain had highlighted the need for a number of road improvements, additional to routine DCC gully clearing. The government had provided an additional £4.5m towards the costs of winter road maintenance, and it was hoped that similar assistance would be forthcoming to meet the cost of works to prevent flooding. Otherwise, remedial works will be done as the budget permits. The first wave of partial street lighting late at night comes into force shortly, but Stanton-by-Dale will be the only place affected in this area initially.

The meeting closed at 8:45pm.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RISLEY PARISH COUNCIL
in Harrison's Cottage, Risley Churchyard on Thursday 13 September 2012 at 7:00pm.

Present: Cllrs A.Fogg, Mrs P.Ancliff, R.Hardy, Mrs R.Hobbs, F.Jones, M.O'Neill (in the chair), D.Rhodes. In attendance: DCC Cllr W.Major, EBC Cllr Mrs V.Clare, Mr G.Cameron, CEO Treetops Hospice, Mr S.A.Leleux, Clerk and Mr A.Done-Johnson, reporter from Long Eaton Today.

Apologies: Cllr Mrs B.Housley, EBC Cllr D.Orchard (still recovering from major surgery), and the Police.

12-65 Public Session

Mr G. Cameron, Chief Executive Officer, of Treetops came to inform Councillors of proposed developments at the hospice. He accepted the Chairman's statement that he was welcome to speak, and Councillors might ask questions, but no comments could be made in advance of any actual planning application. The Department of Health had made £60m capital funding available for end of life care, and has invited hospices to bid. This has taken Treetops by surprise, as DoH funding for an extension was received only a few years ago. However, the demand for the services Treetops provides is increasing constantly, and obviously it wants to exploit this opportunity for further capital expenditure. One problem is the very short timescales being imposed by the DoH, with the result that Treetops will be entering 'pre-application' discussions with EBC, and intends to keep both the Parish Council and Risley Hall fully informed, to minimise the possibility of delays and objections during the actual planning procedure.

The hospice shop in Sandiacre offers bereavement counselling to anyone who calls, not just relatives of hospice users, and has outgrown the facilities available there, such is the demand. Treetops want to bring this service on-site, and to accompany it with pre-bereavement counselling for the relatives of hospice users. Administration of the growing 'hospice at home' service requires additional space. A Support and Information Centre is also being considered as there is, in fact, very little provision of support for end of life care in Derbyshire except for those suffering from cancer.

Initial ideas from architects propose a single storey building of about 400/450m² floor area, situated beyond the car park, close to the stream forming the boundary with Risley Hall. Appropriate landscaping is planned and additional parking spaces. Additional traffic will be generated by six extra staff at peak times and by volunteers and those using the services throughout the day.

The actual planning application is likely in the next 6-8 weeks. The bid has to be made by 5 November, and successful applicants will be notified in March 2013, with the project completed by March 2014.

Several questions followed. Mr Cameron confirmed that any new building would be only single storey. Treetops serves an area from Broxtowe in the east to Ashbourne in the west, from Alfreton in the north to Melbourne in the south. There are at present 115 places for day care. The original building is fully used for day care admissions, consultations, kitchens (serving 25 meals daily to day care users), an art therapy room and two complementary therapy rooms.

Mr Cameron left at 7:15pm.

12-66 Minutes

The Minutes of 12 July 2012 were agreed and signed.

Matters Arising

12-67 Telephone Box (12-44)

Cllr Mrs Hobbs reported that she purchased the materials and her contact was expected to begin painting shortly. It was noted that the new Information Point signs would stand out better if they were backed by opaque material. It was also agreed to cover part of the solid wall of the kiosk with a cork board for notices, and to display a map of local footpaths (as outside Latin School). Cllrs Mrs Ancliff and Hardy will proceed with this work. It was noted that there was some graffiti which needed removal.

12-68 Footpath Repairs (12-44A)

It was agreed that Cllr Fogg should continue to approach possible contractors to repair the Nook bridleway. It was noted that the bridleway in The City had been scoured by recent floods.

12-69 Play Scheme (12-45)

The Clerk reported that every place (6) on the Play Scheme had been taken every day for the ten days booked. He was asked to report attendance figures for recent years at the next meeting, to assess the need for additional places next year. It was agreed that notices should be displayed on the RPC notice boards when children can book, as well as in the newsletter.

12-70 Painting Seats (12-47)

In the absence of any quote from Cllr Hardy's contact, it was agreed to accept the price from Mr Smith. (Proposed Cllr Jones, seconded Cllr Mrs Hobbs, all in favour)

Cllr Hardy arrived at this point, 7:15pm.

12-71 Christmas Tree & Lights (12-48)

Nothing had been heard from the other contractor. The possibility of buying a second replacement set of lights was discussed and it was agreed not to proceed. It was agreed that the lights should be on for Monday 3 December. It was also agreed to use a tree provided by Mr Sisson for £100, Cllrs Fogg & Hardy to arrange transport and erection, instead of using one supplied by EBC.

12-72 Commemorative Trees (12-49)

Cllr Mrs Ancliff agreed to provide details of commemorative trees in Risley for the next meeting. The Clerk reported that County Signs had gone out of business, but his contact would make signs (to be mounted on the tree, the ground or a wall, as appropriate) for around £10 each.

12-73 Playground Improvement (12-54)

Sutcliffe Play had installed the youngsters' activity centre in July, and repaired the safety surface. The work had cost £12705.67. Several parishioners had expressed their delight with it. It was agreed that Mr Smith should also paint the frames of the swings, and the climbing frame, when he did the seats in the playground. Cllr Mrs Hobbs agreed to provide a photograph of the new equipment for the website.

12-74 Correspondence

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. EBC Location of Jubilee Benches. It was believed they would remain EBC property.
- B. DCC/Risley Park: Japanese knotweed at The Park 'will continue to receive routine treatment by the Authority on behalf of Mr Staniforth until eradication.'
- C. DCC Highways – Replies to recent letters:
 - i. Provision of signs when Derby Road is flooded: 'Arrangement been made for the delivery of two suitable signs as requested'.
 - ii. Bridge in the City: Structures Section is investigating
 - iii. Potholes at traffic lights: Rapid Response team has done repairs as necessary.
 - iv. Inadequate drains outside Risley Church: 'Highways Inspectorate has commented the footway gullies are a standard size and we are unable to install carriageway size covers with a wider grid at this location. It is thought that they would present a trip hazard outside the church for highway users, especially for pedestrians wearing high heeled footwear.'
- D. EBC Members Code of Conduct - Guide for Councillors, copies were distributed at the meeting)
- E. Audit Commission: The external auditor for five years beginning 2013 will be Grant Thornton UK LLP.
- F. DCC Highways – Grit Bins: Any supplies required to be notified by 30 September. Cllr Fogg reported that Risley's bins had been refilled from existing supplies, and there was sufficient for the winter. He may order some salt/grit for his own use, and it was agreed that any extra needed by RPC could be added to his order.
- G. Risley & Stanton-by-Dale PCCs: Request permission to use Rush Meadow (they have already booked the Village Hall), possibly erecting gazebos, on Sunday 7 October for their Harvest Lunch/Welcome to the new Rector, from mid-morning until mid-afternoon. Agreed this could be done.
- H. EBC Concurrent Functions Review: A copy of the confidential report to be discussed by the Scrutiny Committee on 30 August was received. Assuming EBC accepts it, the main item obviously affecting Risley is 3.9, ceasing to fund maintenance of Open churchyards, although the general level of cuts proposed will affect other items as well. Concurrent Functions for Risley (and most other parishes) have been cut by 5% to give us £10595 this year, 2012/13. Forecast Concurrent Functions for Risley are 2013/14 £9292 (12.3% cut), and 2014/15 £8484 (8.7% cut), in line with expected reductions of government funding. More details should be given at the forthcoming Forum meeting. The implications of the cuts will need to be considered carefully.
- I. EBC – Borough & Parishes Forum, 24 September, Long Eaton Town Hall, 10am.
- J. Lowland Derbyshire Biodiversity Partner: Action plan (on CD)
- K. Sandiacre Town FC: Request to use First Avenue field for training by the Under-9 team. Agreed this use.
- L. Play-Ground Supplies – Inspection reports (August & September): Only defects noted were trip points around the kerbs of the two cradle swings.
- M. DALC Newsletters: Community Right to Challenge is now in force, CPRE wants councils to be given power to fine the registered owner of a vehicle from which litter has been seen to be thrown, Paths for Communities seeks to enhance the network of public rights of way (May 2012-May 2014) project will mainly include some bridleway, plan to reduce rural speed limits in particular to 40mph on rural single carriageway roads, the possibility that Section 106 may disappear in the government's review of the private rented housing market, DALC Annual Report, and a thank you from the former Chief Officer Brian Wood.
- N. DCC Snow Warden: Cllr Jones is willing to continue. It was agreed that the area covered should extend from Bostocks Lane along Derby Road (north side) beyond the School to the Village Hall.

- O. DALC: The cost of a clerk obtaining the CiLCA qualification is about £250. The main benefit to the council is that with the requisite two thirds elected mandate the council can then become a Quality Council and/or adopt the General Power of Competence (under the recent Localism Act). As Clerk, I should then be fully aware of all the rules governing parish council operation.
- P. Police report for July-September: Three crimes recorded: criminal damage/arson when temporary traffic lights were pushed over and set on fire, theft of lead from the church roof, and someone who made off from a taxi without paying their fare.

12-75 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the following be paid:

A.	P.Guyll – Mowing (signed in the break, see 12-54)	1396.80
B.	Sutcliffe Play – Equipment & repairs (signed in the break, see 12-54)	12705.67
C.	Zurich Municipal – Insurance of new play equipment	62.15
D.	PlayGround Supplies – Inspection (2)	96.00
E.	Ilkeston & Ripley Glass – Telephone box panels	91.18
F.	Rachel Hobbs – Paint for telephone box	36.03
G.	S.A.Leleux – Clerk salary & expenses (2)	358.25

There was a credit balance with Southern Electric for the telephone box of £13.26.

12-76 Planning Applications

Previous Applications

- A. 0612/0009 20 Derby Road: Part single storey, part two storey, rear extension to enlarge living room with en-suite shower room over. - Approved
- B. 0612/0030 Trentham Farm, No Mans Lane: Installation of 3 ground-mounted photo-voltaic arrays - Refused
- C. 0612/0040 85 Derby Road: Single storey rear and single storey side extension – Permitted development
- D. 0612/0042 Fairmead, Derby Road (between 109 & 111): Amendment of ERE/0711/0037 to rotate gable of garage roof by 90 degrees, insert new side access door and raise the height of the central vehicle entrance door. - Approved

New Applications

- 1. 1 Rising Lea, Derby Road (0912/0010) – Replacement of roof cladding: No objection.
- 2. A TPO has been made by EBC covering the woodland ‘North west of Derby Road’ – basically an L-shaped area, east from Brook Cottage in the City then south to the north east corner of the School’s playing field. It has yet to be confirmed.

12-77 Council Tax Support Consultation

Ian Marsden, EBC, informed parish councils that from next April, Council Tax Benefit in its current form will be abolished and instead all Councils must develop their own Council Tax Support scheme. The government will be giving Erewash Borough Council less money to pay for this new scheme. The reduction in Erewash will be approximately £850,000 a year. The details of EBC proposed new scheme are due to be published shortly, and EBC has a duty to consult with members of the public and precepting authorities on its contents. It was agreed to consider this at the next meeting. The Clerk will ask Mr Marsden for posters to advertise the local ‘road shows’.

12-78 Footpath Walk

The annual walk will begin at 2pm on Sunday 16 September. It was agreed to use Section 137 to cover any expenditure incurred.

Observations from Councillors

12-79 2A Bostocks Lane

Several Councillors had noticed that a large van was often parked at 2A Bostocks Lane so that it obstructed the pavement. It was agreed to report it to the Police for action.

12-80 Loan of Projector

It was agreed that Cllr Hardy could borrow the RPC 'planning projector' for use at the forthcoming parish quiz.

12-81 Derbyshire Wildlife Trees

Cllr Mrs Ancliff reported that a donation of about ten trees was expected, plus a standard oak which would be the official Diamond Jubilee tree. They would be planted along the northern hedge in the First Avenue field and on land behind the Village Hall.

12-82 War Memorial

Cllr Mrs Ancliff reported that she was researching biographical details of the men commemorated on the World War I section of the War Memorial. It was suggested that she should extend her research to World War II as well, since that information would soon become much harder to collect.

12-83 EBC Report

EBC Cllr Mrs Clare reported that discussion about Concurrent Functions had run into difficulties, and it was possible that the proposed reductions in each of the next two years might be implemented as a single large reduction in the second year. The *Ticket to Success* project for unemployed school leavers had been very successful, both in attendance and in jobs obtained as a result. Some disruption may occur at West Park Leisure Centre due to repairs, and it was reported that some underused areas at the Friesland Sports Centre are being converted to classrooms for Friesland School.

12-64 DCC Report

DCC Cllr Major reported that the pot holes in the road had been done, sundry roadside drains cleared, and lights were to be installed in the bus shelter at Risley Hall.

The meeting closed at 8:40pm.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RISLEY PARISH COUNCIL
in Harrison's Cottage, Risley Churchyard on Thursday 11 October 2012 at 7:00pm.

Present: Cllrs A.Fogg, Mrs P.Ancliff (in the chair), R.Hardy, Mrs R.Hobbs, Mrs B.Housley, F.Jones, D.Rhodes. In attendance: DCC Cllr W.Major, Police Mark Sutter 2168 & Laura Buchanan 4602, Mr S.A.Leleux, Clerk.

Apologies: Cllr M O'Neill, EBC Cllrs Mrs V.Clare, D.Orchard.

12-85 Public Session

None.

12-86 Declaration of Interests

None.

12-87 Minutes

The Minutes of 13 September 2012 were agreed and signed.

Matters Arising

12-88 Telephone Box (12-67)

It was reported that leaflets were regularly being taken. It was suggested that the leaflets should include EBC ones describing local walks. Neither the cork board for notices nor the display map showing footpaths have yet been mounted, but both in progress.

12-89 Footpath Repairs (12-68)

Cllr Fogg reported that he was still searching for a suitable contractor. It was reported that a resident had complained about the potholes which have developed, but it had been pointed out to her that the right of way had to be suitable for people and horses, not vehicles.

12-90 Play Scheme (12-69)

The Clerk reported that of the 60 play scheme places booked each year, attendance during recent years had been:

Year	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Attendance	45	50	57	37	40	60

12-91 Commemorative Trees (12-72)

Cllr Mrs Ancliff gave details of five commemorative trees in Risley:

Oak Eastern hedge of School field 1977 Silver Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II

Oak Eastern hedge of Rush Meadow 1981 Wedding of Prince Charles & Diana
Spencer

Copper beech (3) School croft c1919, commemorates local men killed in WWI

Several Bank in front of Manor Farm 1937, Coronation of King George VI

To plant 2012 Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II

It was agreed to obtain a quote from Gary Woodhouse for signs about 12x9in having about 100 letters, plus suitable fixing to a stake or wall. Cllr Mrs Hobbs agreed to guide him if a site meeting was necessary.

12-92 Playground (12-73)

Cllr Mrs Hobbs reported that she had obtained the parent's permission to display on the website a photograph of her young son enjoying himself on the new play equipment.

12-93 Footpath Walk (12-78)

It was reported that about 15 people had participated. It was agreed that Cllr Fogg should speak to a farmer about two defective stiles which were noted.

Cllr Rhodes arrived at this point, 7:20pm, accompanied by the Police who had previously sent apologies. With the agreement of the meeting, the Police gave their report.

12-94 Police

There was no new crime to report since the last meeting. Traffic blockages at the M1 interchange were on-going. Councillors reported that in Bostocks Lane a car often parked on the pavement opposite The Grange, and while a van belonging to 2A was usually parked in the garden, it frequently obstructed the pavement as well. The Police promised to investigate both vehicles. Daytime parking of commuters' cars in First and Second Avenue was also raised. The Police also enquired about Remembrance Sunday arrangements, and said that they might be able to provide a presence in future years.

The Police left at 7:30pm.

12-95 Jubilee Benches (12-74-A)

Cllr Mrs Ancliff reported that she had toured the village with the EBC official concerned. She reported that each seat required a 3m square concrete base, so each site required good access. The proposed site in the entrance to Rush Meadow was not suitable, but a seat could be located at an angle to the path, on the grass in front of the Village Hall, where the path met the pavement. One could be located near Braeside, Derby Road, looking over the Trent Valley, with another near the top of the hill in Hopwell Road (not in our parish) or, maybe, by the bus layby near Hopwell Hall. Cllr Mrs Ancliff agreed to continue the discussions.

12-96 Correspondence

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. Derbyshire Eco Centre – Public Rights of Way workshop, Middleton-by-Wirksworth, 23 October 6:30-9:00pm or 23 November 1:30 to 4:00pm, cost about £10.
- B. DCC Young Achievers Awards: Nominations required.
- C. DCC Bus shelter lights: Energy efficient LED tubes were recently fitted to the shelter opposite Risley School. Fitting lights to the shelter at Risley Hall is still under investigation. It has no ID number as it has no lights. The street lighting department is being asked to quote to supply a cable to the shelter to light it, but they and Eon (who supplies the cable) are both very busy.
- D. Local Government Boundary Commission: None of the proposed changes affect Risley.
- E. DALC Newsletters: Revised model standing orders are being produced by NALC to take account of recent changes in the law.
- F. Local Works: Asking RPC to encourage EBC to use the Sustainable Communities Act and consideration of making a donation to Local Works.
- G. DCC Snow Warden training: Cllrs Mrs Ancliff & Jones will attend. Several Councillors agreed to take 18 bags of salt/sand, with the remaining 32 bags being stored by Cllr Fogg.
- H. Mrs Dilks (Fairmead): Thanks for response to problem of rubbish being dumped in her garden.
- I. HMRC – Details of pay, tax and NI will have to be regularly entered on-line from April 2013. There is provision for firms to begin sooner if they wished, and it was agreed that the Clerk could do this if he so wished.

- J. Playground Supplies: Inspection report, listing 'PCC trip points' around the toddler swngs. The Clerk will enquire what they are.
- K. Playground Supplies: Due to government cutbacks, a local council is ceasing to use this firm from December. As a result, a monthly report for Risley would cost £135, while a quarterly one would cost £45, both prices plus VAT. The Clerk was instructed to enquire whether a quarterly report would be acceptable to RPC's insurers.
- L. EBC – Election of Police Commissioner
- M. Derbyshire Children's Holidays: Thank you, plus request for donation.
- N. Clerk: i. Date of June 2013 meeting. Due to his Golden Wedding in October 2013, he will be on holiday 7 to 17 June, so will be unable to attend or adequately prepare for a meeting on 14 June. It was agreed to postpone it to the following week, 21 June. ii. It was agreed that he could use the RPC video projector when speaking at meetings, provided he made good any damage incurred. iii Councillors agreed that an old minute book could be deposited at Matlock Record Office.

12-97 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the following be paid:

A.	P.Guyll – Mowing	1716.00
B.	Erewash Borough Council – Play Scheme*	648.00
C.	S.Smith – Playground painting	230.00
D.	PlayGround Supplies – Inspection	48.00
E.	Post Office Ltd – Clerk's tax	119.29
F.	S.A.Leleux – Clerk salary & expenses	201.54

*Play Scheme - Net cost to RPC 148.00, after EBC grant of 500.00

There was a credit balance with Southern Electric for the telephone box of £11.00.

12-98 Planning Applications

Previous Applications

- A. Hoppingwood Barn, Derby Road – Change of use of outbuilding: Approved
- B. Old Orchard House, Derby Road – Various extensions: Approved.

New Applications

- C. 103 Derby Road – Erection of front porch (ERE/0912/0026) – No objection.
- D. 54 Bostocks Lane – Two storey side extension, single storey side & rear extension, and roof extension to create habitable loft space (ERE/0912/0041) – No objection.

12-99 Council Tax Support Consultation (12-77)

It was agreed that RPC would make no corporate response.

12-100 2013-14 Budget

As EBC has not yet published any definitive information about allowable Concurrent Functions expenditure, only that the likely maximum allowed for Risley for 2013-14 was £9292, £1303 less than the current year, with a further cut of £808 in the following year. It appears most unlikely that contributions towards the maintenance of open churchyards would be allowed, so the £550 annual contribution to Risley PCC would cease, unless RPC met it from the precept. It was agreed to ask the PCC for the total cost of churchyard mowing. The greatest saving would be found by reducing the frequency of mowing verges etc. It was agreed to ask for quotes for both playground inspection and mowing with 14 cuts instead of 18. It was agreed that Cllr Fogg should scrutinise the draft budget before it was presented.

Observations from Councillors

12-101 Emails

Cllr Fogg said that he welcomed the use of email for distributing agendas and minutes, but he was concerned at the apparent use of email to make a decision, regarding the request by a caravan club to park its vans one weekend in early November on Rush Meadow. The Clerk explained that the request appeared to require an urgent reply, and email was a convenient method to present the situation to Councillors and obtain their reactions. The majority view could then be discussed with the Chair, before making a suitable reply. After some discussion it was agreed that in future similar requests should have the response 'it will be discussed at the next meeting', and possible decision making by email confined to real emergencies. The Clerk will seek DALC's opinion on the issue.

12-102 Bus Shelter

The need for light in the unlit bus shelters was emphasised. DCC Cllr Major agreed to investigate progress, which depended on Eon providing a suitable electricity supply.

12-103 Horse Chestnut Tree in The City

Cllr Mrs Ancliff reported that Derby Diocese, the then owner of the tree, had agreed a schedule of work with the contractor, who had done the major pruning work while negotiation of the sale was in progress, to the surprise of the new owner.

12-104 Village Hall

It was reported that Biffa had just awarded £50,000 to the Village Hall for its extensions. Councillors thanked Mrs Lynn Tivey and Cllr Hardy for their hard work in achieving this.

12-105 Roadside Markers

It was noted that the 3-2-1 markers beside the road approaching Risley 40mph sign from Borrowash were so small that they were easily overlooked. In addition, vegetation was obscuring the signs.

12-106 Bostocks Lane Traffic Lights

It was reported that at slack periods the lights often took a long time to respond to waiting vehicles.

12-107 Land behind Village Hall

It was agreed to ask for a quote to trim the RPC land behind the Village Hall before planting any trees there.

12-108 DCC Report

DCC Cllr Major reported the decision to keep the cost of school meals unchanged. A major fire in Stanton Works (still smouldering after a fortnight) had caused major traffic disruption on Lows Lane for a few days. The recent OFSTED report on Youth Offenders placed Derbyshire in the top 15% in the UK for effectiveness. He said that the Stanton Regeneration planning application was expected very soon.

The meeting closed at 8:40pm.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RISLEY PARISH COUNCIL
in Harrison's Cottage, Risley Churchyard on Thursday 8 November 2012 at 7:00pm.

Present: Cllrs A.Fogg, Mrs P.Ancliff, R.Hardy, Mrs R.Hobbs, Mrs B.Housley, F.Jones, M.O'Neill (in the chair), D.Rhodes. In attendance: DCC Cllr W.Major, EBC Cllrs Mrs V.Clare, D.Orchard, Mr A.Done-Johnson (reporter, Long Eaton Today), Mr S.A.Leleux, Clerk.

Apologies: Police.

12-109 Public Session

Mr Done-Johnson said that RPC was welcome to use biographical details he had assembled relating to names on the War Memorial. Cllr Mrs Ancliff thanked him and said she had already viewed his website.

12-110 Declaration of Interests

None.

12-111 Minutes

The Minutes of 11 October 2012 were agreed and signed.

Matters Arising

12-112 Telephone Box (12-88)

It was reported that the pin board for notices had been installed. It was agreed that a notice in a window saying it was an information point was not required. In view of the number of copies of leaflets which are being taken, it was agreed that the Clerk should purchase a cheap colour printer so that additional copies could be printed at minimal cost.

12-113 Footpath Repairs (12-89)

Cllr Fogg reported that he was still searching for a suitable contractor.

12-114 Commemorative Trees (12-91)

It was agreed to accept the quote of £14 each from Gary Woodhouse, and to order five plaques. The Clerk will seek permission to fasten two plaques to the school fence, and to the wall of the brick bus shelter.

12-115 Jubilee Benches (12-95)

Nothing further had been heard from EBC, so Cllr Mrs Ancliff agreed to pursue the matter. It was reported that the Village Hall Committee agreed to a seat being nearer the hedge than the cottage beside the pavement (instead of at Rush Meadow gate), with the proviso that it should be angled away from the bungalow and towards the road, to avoid encroaching on the privacy of its residents.

Cllr Rhodes arrived at this point (7:18pm).

12-116 Bus Shelter Lights (12-96-C)

DCC Cllr Major reported that an order had been placed to install lights in the shelter near Risley Hall, but nothing could be done until Eon installed the necessary electricity supply. He would pursue the matter. It was also reported that the shelter outside the School had only one light operational out of four.

12-117 Emails (12-101)

DALC had replied that while the use of email to distribute papers and agendas is good, then unless the matter is urgent, the only right and proper place to make decisions is at a meeting.

12-118 Correspondence

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. Quotes for strimming 'new' land at Village Hall (12-107). It was agreed to accept the quote of £60 from Dirty Wellies (proposed Cllr Jones, seconded Cllr Hardy, all in favour), and request that it should be done as soon as possible, before bringing bark chippings and planting young trees in early December.
- B. Lowland Derbyshire Biodiversity Partnership: Newsletter, and Forum.
- C. EBC Electoral Registers were distributed – Risley 577 (562 last year), Hopwell 18 (no change)
- D. DALC Newsletter: Which Code of Conduct has been adopted (They were informed we have EBC), training needs, community right to bid powers now in force (see info@plunkett.co.uk), Royal Town Planning Institute pilot website *Map for England* 'allows users to view the main strategic planning issues affecting their areas'.
- E. EBC – Gambling Act 2005 Consultation on the Statement of Principles (by 17 December).
- F. Rural Action magazine: Litter in public spaces particularly bins in play areas, and Village Games.
- G. Clerks & Councils Direct newspaper features retirement of Brian Wood, former Chief Officer at DALC
- H. Zurich Insurance: Quarterly playground inspections are adequate, provided Councillors maintain their daily visits.
- I. DCC Highways: 'We are able to look at the Bostocks Lane signals from the office ... but cannot see anything wrong' Please confirm whether the fault still exists, and if so at what date/time (as the system can record this information).
- J. EBC Playground Inspection: The engineer noted long standing defects on the roundabout, but it was agreed not to have them repaired.
- K. Mrs Dilks requested a grit bin to be placed near the junction of Breaston Lane with Derby Road, offering to monitor its use. While snowploughs clear Derby Road they do not do Breaston Lane, and there is a rising gradient at the junction which could cause difficulties if a car had to stop on it. It was agreed not to install a bin, as the RPC bins are intended for pavements, not roads.(except the one in No Mans Lane). Furthermore, DCC wants to reduce the number of bins, as the contents are often taken for use on people's drives, and refilling bins in bad weather is a low priority when most vehicles are engaged in maintaining main routes. It was suggested that she should approach DCC Cllr Major direct.
- L. Police: Report two thefts of bicycles in Risley since the last meeting.

12-119 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the following be paid:

A. PlayGround Supplies – Inspection*	48.00
B. S.A.Leleux – Clerk salary & expenses	201.54

*The firm to be asked to describe the 'trip hazards' it mentions in its report.

There was a credit balance with Southern Electric for the telephone box of £8.48.

12-120 Planning Applications

Previous Applications

- A. Tree Preservation Order – Land north west of Derby Road: Order confirmed

New Applications

- A. Willowbrook Farm, Breaston Lane – Erection of replacement agricultural building to provide feed store, cattle housing and equipment store (ERE/1012/0015): No objection.

12-121 2013-14 Budget (12-101)

The tender from Dirty Wellies for mowing and hedge cutting was accepted, being very similar to the current cost. Several maintenance tenders were examined, and in view of the low price and sample report it was agreed to accept Paul Gyll (Dirty Wellies), to do a monthly inspection as at present, although the insurance company would accept a quarterly inspection (see 12-118-H above) (proposed Cllr Fogg, seconded Cllr Hardy, all in favour). It was suggested that as reclaimed VAT had a large effect on the Council's income, and therefore its budget, it would be sensible to claim it more frequently, with only March carried forward to the new year. The Clerk agreed to do this. It was noted that while there need be no provision for either bulbs on the verges or fertilizer for them, a horse chestnut tree in Rush Meadow had bleeding canker and could well require expensive remedial work. Churchyard mowing cost about £1200 in 2012, and £1600 in 2011, so the annual Concurrent Functions payment of £550 was between 45% and 34% of the total. Now that various quotes had been obtained the Clerk will draw up a draft for consideration at the next meeting.

12-122 Christmas Arrangements

Cllr Fogg reported that the tree would cost £100. It would be collected on 24 November and erected the following day. He also agreed to organise the refreshments. Cllr Mrs Hobbs has the details of the actual service in hand. The Clerk will order 8 dozen mince pies, and will liaise with the School for the date of the event in 2013. Enquiry had shown that RPC had only one set of tree lights, bought last year but not used. The other set was now unusable due to age and lack of spare bulbs. Cllr Fogg had investigated, and had quotes for a transformer for a second tree and also for a second string of lights. However, Councillors agreed not to purchase a second set this year.

Observations from Councillors

12-123 City Streetlight

Cllr Jones reported that the street light in The City, supplied from Latin Cottage, was not being lit. He had spoken to the resident's children, and the Clerk had written explaining the situation, but nothing was happening. It was agreed to speak to the new tenant.

12-124 Bridge in The City

It was reported that the bridge over the brook in The City, damaged by floods earlier in the year, had been repaired.

12-125 Salt Delivery

It was reported that bags of salt were due to be delivered to the Village Hall on the following day.

12-126 Hospice

Treetops has made its bid to the NHS for its proposed Clinical Support Centre. As the building project has to be completed by Spring 2014, and the outcome of their bid will not be known until March 2013, the hospice has engaged an architect to draw up plans for

submission to EBC. Sketches of the proposed design were shown. The hospice's chief executive had offered to write a short paragraph about the proposed Clinical Support Centre for the next parish newsletter, to keep residents informed. However, this offer was declined as no newsletter is planned, and to avoid prejudice when discussing the eventual planning application.

12-127 Rushy Lane Traffic

While the actual traffic lights appear to be functioning satisfactorily, it was reported that the behaviour of some vehicles waiting in the queue in Bostocks Lane at peak periods gave cause for concern. If the road was clear and the traffic lights could be seen showing green, some drivers accelerated to reach the lights before they changed, and often were going too fast to stop if they changed so going across, becoming a hazard to other traffic. Some drivers intending to turn right into Derby Road drove down the outside of the queue, thus avoiding an often slow progress to the lights. However, these cars, travelling beyond the centre of the road, sometimes met cars coming the other way and presented a hazard to them. It was agreed to bring these situations to the attention of the police.

12-128 Village Hall (12-104)

It was reported that it was hoped to begin construction of the Village Hall extension in January.

12-129 Caravan at Village Hall

It was noted that a large caravan was parked in the Village Hall car park, without authority.

12-130 EBC Report

Consultation has been taking place on revising rate rebates for second homes, empty properties etc. There had been a 'briefing' about the Stanton site, and briefings for other groups were intended. Plans for the development were 'imminent'. EBC had a list of heritage buildings in Risley. Further refurbishment work was due at West Park. Part of Friesland Sports Centre has been transferred to Friesland School for conversion to classrooms, to permit its science laboratories to be extended. The last 'brown bin' compost collection in Risley will be in the week beginning 19 November.

12-131 DCC Report

DCC Cllr Major said that the fire at Stanton was still smouldering. Gold Card holders needed to renew their cards, which could be done easily on-line. Broadband improvements were moving forward. Comments could be made on-line about the DCC budget.

The meeting closed at 8:57pm.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RISLEY PARISH COUNCIL
in Harrison's Cottage, Risley Churchyard on Thursday 13 December 2012 at 7:00pm.

Present: Cllrs A.Fogg, Mrs P.Ancliff (in the chair), R.Hardy, Mrs R.Hobbs, F.Jones, D.Rhodes. In attendance: DCC Cllr W.Major, Mr S.A.Leleux, Clerk.

Apologies: Cllrs Mrs B.Housley, M.O'Neil, EBC Cllrs Mrs V.Clare, D.Orchard, Police.

12-132 Public Session

None.

12-133 Declaration of Interests

Planning applications: Cllr A.Fogg (Trentham Farm) and Cllr Mrs R.Hobbs (Treetops Hospice).

12-134 Minutes

The Minutes of 8 November 2012 were agreed and signed.

Matters Arising

12-135 Colour Printer(12-112)

Although the Clerk had circulated a list of inkjet printers available locally, costing from £35 to £70, it was agreed that Councillors doing a significant amount of colour copying/printing should claim the cost from RPC, and the Clerk would continue to use his black laser printer.

12-136 Footpath Repairs (12-113)

Cllr Fogg reported that he was still searching for a suitable contractor. The possibility of using part of 2013-14 grant as well was raised. In the meantime, Councillors were asked to consider what other allowable footpath repairs could be done, as the DCC had to be invoiced before the end of March.

12-137 Commemorative Trees (12-114)

Permission had been received to fasten plaques to the brick bus shelter opposite The Park and to the School fence and playing field gate. It was agreed that a plaque about The Croft should be put in the School hedge near the milepost. It was agreed that all the plaques should be cream with dark green text. A 6ft oak tree for the Jubilee was ready to plant in the playing field near the Jubilee bench, plus four other smaller trees. It was agreed to plant them in the New Year. Cllr Mrs Ancliff reported that a walk around the commemorative trees is now on the website.

12-138 Jubilee Benches (12-115)

EBC had installed Jubilee benches near the path to the Village Hall and in the First Avenue playing field. The location of the third is still to be agreed.

12-139 Bus Shelter Lights (12-116)

Although the bus shelter outside Risley Hall (12650) had an electricity supply fitted, the lights were not yet operational. It was noted that all the lights in the shelter opposite the School (1228?41 or 129770) had failed. DCC will be reminded.

12-140 City Streetlight (12-123)

As the new tenant of Latin Cottage was proving uncooperative regarding the City street light, which was supplied from their meter, with annual reimbursement by RPC, it had been suggested that the Risley Educational Foundation should permit a light on the other corner of Latin School. This would not only illuminate the City but also the steps up to the building's main entrance. RPC would provide and install the light, and reimburse REF annually, as the light would be supplied from Latin School. It would be fitted with a sensor so that it would come on automatically, and would then be totally independent of the tenant of the cottage. REF had accepted this idea, and it was agreed that Cllr Jones should arrange for the light to be installed as soon as possible. It was also agreed not to make any payment for the past year, as the tenants had recently changed and the light had not been in use recently.

12-141 Bridge in The City (12-124)

While the actual pipe forming the culvert for the brook in The City was sound (although partially blocked by a tree which had been swept in), recent heavy rain had caused the brook to scour away much of the nearby roadway. DCC had been informed. It was suggested that a grid should be placed over the upstream entrance to the culvert, to prevent large items entering it.

12-142 Correspondence

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. DCC Highways – Bostocks Lane traffic lights: Close examination had revealed that a detector in Rushy Lane was not counting vehicles accurately, thus affecting the timing cycles. The defective unit was replaced on 26 November and the signals should now work satisfactorily. Councillors will continue to monitor their operation.
- B. EBC – Minutes of Borough & Parishes Forum, held 24 September 2012. The next meeting will be on Monday 17 December.
- C. Village Games (see booklet previously distributed): If Risley was involved it would cost RPC about £1000. No interest was expressed?
- D. PlayGround Supplies: The last inspection was on 3 December. The 'trip points' around PCC edging are 'areas where the soil has eroded from the existing concrete edge, which leaves the concrete edge higher than the grass surface, therefore causing a trip hazard.' It was agreed to use soil left over from tree planting (see 12-137 above) to build up the ground.
- E. DALC Newsletters: Disposable pecuniary interests & dispensations.
- F. Police: No recent criminal activity reported. The speed camera is booked for use in Rushy Lane on three dates in the New Year, when 'we will monitor and observe traffic in Rushy Lane'.
- G. PlayGround Supplies: Inspection – trip hazards at both cradle seat swings.

12-143 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the following be paid:

A.	PlayGround Supplies – Inspection	48.00
B.	Risley PCC – Harrison's Cottage	144.00
C.	Risley PCC – Churchyard mowing (concurrent functions)	550.00
D.	Stanton-by-Dale PCC – Photocopying & printing	28.55
E.	S.A. Leleux – Clerk salary & expenses	179.86
F.	A.J. Sisson – Christmas tree	100.00

There was a credit balance with Southern Electric for the telephone box of £5.96. VAT refund £3314.14 had been received.

12-144 Planning Applications

Previous Applications

- A. Trentham Farm, No Mans Lane – Photovoltaic panels (ERE0312/0032 & ERE/0612/0030) – Appeal. It was agreed to remind EBC that there was no objection for the first application, but the second was too obtrusive and the objections still stand.
- B. 103 Derby Road (ERE/0912/0026) – Front porch: Approved.
- C. 1 Rising Lea (ERE/0912/0010) – New roof cladding: Approved.
- D. Old Orchard House, Derby Road (ERE/0712/0048): Approved.

New Applications

- A. Treetops Hospice, Derby Road - Retention of extension to existing car park and erection of a new support and information centre (ERE/1112/0044). No objection.

12-145 Dispensations

Following the new Code of Conduct, and comments in DALC newsletter, the Clerk wrote to EBC asking for a dispensation for each Councillor until the next elections, otherwise they probably should not vote on anything which affects them, including setting the precept. The reply from EBC Solicitor & Monitoring Officer, said that Section 33 of the Localism Act 2011 provides that: "(1) A relevant authority may, on a written request made to the proper officer of the authority by a member or co-opted member of the authority, grant a dispensation relieving the member or co-opted member from either or both of the restrictions in section 31(4) in cases described in the dispensation." The restrictions referred to in section 31(4) are to a member participating in any discussion or participating in any vote on a matter in which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest. A Parish Council is a relevant authority and the proper officer is the Parish Clerk. It is therefore a matter for the Parish Council to decide whether to grant dispensations to its members. Section 33(4) provides that section 31(4) does not apply in relation to anything done for the purpose of deciding whether to grant a dispensation under this section so members are free to discuss and vote on requests for dispensations from themselves. Cllr Mrs Hobbs proposed, seconded by Cllr Hardy, that 'the Clerk may grant Councillors dispensations so that they can discuss matters in which they have a 'disclosable pecuniary interest'. All were in favour, and the Clerk distributed dispensation application forms for future use. In view of the following item, Budget, Cllr Jones proposed, seconded by Cllr Hardy, 'that the Clerk should grant every Member of RPC a dispensation (until the next elections) in order to discuss and fix the annual Precept'. All were in favour. The Clerk granted this dispensation.

12-146 2013-14 Budget (12-121)

The Clerk explained the draft budget. As EBC will no longer allow contributions towards the maintenance of open churchyards, £550 had been deleted from Concurrent Functions and £250 added to precept items. The total for Concurrent Functions in the draft was well below the maximum permitted by EBC, and so it was agreed to include £500 for a second set of tree lights. Acceptance of the revised budget was proposed by Cllr Jones, seconded Cllr Hardy. All were in favour.

12-147 Christmas Arrangements (12-122)

Details of arrangements for the event were agreed. Section 137 will be used to fund refreshments. The School had suggested Monday 16 December for the 2013 Carols, which Councillors accepted. Councillors also agreed that calendars of scenes in Erewash produced by the Clerk's son could be sold in the hall, the proceeds going to charities.

Observations from Councillors

12-148 Flooding at Churchyard Gate

A large puddle often forms on the pavement outside the churchyard gate, but after recent heavy rain the puddle completely covered the pavement, stretching a long way past Rush Meadow. After the grids covering the two drains had been lifted it had taken 30 minutes for the water to drain away. As covers with wider openings were considered a hazard to pedestrians, the PCC had suggested to DCC that two additional drains should be provided. DCC Cllr W.Major agree to raise the issue with Highways again.

12-149 109 Derby Road

It was reported that a lot of damage had been done to the verge outside 109 Derby Road while work had been in progress there. Once it was certain that the contractors had finished it was agreed to ask the residents to replace the bulbs and generally make good the affected area, unless they had already done this.

12-150 Land at Village Hall

It was agreed that the new hedge around the land behind the Village Hall needed to be laid. Cllr Mrs Ancliff agreed to ask Mr Wooliscroft to quote for this work. It was also agreed to investigate the possibility of constructing a ditch across the back of the hall to prevent surface water draining down to it.

12-151 Horse Chestnut in Rush Meadow

It was reported that a horse chestnut tree in Rush Meadow had bleeding canker in one branch. Cllr Mrs Ancliff will obtain quotes and advice for its treatment (probably removal) from tree surgeons.

12-152 First Avenue Field Hedge

It was reported that a hole is being made through the hedge behind the public seat in First Avenue playing field as an unofficial route into the adjoining field. It was agreed to ask Premier Landscapes to quote for suitable repairs.

12-153 DCC Report

Derbyshire Gold Cards expire in March 2013 so their renewal is in full swing. The DCC Chairman was joined by civic leaders from Derbyshire's eight borough and district councils, and the Mayor of Derby City to sign the Armed Forces pledge joint covenant alongside Brigadier Harry Nickerson, Commander of 49 (East) Brigade. Contingency plans have been prepared with the emergency services to ensure that services run as normally as possible in the event of a harsh winter. The Digital Derbyshire campaign will invest at least £14.78m to bring the county's biggest ever broadband improvement by 2015. There are 180,000 properties in so called 'white areas' where speeds are currently less than 2Mbps and the work of Digital Derbyshire will ensure that all areas of the county receive improved broadband connectivity.

The meeting closed at 8:40pm.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RISLEY PARISH COUNCIL
in Harrison's Cottage, Risley Churchyard on Thursday 10 January 2013 at 7:00pm.

Present: Cllrs A.Fogg, Mrs P.Ancliff, R.Hardy, Mrs R.Hobbs, Mrs B.Housley, F.Jones, M.O'Meill (in the chair), D.Rhodes. In attendance: DCC Cllr W.Major, EBC Cllr D.Orchard, Mr S.A.Leleux, Clerk.

Apologies: EBC Cllr Mrs V.Clare, Police.

Cllr Mrs P.Ancliff took the chair.

12-154 Public Session

None.

12-155 Declaration of Interests

None.

Cllr M.O'Neill arrived and took the chair.

12-156 Minutes

The Minutes of 13 December 2012 were agreed and signed.

Matters Arising

12-157 Footpath Repairs (12-136)

As heavy rain tended to undo any repair to the surface of the Nook bridleway, washing its material down into Derby Road and blocking drains, Councillors agreed to seek an alternative project. The Clerk will enquire whether any unspent grant can be carried forward to the next financial year.

12-158 Commemorative Trees (12-137)

The oak tree to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee has been planted in the First Avenue field. A sample of the proposed plaques was shown and minor alterations agreed.

12-159 Jubilee Benches (12-138)

Although EBC had installed Jubilee benches near the path to the Village Hall and in the First Avenue playing field, nothing has been heard about the third seat, the proposed site being on the verge of Derby Road near the 40mph signs, with a good view south. It was suggested that the proximity of fast traffic would deter people from using it.

12-160 Bus Shelter Lights (12-139)

It was reported that the lights in the bus shelters outside Risley Hall and opposite the School are all fully operational.

12-161 City Streetlight (12-140)

It was reported that a light controlled by a photoelectric cell had been fitted a few days ago to the end of Latin School and was working well. The bill for this work has not yet been received.

12-162 Bridge in The City (12-141)

It was reported that the gravel washed from the path into the bed of the brook is to be dug out,

and plans are to be drawn up to extend the kerb beside the brook to prevent gravel being washed away in the future.

12-163 Christmas Arrangements (12-147)

Although the evening had not been cold or wet, with only a little drizzle during part of the service, numbers were only about 100. The collection had raised £87.76, so Cllr Mrs Hobbs proposed, seconded by Cllr Fogg, that a cheque for £150 be sent to the Salvation Army. All were in favour. It was reported that the new Rector, Rev Glyn Lucas, had enjoyed the event. The possibility of increasing numbers, for example by having a Christmas fete, was raised.

After some discussion, it was agreed not to remove the lights in the roadside tree but to keep them in position so that they could be used at other times for special events, if required. It was also agreed (proposed Cllr Mrs Hobbs, seconded Cllr Fogg) to purchase 20 sets of 100 lights each to illuminate a second tree, plus the necessary transformer and cabling, at a discounted cost of about £. The lights would not be installed until November/December 2013, and the tree used will probably not be the horse chestnut previously used (and which still has an inoperable set of lights in position), due to impending treatment for its disease, bleeding canker.

The Clerk was asked to obtain the price of installing lights on the actual Christmas tree, as some Councillors considered they could probably do it more cheaply.

12-164 Damage to Verges (12-149)

It was reported that work appeared to be still in progress at 109 Derby Road, and also at Fairmead. At both places the verges have been damaged, and unless remedial action is taken at the end of the current work, the owners will be asked to make good the verges.

12-165 Land at Village Hall (12-150)

Cllr Mrs Ancliff reported that eight trees had been planted behind the Village Hall, and a few remained to be planted. Mr Wooliscroft had recommended that the hedge on the new land should be left for two years more, before laying it, and in the meantime the top should not be trimmed.

12-166 First Avenue Field Hedge (12-152)

Premier Landscapes gave several quotes for a post and rail fence with quicks planted either side, possibly with steel netting reinforcement. Councillors decided against any reinforcement, and accepted his quote of £199.50. The contractor pointed out an incipient weak point nearby, and offered to plant quicks in it, but it was agreed that as Cllr Mrs Ancliff had a number of suitable plants left from other work these could be used.

12-167 Correspondence

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. DALC newsletter: Council Tax Reduction Schemes – some questions answered
- B. EBC: Thanks for contributing to Erewash Core Strategy consultation
- C. EBC Borough & Parishes Forum 17 December: EBC still intends to offer training on the new Standards procedures. A ward/parish boundary review is likely in the New Year (done every 10 years approx.). The Scrutiny Committee is due to report in New Year, with proposals for the following year. Changes in the Council Tax base due to discounts are possible, which would effect the precept, but no details were yet known. The possibility was raised of

formally incorporating Hopwell Parish and The Crescent (in Breaston) into Risley.

- D. The police reported no crimes since the last meeting. Traffic observation in Rushy Lane so far had been inconclusive. Councillors emphasized that it needed to take place in term time, from 7:15am onwards.

12-168 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the following be paid:

A.	Stacey's Bakery – Mince pies	31.01
B.	Southern Electric – Telephone box	20.00
C.	Post Office Ltd – Clerk's tax	119.29
D.	S.A.Leleux – Clerk salary & expenses	201.48

There was a credit balance with Southern Electric for the telephone box of only £3.57, so it was agreed to pay £20 on account.

12-169 Planning Applications

Previous Applications

- A. Willowbrook Farm – Erection of new agricultural building (ERE/1012/0015):
Approved.
- B. Willow Bridge, Derby Road – 3m reduction of crown of willow tree: Approved.

New Applications

None.

12-170 2013-14 Budget (12-146)

Following the decision to buy a lights for a second tree, the Concurrent Functions grant required was £8700 and precept £7010. Acceptance of these amounts was proposed by Cllr Jones, seconded Cllr Fogg. All were in favour.

12-171 Footpath Walk

It was agreed that the annual Footpath Walk should take place on Sunday 15 September.

Observations from Councillors

12-172 Bridleway Signs

It was reported that horse riders not infrequently continued on footpaths beyond the end of the bridleway near Peat Meadow Farm, and probably at other places where bridleways finished other than beside a road. It was agreed to ask DCC Footpaths Officer to provide and erect suitable signs (as had been done in 2007 at The Nook) to mark the end of the bridleway.

12-173 Parking Complaints

Residents in Second Avenue were complaining about cars being parked regularly during working hours by people who (presumably) had lifts to work from someone else, thus limiting access to the properties served by this relatively narrow road. A resident in Bostocks Lane regularly parks his car on the pavement, which obstruction prevents a nearby resident from passing without going into the road. The police have been informed.

12-174 Verge Protection

It was suggested that a low 'hitching rail' should be erected along the kerb in areas where daffodils were particularly likely to be damaged by vehicles parking. Permission will be sought from DCC.

12-175 Village Hall Enlargement

It was reported that work has begun on the Village Hall, and is scheduled to be completed by March.

12-176 Bostocks Lane Traffic Lights

It was reported that problems of excessive waiting although traffic is light still occur. It was agreed that the Councillors most aware of these problem should contact DCC as they arise. It was reported that when there was a queue in Rushy Lane some cars intending to turn right into Derby Road travelled down to the lights beside the waiting vehicles using the wrong side of the road, or even along the pavement, creating problems if they encountered parked cars, or vehicles legitimately coming up the hill.

12-177 Rush Meadow Horse Chestnut Tree

The horse chestnut tree in Rush Meadow has bleeding canker, and tree surgeon Ben Edmonds recommends that the affected branch should be removed. He quoted £70. Acceptance was proposed by Cllr Mrs Ancliff, seconded by Cllr Jones. All were in favour. It was agreed that the surgeon could remove any of the old set of inoperable lights which were in his way. It was reported that the pavement nearby was covered with mud and needed clearing by EBC.

12-178 BT Property

It was reported that a new telegraph pole was erected beside the bridleway to the Nook just before Christmas, but its hole has not yet been filled and the spoil is piled nearby. In addition, it was reported that in wet weather water flowed out of the BT manhole in the pavement by the RPC churchyard notice board and helped form the huge puddle at the churchyard gates. BT will be informed of both items.

12-179 EBC Report

EBC Cllr D.Orchard said that there was little to report, apart from nine new refuse vehicles are being ordered at a cost of about £1m and West Park Leisure Centre improvements continue.

12-180 DCC Report

DCC Cllr W.Major said there was little to report.

The meeting closed at 8:40pm.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RISLEY PARISH COUNCIL
in Harrison's Cottage, Risley Churchyard on Thursday 14 February 2013 at 7:00pm.

Present: Cllrs Mrs P.Ancliff, A.Fogg, R.Hardy, Mrs R.Hobbs, Mrs B.Housley, F.Jones, M.O'Neill (in the chair). In attendance: EBC Cllrs Mrs V.Clare, D.Orchard, Mr S.A.Leleux, Clerk.

Apologies: Cllr D.Rhodes, DCC Cllr W.Major.

12-181 Public Session

None.

12-182 Declaration of Interests

None.

12-183 Minutes

The Minutes of 10 January 2013 were agreed and signed.

Matters Arising

12-184 Footpath Repairs (12-157)

The Clerk reported that any unspent grant could not be carried forward to the next financial year. The possibility of rebuilding the footbridge over the brook in the Nature Reserve was considered, with one quote for a complete replacement in timber being around £1500.

12-185 Commemorative Trees (12-158)

All 13 trees obtained from Derbyshire Wildlife Trust have been planted. Mr Woodhouse had provided a draft of the text for each of the proposed plaques and minor amendments had been requested. Cllr Mrs Ancliff distributed copies of her leaflet [Risley] *Trees with Stories to Tell*, produced, at no cost to RPC, with her winnings from an EBC photograph competition (see Minute 12-37, May 2012).

12-186 Jubilee Benches (12-159)

EBC has not yet collected the spoil arising from the installation of the seat in the First Avenue playing field. EBC is still discussing the proposed location of the third seat, on Derby Road near Lindley Lodge. It was reported that the seat in the playing field had become a popular venue for young people drinking beer. It was agreed to ask EBC to install a litter bin nearby and then regularly empty it.

12-187 Bus Shelter Lights (12-160)

It was reported that the lights in the bus shelters opposite the School are not working. They have been reported to DCC.

12-188 Brook in The City (12-162)

DCC had written, saying that material had been removed from the stream and replaced on the track. It was expected that the work of extending the revetment to contain the track material and stop it being washed back into the stream would be completed shortly.

12-189 Christmas Arrangements (12-163)

The Salvation Army had sent thanks for the donation, and confirmed that Monday 16 December 2013 was in the Band's diary. EBC had written saying that it was in order for RPC to install, and remove, the lights on its Christmas tree, if it wanted to save the current cost of £279.15. It was agreed to store the tree lights in the Village Hall, instead of at EBC. The lights in the roadside tree will be left in place, and £101.51 to remove them will be credited towards the £400 cost of installing the new lights in November. It was agreed that Cllr Mrs Ancliff should organise the planting of 2 or 3 young conifers for future use as Christmas trees in the new land behind the Village Hall.

12-190 Damage to Verges (12-164, 12-174)

DCC wrote, saying that it 'is unable to agree to the erection of railings in the grass verges along Derby Road', as it would be likely to prompt requests from other parish councils, and would be counter to the national policy of sign de-cluttering.' Instead, it suggested planting evergreen plants, and a verge cultivation license had been promised but not yet received. It was agreed to look at other councils' solution to this problem. In the meantime it was agreed to ask Mr Woodhouse to quote for four temporary signs for putting in the verge near the School, reading 'Please do not park on the verges' (proposed Cllr Hardy, seconded Cllr Fogg, all in favour).

12-191 BT Property (12-178)

Although the Clerk had reported both the telegraph pole by the Nook bridleway and the manhole cover outside the churchyard shortly after the last meeting, Councillors recently reported that nothing had been done, so these items were reported again a few days ago.

12-192 Correspondence

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. DALC newsletters: Index to topics, Spring Seminar for Councillors & Clerks (Ripley, 6 March, £40), Council Finance – Best Practice training (Matlock, 27 Feb, £20, several sessions planned in future on other finance topics)
- B. EBC – Long Eaton Community Forum – 'Emergency planning for severe weather conditions' Long Eaton Town Hall, Wednesday 13 February
- C. EBC – Award of £74 top-up grant to maintain Parish element of precept same as current year, assuming RPC charges same precept next year
- D. EBC – Play area inspections 'I understand that play areas maintained by Parish Councils in Erewash have an annual inspection carried out on behalf of **our [EBC] insurers** (Clerk's emphasis). When I receive reports relating to Parish Council facilities I forward these to the appropriate Parish.' Therefore there appears to be no need for RPC to employ any RoSPA inspectors.
- E. Risley Village Hall – Requests a sign on the lamp post by the bus stop. 'There used to be a sign on Derby Road 'some years back'. Agreed to request a sign (proposed Cllr Mrs Ancliff, seconded Cllr Mrs Hobbs, all in favour).
- F. Citizen's Advice Bureau – Posters displayed, request for an advertisement in a parish newsletter.
- G. National Savings – Current balance £9064.49, after addition of £66.52 interest for year.
- H. EBC Borough Blitz on litter during March: Agreed to ask EBC for a date for Risley. It was suggested that EBC's own litter team should clear Breaston Lane.
- I. Victim Support – Request for donation: Ignored.

12-193 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the following be paid:

A.	LBS Electrical – City streetlight on Latin School	154.00
B.	EBC – Christmas lights installation, plus purchase of new set	1824.23
C.	Premier Landscaping – Playing field fence repairs	199.50
D.	S.A.Leleux – Clerk salary & expenses	175.08

There was now a credit balance with Southern Electric for the telephone box of £21.18.

12-194 Planning Applications

Previous Applications

None.

New Applications

1. Fell ash tree at Rising Lea in the Conservation Area (ERE/0113/1327): No objection.
2. Stanton Works Regeneration (ERE/0213/0001) – The proposal includes: 1,950 residential units, a neighbourhood centre including retail, restaurants, café/bar/hotel uses and community facilities, employment uses including offices, warehouses and industrial uses, 150-bed accommodation for the elderly, primary school, GP/Health Centre, sports pitches and open space, allotments, new roads within the site. It was agreed to defer discussion until the next meeting, after Councillors had attended a meeting at Long Eaton Town Hall on Tuesday 19 February. There are also Q&A sessions at Stanton-by-Dale Village Hall on Monday 4 March, 2:00pm to 6:30pm, and at Sandiacre Town Football Club, St Giles Park on Tuesday 5 March, 2pm-7pm. It was agreed that the following would represent RPC: Cllrs Mrs Ancliff, Jones & O'Neill, and the Clerk. EBC Cllr Mrs Clare said that this was 'EBC informing the public'. Standard planning application notices have been distributed widely, including the RPC notice boards.

12-195 Trustees

The Chairman announced that his term of office on the Risley Education Foundation had expired. Cllr Jones proposed, seconded by Cllr Mrs Housley, that he should continue to represent RPC. All were in favour.

12-196 Grit Bin in No Mans Lane

The loss of the grit bin from half way up the hill at the eastern end of No Mans Lane was reported to the Police 20 January, crime no 2845/2013. DCC offered a 'small green grit bin filled with salt and installed on site' for £222.00. As Cllr Fogg was willing (at present) to continue gritting this section of road from RPC bulk supplies kept at his farm, it was agreed not to replace the bin. Councillors also agreed not to insure the grit bins. It was suggested that there should be a programme to install additional grit bins opposite the Village Hall, near Bostocks Lane and by the new flats. It was reported that the bin near the bus stop was almost empty, with the suspicion that most of the salt had been put on residents' drives, not the pavement.

Observations from Councillors

12-197 Advertising Material in Telephone Box

It was reported sundry advertising leaflet (eg for slimming or other activities) were being left in the telephone box. It was agreed to remove material which did not relate directly to Risley.

12-198 Daffodils on Verge

It was reported that a lot of daffodils had come up blind, despite feeding, and it was suggested that they might be congested. It was also suggested that additional daffodils should be planted in the snowdrop gaps, as they had not been very successful. It was reported that the daffodils on the verge outside the Risley Park were stunted.

12-199 Dustbin Collection

Following a complaint by a Councillor that his dustbin had not been emptied for some time, EBC Cllr Orchard said that problems with bins should be reported to Ms Juliet Hardy at EBC.

12-200 Drainage Behind Village Hall

It was reported that after heavy rain water flowed from the new land down to the Village Hall itself, creating a potential source of damp. A temporary ditch had been dug to intercept the water. It had also been observed that water seeped out of the slope as well. It was agreed that Cllr Fogg & Hardy should examine the site and assess a solution. Draining the water on to Rush Meadow, which had been provided with land drains some years ago, was suggested.

12-201 Churchyard Yew Trees

It was reported that loss of foliage from churchyard yew trees had been due to the wind, not deliberate action. The high water table following the continued heavy rain had stressed the trees. It was reported that some trees in Risley Hall showed the same damage.

12-202 Pavement at Rush Meadow (12-177)

EBC had agreed to include cleaning the pavement past the Church and Rush Meadow in their routine work.

12-203 Trees on Breaston Lane

It was reported that several trees along Breaston Lane had been decapitated recently by DCC. It appears that they are on DCC land, DCC had received a report and then taken action, but without notifying RPC.

12-204 Risley Hall Gate

It was reported that the pedestrian gate opposite the Church into Risley Hall was badly broken, and it was thought to be a listed structure. The Clerk was instructed to bring it to the attention of the Hall.

12-205 Flooding at 27 Derby Road

The occupier of 27 Derby Road reported that after heavy rain surface water flowed out of Second Avenue and collected outside this property. As a result a temporary flood warning sign was requested. It was agreed to monitor the situation before taking any further action.

12-206 Second Avenue Parking

Residents continue to complain about cars which are parked all day in Second Avenue, causing congestion and preventing residents or their guests from parking. It was agreed to bring this to the attention of the Police. Creating no parking zones from 1pm until 2pm was suggested, although this could create problems for residents' guests.

12-207 Display Board at The Croft

Draft text for a display board at The Croft was discussed and amendments suggested. When Cllrs Jones & Hardy have agreed the text the Clerk will obtain a quote from Mr Woodhouse.

12-208 EBC Report

EBC Cllrs Mrs V.Clare & D.Orchard said that the Mayor and MP were sleeping out beside the Long Eaton War Memorial on 19 April, and seeking sponsors and people to join them. EBC has a policy covering those who sleep rough. Community groups can apply until the end of March for grants up to £2K. For the fourth year running the EBC Budget has not been increased.

The meeting closed at 8:55pm.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RISLEY PARISH COUNCIL
in Harrison's Cottage, Risley Churchyard on Thursday 14 March 2013 at 7:00pm.

Present: Cllrs Mrs P.Ancliff, A.Fogg, R.Hardy, Mrs R.Hobbs, Mrs B.Housley, F.Jones, M.O'Neill (in the chair), D.Rhodes. In attendance: DCC Cllr W.Major, EBC Cllrs Mrs V.Clare, D.Orchard, Mr S.A.Leleux, Clerk.

Apologies: Police.

12-209 Public Session

None.

12-210 Declaration of Interests

None.

12-211 Minutes

The Minutes of 14 February 2013 were agreed and signed.

Matters Arising

12-211 Footpath Repairs (12-184)

The Clerk reported that the bridge in the Nature Reserve was not eligible for the use of our Minor Works grant, but the DCC Structures Team would look at it. Reading the DCC specification for allowable work carefully, it became clear that clearing vegetation from the bank by Manor Farm, including ivy in the trees, was not eligible either. (A quote for £720 had been received.) DCC will be asked to clear it. Despite enquiries, no contractor has been found to repair the bridleway to The Nook, although the surface is adequate for pedestrians and the complaints come from the drivers of cars using it to reach a field. It was therefore agreed to inform DCC that no claim would be made this year. Councillors were encouraged to look for appropriate work as they walked the local footpaths.

12-212 Commemorative Trees (12-185)

No plaques had yet been received from Mr Woodhouse.

12-213 Jubilee Benches (12-186)

EBC has still not yet collected the spoil arising from the installation of the seat in the First Avenue playing field, and there has been no response concerning the promised third seat. It was pointed out that the reference to Lindley Lodge should be Lindley House. It was agreed to defer a decision about the installation of a litter bin in the playing field, EBC having quoted £360 to supply and install it plus £243.36 pa for weekly emptying. As all the litter bins on Derby Road are along the north side, it was agreed to ask EBC to install some along the south side, in particular near the flats.

12-214 Bus Shelter Lights (12-187)

It was reported that the lights in all the bus shelters were now working.

12-215 Brook in The City (12-188)

The repairs were finished and the result looked very good. Unfortunately the DCC lorries involved had regularly parked on the verge outside Latin School, School House and Latin House, churning it up. It was agreed to ask DCC to repair the damage caused.

12-216 Christmas Trees (12-189)

Cllr Mrs Ancliff reported the arrival of several young Christmas trees, and arrangements had been made to plant them. She will see if any larger plants are available at reasonable cost. It was agreed not to add the new lights to our insurance.

12-217 Damage to Verges (12-190)

The owners of 109 had restored the verge damaged by their workmen. Mr Woodhouse will be reminded about the No Parking signs. It was agreed to plant an evergreen shrub beside the post box near the School, to deter parking on the verge there.

12-218 BT Property (12-191)

It was thought that BT had investigated the manhole near the churchyard gates. In view of the lack of response concerning the pole on the Nook bridleway, some Councillors filled the hole themselves. It was noted that the old pole still lay nearby.

12-219 Daffodils on Verge (12-198)

A survey had been made, identifying gaps and other places where bulbs should be planted in the autumn (proposed Cllr Mrs Ancliff, seconded Cllr Hardy, all in favour). Advice received suggested that the blind daffodils had been planted too close together, and needed thinning. It was agreed that all the bulbs should be fed, Cllr Mrs Ancliff to arrange this.

12-220 Drainage Behind Village Hall (12-200)

A survey had shown that a ditch would probably solve the problem, and Cllr Fogg was able to borrow a small excavator at no cost. It was agreed that the Village Hall Committee should organise the work, but RPC would make a donation of £40 to the owner of the digger.

12-221 Trees on Breaston Lane (12-203)

It was reported that DCC had removed the trees along Breaston Lane at the request of EBC, because they were diseased. There were no plans to replace them.

12-222 Risley Hall Gate (12-204)

The Clerk had received no reply from Risley Hall concerning this gate. A general enquiry to a tradesman resulted in a quote of £900 to replace the gate in hardwood. It was agreed to let Cllr Jones pursue the matter.

12-223 Correspondence

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. DCC Footpaths: The Clerk had received 10 each 'public footpath' and 'please keep to the path and keep dogs under close control' signs. He emphasized that they must only be used on public footpaths and could only be fixed to private property (gates, stiles, buildings etc) with the owners' permission.
- B. HMRC – Real Time PAYE starts in April. Newsletters.
- C. Police – Parking in Second Avenue: They thought it unlikely that yellow lines would be permitted, although we can apply. 'Parking is not a police responsibility unless deemed dangerous – parking dangerously close to the junction, obstructing the view of traffic. It is very strict criteria for vehicles blocking driveways, the vehicle obstructing has to be completely blocking the drive to the point where the vehicle wanting to move cannot exit their drive at all, and they must need to get off. If a car is taxed, they are permitted to park on any road in accordance with the highway code.

The only thing the police can possibly do is to write a polite notice that can be placed on cars that park here asking them not to.'

- D. Resident asking whether there will be any free play scheme places at Friesland in the summer. 'I hope so, this is invaluable!' The Clerk had replied that he expected there would be, in line with previous years, and he also made preliminary enquiries at Friesland.
- E. DALC Newsletters: Finance (internal audit and annual returns) course on 26 or 27 March, cost £20, and requested permission to attend. One suggestion to commemorate the WW1 anniversary in 2014 is the British Legion 'Real Poppy Campaign' which encourages individuals and communities to sow poppy seeds in 2014 in appropriate places.
- F. The Clerk had been told verbally, but not yet received the promised invitation, of a group (representatives of Dale Abbey & Stanton Parishes, maybe West Hallam too) which meets representatives of N-D, owners of the storage area, to discuss HGVs using lanes. Assuming an invitation was received, Councillors expressed an interest in attending.
- G. Audit Commission/EBC – Hopwell Parish Meeting: The Clerk had received a letter enquiring whether Hopwell was a separate parish or administratively part of Risley, since if it was separate it needed an annual meeting, even if there were no financial transactions. He had replied 'Part of Risley' for at least the past 20 years he had been Clerk, and he had instituted enquiries. Mr E. Tryner stated that 'There was discussion about this subject in the late 1960s but there was never any doubt that Hopwell was long considered part of Risley Parish Council.' It was agreed to ask EBC to resolve the situation, maybe as part of the current boundary review.
- H. DCC Road Traffic & Safety – The request for a Village Hall sign on a lamp post had been refused. 'Such a sign is not authorized in the Traffic signing Regulations' and Local Authorities have been instructed to review all highway signs and to refuse non-proscribed signs. In addition, the Village Hall with its large Risley Village Memorial Hall sign is easily visible from the road which 'should be sufficient to enable strangers to locate the Village Hall without much difficulty'.
- I. Erewash Volunteer Centre – Newsletter & publicity.
- J. EBC Concurrent Functions - £10,023 had been allocated to RPC.
- K. Police report: A parked car had been stolen although the driver still had the keys, and there had been two burglaries, one from an empty dwelling and one from a non-dwelling, at which the intruders had been disturbed by activation of the alarm. Cases of anti-social behaviour on Friday evenings had ceased following action taken by the Police against some youths in Breaston who were causing a nuisance there. Parking in First and Second Avenue was being watched. More speed checks in Rushy Lane and around the cross roads were promised now better weather and lighting conditions are likely. Councillors requested feedback from the Police about speeding.
- L. Dirty Wellies – Playground inspection. A number of minor defects which needed to be monitored were noted, and two which required attention. One footplate on the roundabout was in poor condition and two others were deteriorating. The spring on the entrance gates was too powerful, closing them too quickly, and one gate had a finger trap hazard. A quote to repair the roundabout and play area entrance gates was requested, including the possibility of re-hanging the gates so that they opened outwards instead of inwards.
- M. Premier Landscapes – First Avenue field path quote, £36 to spray and £35 to trim. It was agreed to have the paths sprayed with weedkiller.
- N. EBC Borough & Parish Forum 11 April, 6:30pm at Long Eaton Town Hall. The Clerk had sent RPC apologies as it clashed with the next scheduled meeting, and had arranged for an EBC official to visit Risley after the meeting finished to give feedback to Councillors.

12-224 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the following be paid:

A.	P.Guyll – Inspection reports, strimming	120.00
B.	Cllr Mrs Ancliff, who had already paid Ashridge Trees Ltd for Christmas tree plants	27.90
C.	Post Office Ltd – Clerk’s tax	199.30
D.	S.A.Leleux – Clerk salary & expenses	200.49

There was now a credit balance with Southern Electric for the telephone box of £18.92. A VAT refund claim had been made for £320.99, up to the end of February. All the current year’s VAT which could be refunded in the current year had now been claimed (see 12-121, October 2012).

12-225 Planning Applications

Previous Applications

1. Fell ash tree at Rising Lea in the Conservation Area (ERE/0113/1327): Approved.

New Applications

1. (ERE/1211/0013) Friesland Farm wind turbine (amended application) – the wrong drawing of the turbine itself had been sent originally. No objection.
2. (ERE/0213/1336) Remove two limbs from horse chestnut tree at Risley Village Hall: No objection.

Observations from Councillors

12-226 Wall by Dale Cottages, No Mans Lane

It was reported that this wall, belonging to DCC, had been demolished by a car in recent icy weather, and needed rebuilding.

12-227 Village Hall Seating Area

It was reported that the Village Hall Committee wanted to lay paving stones beside the Hall to create a small area suitable for placing seats overlooking the playing field and church. Councillors had no objection.

12-228 Newsletter

It was suggested that any newsletter or publicity for the litter picking event on 18 May could also include a request for helpers to feed the daffodils.

12-229 Leaks in Telephone Box

It was reported that water leaked into the telephone box/information point, damaging leaflets etc. The cause appeared to be loose ‘glass’ in the windows behind the display racks. Cllr Fogg agreed to apply suitable sealant when the box was dry.

12-230 Potholes in Second Avenue

It was reported that there was a major pothole in Second Avenue. DCC Cllr Major said that potholes should be reported direct to DCC. There was a new policy, to make permanent repairs, even if it resulted in a little delay, instead of temporary repairs which often lasted for only a very short time before being needed again.

12-231 Shrubs beside path to Playing Field from Second Avenue

It was reported that shrubs growing through the fence obstructed the path to the playing field from Second Avenue. It was agreed that they should be cut back to the fence.

12-232 EBC Report

EBC Cllrs Mrs Clare and Orchard reported that again it had been possible to avoid any increase in Council Tax. It was said that the only increase was by the Police. A boundary review was in progress, recommending a reduction of 4 councillors to 47, and revising ward boundaries to that there was approximately 1830 electors for each councillor – about a third of the wards at present return too few or too many councillors for their size. Improvements continue to be made at West Park and Rutland leisure centres. Small grants of up to £2K are again available to various groups. The Executive will shortly examine proposals for concurrent functions. Friesland Sports Centre has won a national award for customer satisfaction. Dog Control Orders have been made banning dogs from children's play areas.

12-233 DCC Report

DCC Cllr Major announced that Highways was going to do 'something' about the flooding at the entrance to the churchyard. Possibilities were still being examined. The photographs of the water had certainly helped make the extent of the problem known. Funds have been allocated to sponsor 200 more apprentices. A scheme to provide cut price gas and electricity has been launched. As mentioned above (12-230), the procedure to repair potholes has been revised, with the aim of making permanent repairs on main roads within 7 days and in a cul de sac within 30 days, with £824K being allocated to this work. This was in addition to a government grant of £1.8m to make good winter damage to the roads. Cllr Major finished by saying that many government grants had been used to repay debt, so that the county's rates demand should not increase greatly when these grants cease.

The meeting closed at 9:00pm.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RISLEY PARISH COUNCIL

in Harrison's Cottage, Risley Churchyard on Thursday 11 April 2013 at 7:04pm.

Present: Cllrs Mrs P.Ancliff, A.Fogg, R.Hardy, F.Jones, M.O'Neill (in the chair), D.Rhodes.
In attendance: DCC Cllr W.Major, EBC Cllr D.Orchard, Mr S.A.Leleux, Clerk.

Apologies: Cllrs Mesdames R.Hobbs & B.Housley.

Councillors agreed to send a card to Cllr Mrs Housley whose partner had died that day after a long illness.

12-234 Public Session

None.

12-235 Declaration of Interests

None.

12-236 Minutes

The Minutes of 14 March 2013 were agreed and signed.

Matters Arising

12-237 Footpath Repairs (12-211)

The Clerk reported that DCC Highways said the overgrown bank above the pavement near Manor Farm 'does not form part of the adopted highway network' and therefore no action was proposed. Instead, the landowner should be approached..

12-238 Commemorative Trees (12-212)

The plaques from Mr Woodhouse were shown to Councillors, who will organize their erection. It was agreed to concrete the base of the one on the playing field.

12-239 Jubilee Benches (12-213)

It was reported that EBC has collected the spoil arising from the installation of the seat in the First Avenue playing field. The Parish now has four Jubilee seats, two more having been installed recently. They are situated: in First Avenue playing field, beside the pavement near the path to the Village Hall, on the north side of Derby Road near the bus stop for Lindley House, and on the south side of Derby Road in Hopwell, almost opposite the road to Hopwell Hall Farm.

12-240 Bus Shelter Lights (12-214)

It was reported that two lights in the bus shelter opposite the School were not working.

12-241 Verge Outside Latin School (12-215)

DCC Highways denied responsibility for the damage, as did DCC Property Services. The fact remained that three Councillors had seen DCC vehicles on the verge outside Latin School and School House, with workmen busy in the School playground. Some damage had occurred by 23 February when one Councillor took a photograph of the tyre tracks. It was agreed to contact DCC again for reinstatement.

12-242 Christmas Trees (12-216)

It was reported that the Christmas trees had been planted, and it was agreed to look out for larger trees at a reasonable cost.

12-243 Risley Hall Gate (12-222)

Cllr Jones reported that he and two other Councillors (Mrs P.Ancliffe & R.Hardy) had formed the Risley Conservation Group, independent of the Parish Council, to help safeguard historic items in Risley, both within the Conservation Area and within the village as a whole, and in Hopwell. This gate was the Group's first project.

12-244 Village Hall Seating Area (12-227)

It was reported that the patio beside the Village Hall had been laid.

12-245 Correspondence

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. EBC – Government booklet ‘Openness & Transparency on Personal Interests – A Guide for Councillors’: Emailed to Councillors
- B. EBC – Agenda for Forum – main topics on the agenda: Local Government Boundary Commission – Electoral Review of Borough of Erewash
- C. EBC – Acknowledgement of application for £660 grant for Play Scheme. No more yet heard from Friesland.
- D. DALC Newsletters: Maximum Section 137 expenditure allowed is now £6.98 per elector (£4027 for Risley), details of services provided to member councils, half day seminar on Suicide Awareness training (£47).
- E. DCC Highways: Second Avenue pothole mended.
- F. DCC Highways – Instructions issued for repair of wall in No Mans Lane.
- G. DCC Development Plans Joint Advisory Committee: Plans for aggregate (crushed rock, sand & gravel) and waste management are under consideration, and suggestions or comments are welcomed.
- H. HMRC – The Council's on-line PAYE submission had been received.
- I. EBC – Payment of Concurrent Functions (£10023) and Precept (£7010, which includes £74 government top up grant) will be made shortly.
- J. EBC – Request for details of actual Concurrent Function expenditure.
- K. Paul Guyll – Reported difficulties in obtaining quote for roundabout spares, but is still trying.
- L. EBC – Circular about household composting. Agreed to display it on the RPC website.
- M. Risley Saddlery – Customers report neglected horses in a field in The City. Councillors confirmed the report and location, and the RSPCA will be informed, although it was stated that on a previous occasion the RSPCA had said that it was outside their jurisdiction, being on private land.
- N. Grant Thornton, the firm now responsible for the external audit and Annual Return (see below) had asked who was responsible for Hopwell's Annual Return. As Risley had assumed responsibility for many years, the Clerk had agreed to do it, although he had not yet received the form. It was agreed that EBC Cllr D.Orchard should make enquiries, including whether Hopwell residents paid Risley's precept, and endeavor to make the present situation official.

DCC Cllr W.Major arrived (7:40pm).

12-246 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the following be paid:

A.	P.Ancliff – Trees, she had already paid Ashridge Trees, who had been sent a cheque in error last time (since returned, cut in half)	27.90
B.	E.A.Gregory – Audit	45.00
C.	Canopy Tree Services – Rush Meadow tree	84.00
D.	EBC – Dog bins (2012-13) (agreed to include it on CF list, see 12-245-J)	1460.16
E.	G.Woodhouse – Tree plaques	70.00
F.	P.Ancliff – Bulb food	46.76
G.	DALC – Subscription 192.05, Clerk’s training 20.00	212.05
H.	S.A.Leleux – Clerk salary & expenses	177.95

The subscription to CPRE, 29.00, has been paid by standing order.

There was now a credit balance with Southern Electric for the telephone box of £16.40.

12-247 Accounts

Cllr Jones proposed, seconded by Cllr Fogg, that the accounts for 2012-13, duly audited without comment by Mrs Gregory, be approved. All were in favour.

12-248 Annual Return

Approval of the accounts section of the Annual Return was proposed by Cllr Fogg, seconded by Cllr Mrs Ancliff. All were in favour. The Clerk having listed the items in the governance section, Cllr Hardy proposed, seconded by Cllr Fogg, that it be approved. All were in favour. The Chair and Clerk signed each section.

12-249 Planning Applications

Previous Applications

None.

New Applications

1. (ERE/0313/0024) Hillside Farm Cottage – two storey side and rear extension: Considerable discussion about development in the Green Belt, although eventually it was agreed that as the building had existed for a number of years this aspect was less important. It was agreed that there was no objection, with the proviso that it should be used only as a family home and not for commercial purposes. In addition, Councillors were not aware that the surrounding land had been reclassified ‘equestrian’ from the previous ‘agricultural’, and requested that this be clarified.
2. (ERE/0313/1342).Risley Lodge – Sundry tree work. Cllr Mrs Ancliff reported that the EBC Tree Officer had visited the site last September, but felt that another visit would be desirable in the light of RPC comments. Willow tree #1: proposed felling – no objection. Horse chestnuts #43 & 44: agree pruning acceptable for 44, but 43 should be left, not felled. Elm #45: should **not** be felled under any circumstances, as it was a rare survivor from the ravages of Dutch Elm Disease of fifty years ago. Beech #39 in a group of three should be kept, particularly if it was necessary to fell beech #38 as it was diseased. Fir #40 was dead so could be felled. The other trees were within the grounds and no comments were made.

12-250 Stanton Regeneration

The major item in the planning application to redevelop the Stanton Ironworks site deals with roads, both new roads on the site and alterations to roads in the locality to enable them to carry the expected additional traffic. Cllr Mrs Ancliff had prepared a summary listing possible areas of concern and/or additional improvements that the development required, namely:

She believed we must consider the traffic impact on Risley, Stanton by Dale and Sandiacre as a whole here.

- A. The proposed road improvements are inadequate and will make little difference to the increased traffic flow anticipated in our area.
- B. EBC knows from the traffic surveys completed in Sept. 2008 for the Tesco application (agreed two years ago now) that the Derby Road/TownSt/ Longmoor Lane junction is above design capacity by 120% at the peak times morning and evening. Local people using this junction also know that there is congestion at lunchtimes.
- C. We do not have figures, and none have been supplied for this application, but the Derby Road/Rushy Lane/Bostocks lane junction appears over capacity at morning peak time with traffic backed up on Derby Road in both directions and Rushy lane. Long wheelbase vehicles and multi-axle trailers frequently have trouble turning into and out of Bostocks Lane. RPC has had much correspondence with DCC highways over both of these matters.
- D. As any traffic wishing to travel from this development to Derby/A52/M1 will use either Sandiacre lights or Risley lights or both it is essential that these particular traffic issues are addressed with regard to amenity and safety.
- E. Further the suggestion that traffic will use the Low's Lane /Stanton Gate/ Moorbridge Lane route to Bramcote to travel west is impractical/unsustainable. Even for traffic travelling east nothing is proposed about the Low's Lane/Stanton Gate junction. At busy times it is difficult to turn right here. The increased traffic will cause more problems.
- F. The existing route through Stanton by Dale to travel west is the obvious shortest route given the congestion at Sandiacre traffic lights and will be used by site traffic. The dangers on this road will be increased as it is narrow and winding with blind bends. This road is dangerous for cyclists, horse riders and pedestrians (there have been two accidents so far this year, one involving a horse). We urge that EBC/DCC use some of the recent £1.5 million government grant to improve this situation. The money is to be spent on cycle route improvements by end 2013.
- G. An alternative new route bypassing Stanton by Dale is the only long term solution, basically from near the No Mans Lane junction with Rushy Lane, south of the village, to Lows Lane north of it.
- H. A junction 25A at Trowell Services, which has existing accesses, would serve this development and remove much of the HGV traffic from our area. There are precedents for this at J15A (Northampton) and at J29A which serves a smaller development at Bolsover.

Councillors agreed with all of these points. In addition, they accepted a point made at a recent public meeting in Stanton-by-Dale, that the computer modelling was flawed, as it assumed that most of the additional traffic arising from the development would travel to and from Nottingham, and had virtually ignored the M1 despite its proximity.

Observations from Councillors

12-251 Work near A52 Bridge, Hopwell

It was reported that a lot of work is being done near the A52 bridge at Hopwell. It was agreed to ask EBC if they had any information about it.

12-252 Sign on Breaston Lane

It was reported that the Risley sign on Breaston Lane (at SK439352) was very faded. It was agreed to ask EBC for a replacement.

12-253 Mirror at Breaston Lane Junction

Councillors were reminded that there used to be a mirror on the corner of Breaston Lane by Fairmead so that pedestrians could see approaching traffic without stepping into the road. It was agreed to ask DCC to provide a replacement.

12-254 Speeding Cars

It was reported that cars often exceed the speed limit when entering the village from the west, and recently one speeding car ran off the road on the bend near The Forge. Councillors agreed that the Police should be asked to mount speed checks there.

12-255 EBC Report

EBC Cllr D.Orchard.had nothing significant to report.

12-256 DCC Report

DCC Cllr W.Major urged Councillors to report any further potholes in roads, as the current 'blitz' still had a couple of weeks to run.

The meeting closed at 8:55pm.