

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RISLEY PARISH COUNCIL

in Harrison's Cottage, Risley Churchyard on Thursday 9 May 2013 at 7:04pm.

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

Apologies: Cllrs A.Fogg, R.Hardy, D.Rhodes, EBC Cllrs Mrs V.Clare, D.Orchard, Police.

13-1 Public Session

None.

13-2 Election of Chairman 2013-2014

Cllr Jones proposed, seconded by Cllr Mrs Ancliff, that Cllr O'Neill should continue as Chairman. All were in favour. Cllr O'Neill then signed his Acceptance of Office.

13-3 Election of Vice-chairman 2013-2014

Cllr Mrs Hobbs proposed, seconded by Cllr Jones, that Cllr Mrs Ancliff should continue as Vice-chairman. All were in favour.

13-4 Representatives

The following representatives were appointed, or their appointments confirmed:

Risley Educational Foundation	Cllr O'Neill
CPRE	Cllr Mrs Ancliff
Willoughby Trust	Cllrs Mrs Ancliff & Jones
Village Hall Committee	Cllr Fogg (It was noted that Cllrs Hardy & Rhodes were also members of this committee, but not as representatives of RPC.)

The rota for inspecting the Playing Field and areas allocated for newsletter distribution were acceptable to Councillors.

13-5 Declaration of Interests

None.

13-6 Minutes

The Minutes of 11 April 2013 were agreed and signed.

Matters Arising

13-7 Footpath Repairs (12-238)

Cllr Mrs Ancliff had an old letter stating that the bank at Manor Farm did, in fact, belong to Manor Farm. The Clerk will check with DCC Footpaths whether work to clear vegetation would be an acceptable use of the DCC grant. Councillors noted that DCC now required details of proposed works using the grant before June, so other suggestions were required for discussion at the next meeting.

13-8 Commemorative Trees (12-238)

No quote for erecting the signs had yet been received from Mr Woodhouse, although he had replaced lower case 'c' with upper case on two signs relating to the Croft. The sign for The Croft had not yet been delivered, but it had been noted that the four 'Please do not park on the verge' signs had a beneficial effect on parents collecting and delivering school children.

13-9 Verge Outside Latin School (12-241)

DCC had accepted RPC's statements and the verge had been leveled and reseeded. The Clerk was instructed to convey the Council's thanks for promptly rectifying the damage.

13-10 Mirror at Breaston Lane Junction (12-253)

DCC had replied that mirrors were not 'prescribed in the sign regulations', and that if one was required it should be placed on private land at our expense. Apparently the post for the previous mirror still stands in Risley Hall grounds. The Clerk was instructed to obtain quotes for a suitable mirror.

13-11 Annual Return (12-245-N)

The Clerk reported great difficulty in displaying notices relating to the Annual Return for Hopwell Parish, due to the lack of any notice board. Finally he had displayed them on the Risley churchyard board and had also attached them to the abutment of the A52 bridge. A Hopwell section has been created on the website. He suggested making a board on a suitable stake which could be planted near the Hopwell bus stop when required and removed after use, but no decision was taken.

13-12 Correspondence

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. EBC Concurrent Functions: EBC had requested details of the outturn for 2012-13. The Clerk had replied £10,828 which was £233 more than received. He had included the cost of the new City street light in lieu of its electricity bill.
- B. DCC is changing the administration of its Rights of Way Minor Maintenance Agreement. The most significant change is a requirement to tell DCC in advance (this year by Friday 21 June) which paths RPC proposes to maintain. Risley has been allocated £430. 'Eligible work must be carried out on a right of way. You can carry out: control of surface vegetation (cutting back undergrowth), minor surfacing and drainage (stoning up short stretches of muddy path or clearing out ditches), providing waymarking arrows to indicate the line of a path.' Work which is **not** eligible includes: litter or leaf collection, work on footbridges, erection of roadside signposts, or the repair of paths with tarmac, concrete or flagged surfaces.
- C. Summer Play Scheme: Dates available August 5-9 and 12-16. Cost £11.10 per day per child. In recent years RPC has booked 6 places for each of 10 days, so the cost (assuming they are all taken) would be £666, compared to the EBC grant application of £650. It was agreed not to increase the provision of free places. Attendance in recent years (see Minutes October 2012) was: 2007 45, 2008 50, 2009 57, 2010 37, 2011 40, 2012 60. Councillors undertook to distribute details of the play scheme as near as possible at the same time.
- D. Treetops Hospice: Has received £603K from DoH towards cost of its new clinical support centre. Many Risley residents walk their dogs in the grounds, which is quite acceptable to the Hospice, but many do not take any mess their dog makes away with them. Would RPC be willing to provide a dog waste bin near the entrance to the Hospice? As EBC now permits ordinary litter bins to be used for dog waste, and there is such a bin by the bus stop, it was agreed there was no need for an additional bin at the Hospice. In addition, Cllr Mrs Hobbs agreed to speak to the Chief Executive, who had initiated the request for a bin.
- E. DALC – Newsletters: Community Infrastructure Levy consultation on changes and its relationship to Section 106 obligations, Severn Trent consultation, HR workshop (£20 in Buxton) – agreed the Clerk could attend.

- F. Mrs Rowland (20 Derby Road, Risley) sought permission for her son's football team (Draycott Utd under 15s) to have a Dads v Sons match on the RPC field on Sunday 9 June, their normal pitch being unavailable. 'We have our own nets but would need to mark out the pitch'. Permission granted.
- G. Information Commissioner: Arrangements being revised, and requested that annual registration fees should be paid by direct debit. After some discussion, Cllr Mrs Ancliff proposed, seconded by Cllr Mrs Hobbs, that the direct debit mandate be signed. All were in favour.
- H. Local Works: Request for donation to assist campaigning, not least for a local tax on large supermarkets. Ignored.

13-13 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the following be paid:

A. Risley PCC – Room hire (Harrison's Cottage)	54.00
B. Zurich Municipal - Insurance	1606.92
C. P.Guyll – Mowing, inspection	744.00
D. S.A.Leleux – Clerk salary & expenses	183.55

There was now a credit balance with Southern Electric for the telephone box of £14.14.

13-14 Planning Applications

Previous Applications

None.

New Applications

1. 101 Derby Road (ERE/0413/0012): Two storey extension to side and rear, single storey extension to rear. This proposal was the second extension for this dwelling. Councillors considered that the proposed increase in size was so great that it would have an overbearing effect on No 99. If EBC granted permission, then conditions should be imposed stating that the building could not be used for any commercial purpose. In addition, any windows on the sides overlooking neighbouring properties should be high level, and fitted with effective means to prevent light intrusion to neighbouring properties.
2. 78 Derby Road (ERE/0313/0078): Conversion of existing garage to living accommodation, including single storey extension to front, plus single storey side extension to form garage. No objection.
3. 15 Rushy Lane (ERE/0413/0046): Two storey rear extension including balcony to first floor at rear. As this property is in Sandiacre, and the proposed work was to its rear, no comment was made.
4. 4 Manor Court (ERE/0413/1347): Tree works – reshaping a cherry, felling a sycamore, and raising the crowns of a birch and another cherry. No objection. Councillors comments on the quality of the information provided.
5. Braeside, Derby Road (reference not known): Application to fell a horse chestnut tree. No comment was possible as insufficient information was provided.

13-15 Newsletter

It was agreed to produce a newsletter as soon as possible, with the following topics: Play Scheme, September Footpaths Walk, Carols Around the Tree, Risley Conservation Group, Phone box information point, Tree plaques & walk. The Chairman and Vice-chairman will approve the draft. It was agreed that details of the litter pick on 18 May should appear only on the notice boards, but the notices should appear as soon as possible.

Observations from Councillors

13-16 Clerk's Salary

Notice was given requesting the Clerk's Salary should appear on the agenda for the next meeting.

13-17 Treetops Car Boot Sale

No less than £5191 was raised at the Hospice's recent Bank Holiday car boot sale. Despite traffic problems in the village, no-one parked across the entrance to drives. Another sale is scheduled for 27 May.

13-18 Painting Telephone Box

The person who had agreed to paint the telephone box is unwell, so a different person will be used, but nothing can be done until there is a spell of fine weather.

13-19 Playground Gates

It was agreed to chase the firm giving a quote to rehang the gates in the playground as no quote had yet been received.

13-20 Work at Hopwell

Equipment on site suggests the work is being done for Severn Trent. The Clerk was asked to continue his enquiries.

13-21 Verges at Fairmead, Derby Road

Now that construction work appears to have finished, Councillors agreed that the owners should be asked to make good the verges in the front.

13-22 Jubilee Seats

It was reported that the new seats along Derby Road had been seen in use on a number of occasions.

13-23 DCC Report

DCC Cllr W.Major reported that the recent election had resulted in a Labour administration. A lot of internal changes are expected, but details are lacking. The new administration appears to support the 'Living Wage' concept for low paid employees, instead of paying the national minimum wage, a move which is thought to cost an additional £3m pa, or the loss of 200 jobs.

The meeting closed at 8:30pm.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RISLEY PARISH COUNCIL
in Harrison's Cottage, Risley Churchyard on Thursday 20 June 2013 at 7:00pm.

Present: Cllrs Mrs P.Ancliff, A.Fogg, F.Jones, R.Hardy, Mrs R.Hobbs, Mrs B.Housley, M.O'Neill (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.

13-24 Public Session

None.

13-25 Declaration of Interests

Cllrs Mrs Ancliff, R.Hardy & F.Jones – Risley Conservation Group.

13-26 Minutes

The Minutes of 9 May 2013 were agreed and signed.

Matters Arising

13-27 Footpath Repairs (13-7)

It was noted that DCC was laying a lot of broken stone on paths, but there was nothing that required attention in Risley so the grant will not be used.

13-28 Commemorative Trees (13-8)

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Ancliff, seconded by Cllr Mrs Hobbs, to accept the quote from Mr Woodhouse of £10 (each, assumed) for erecting three signs. All were in favour. It was noted that as some of the signs needed to be attached to the School's security fence the work really needed to be done during the school day to obtain ready access.

13-29 Mirror at Breaston Lane Junction (13-10)

Ripley Glass quoted for 450 & 600mm convex mirrors, both ordinary and heavy duty. It was agreed to purchase a 450mm heavy duty mirror for £138+VAT, assuming that the previous mirror was not still lying where it had fallen. The Clerk was instructed to obtain details of the fixing required, in case a suitable frame had to be made. It was noted that the occupiers of houses on the inside of the bend opposite the end of Breaston Lane used to rely on this mirror to check for traffic when leaving their drives.

Cllr Hardy arrived at this point (7:15pm).

13-30 Hopwell Parish (13-11)

A discussion about the need for a notice board in Hopwell rapidly turned into consideration of the link, if any, between Hopwell and Risley Parishes. EBC Cllr Orchard reported that his enquiries showed that the Borough had no record of any formal link, although it was possible that these documents had been mislaid during the creation of Erewash Borough in the early 1970s. The Clerk reported that a resident of Hopwell Farm Cottage had been elected to RPC in 1979 & 1983. It was noted that Hopwell did not pay any parish precept. It was agreed unanimously to ask EBC to make a formal link between Hopwell Parish and Risley. It was assumed that EBC would make any necessary enquiries of the residents of Hopwell. The

need for a notice board was left in abeyance.

13-31 Litter Pick

On Saturday 18 May three Councillors had filled a number of rubbish bags along Breaston Lane, going as far as Lane's Farm. Although this is in Breaston Parish, Breaston WI had previously cleared as far north as Lane's. No parishioners assisted. A resident at The Crescent gave the team coffee!

13-32 Playground Repairs

Cllr Hardy proposed, seconded by Cllr Mrs Ancliff, to accept Dirty Wellies' quote for roundabout repairs (£600) and rehanging the two gates in the play area fence (£90). All were in favour.

13-33 Correspondence

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. EBC Core Strategy – 6 week consultation period begins
- B. Severn Trent – Work at Hopwell involves relining 10Km of 900mm diameter pipe forming part of the Dewent Valley supply to Church Wilne Water Treatment Works. It is scheduled for completion Nov/Dec 2013.
- C. EBC Small Grants - £500 awarded for Play Scheme
- D. DALC – Confirmation of Clerk's place on HR training at Buxton, 27 June.
- E. EBC – Risley sign in Breaston Lane: Need for replacement accepted, but there is a backlog while a new contractor is appointed, the previous one having ceased trading.
- F. Information Commission: Registration renewed, direct debit instructions acknowledged (£35 due to be collected on 7 June).
- G. Risley Conservation Group has been formed, request grant of £100 to cover initial expenses. It was agreed to give £50 to this group, and also to Toddlers, Brownies, Guides and Not So Young. A list of these donations will be put into the next newsletter.
- H. DALC Newsletter – On line banking.
- I. Local Government Boundary Commission – Review of Erewash, and in particular whether EBC needed 43 or 47 councillors in future (at present it has 51). 47 was agreed.
- J. Vitalise – Request for donation. Ignored.

13-34 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the following be paid:

A. Park Hall –Website (12 months)	160.00
B. P.Guyll – Mowing, inspection	620.00
C. Post Office – Clerk's tax	119.20
D. S.A.Leleux – Clerk salary & expenses	202.91

There was now a credit balance with Southern Electric for the telephone box of £11.50.

13-35 Planning Applications

Previous Applications

1. Trentham Farm – Photovoltaic arrays: Appeal was dismissed, despite the case for renewable energy, due to the harm it would cause to the Green Belt and to the character and appearance of the area.
2. Risley Lodge (ERE/0313/1342) – Tree works: Approved.
3. 4 Manor Court (ERE/0413/1347) – Tree works: Approved.
4. 113 Derby Road (ERE/0413/1349) – Fell horse chestnut tree: Approved.

5. 78 Derby Road (ERE/0313/0078) – Converting garage into living accommodation: Approved
6. 101 Derby Road (ERE/0413/0012) – Two storey extension: Approved.

New Applications

- A. Brook Cottage, Derby Road (ERE/0513/0054): 2-storey rear extension, and Listed Building consent (ERE/0513/0055) for 2-storey rear extension and internal alterations. Oppose, as it is overdevelopment of a Grade 2 listed building in the Conservation Area, and destroys the character of the building. The proposed work removes part of the external listed features, and the drawings provided were insufficient to determine the effect, if any, on the internal listed features. In recent years this property has already been extended by the construction of a garden room and a large garage with living accommodation.
- B. Land north west of Willow Lodge, Rushy Lane (ERE/0513/0061): Erection of wooden building containing 2 stables, tack room and small barn on hard standing with driveway and parking. No objection.
- C. 21 Derby Road (ERE/0613/0003): Application for new planning permission, to replace existing permission (ERE/0510/0023), for two single storey side extensions (one to each side elevation) in order to extend time limit for implementation. The previous comment by RPC, minute 10-60-2 on 10 June 2005, still applied, namely no objection, *provided*: 1. Windows facing the boundaries are obscure glass, since the west side utility room looks into a bedroom of No 23. 2. The drive of No 21 is higher than that of No 23, so any alterations should ensure drainage on to their own site. 3. The roof height must not be raised above the existing level, else it would impact on the street scene and neighbouring properties.

13-36 Clerk's Salary

The Clerk left the meeting. The Chairman gave some information about the Clerk's current pay band, the possibility of moving him to a higher band, and that EBC paid about half through Concurrent Functions. It was agreed to ask the Clerk for additional information, which would be assessed by the Chairman, Vice-chairman and Cllr Fogg, with the intention of recommending any change thought justified at the next meeting, although it could always be backdated as necessary. The Clerk returned to the meeting.

Observations from Councillors

13-37 Overhanging Vegetation

The hedge at Rising Lea was reported to be in need of cutting as they overhung the pavement. Similarly a tree in the corner of the churchyard needed cutting back (Cllr Mrs Hobbs will speak to a churchwarden).

13-38 Latin School Trees

Following an inspection by the EBC Tree Officer, Risley Educational Foundation has undertaken to have suckers cut away from trees across the frontage of Latin School.

13-39 Manhole near Hospice Entrance

While coming to the meeting during heavy rain, a manhole near the entrance to the Hospice was seen to have water bubbling out. DCC Cllr Major agreed to inform DCC.

13-40 Flooding at Rush Meadow

Water continues to collect on the pavement alongside Rush Meadow, leaving a deposit of mud behind. It was agreed to ask EBC to clear it.

13-41 Hospice Car Park

It was thought likely that the Hospice will want to surface a temporary car park, constructed for the current project, and thereby make the car park permanent, although no planning permission appears to have ever been granted for it. An impervious surface would aggravate present problems with flooding and water run-off generally. Cllr Mrs Hobbs agreed to raise these concerns with Hospice management.

13-42 EBC Report

Cllr Mrs Clare has been elected Mayor for the coming year. A ward boundary review is being conducted, and with it reassessment of the number of councillors required. During the past year EBC received 501 complaints, 16% down on the previous year, and 357 compliments, 40% increase. Car park charges are under consideration. Help has been given to improve the appearance of some unattractive shop fronts, which has caused adverse comment from shopkeepers who maintained a good appearance at their own expense.

13-43 DCC Report

DCC Cllr W. Major reported that a number of significant changes were being made at Matlock, not least removing the Chief Executive from his post and giving a 20% pay rise to cabinet members. Admittedly the number of cabinet members had been reduced, but the overall result was still an increase in their pay of £17K. Councillors now had to give 24 hours' written notice of questions for meetings, although members of the public could ask questions at any time! He himself had been made Shadow Cabinet Member for Adult Care. Spending cuts were expected, which might result in whole departments being closed.

The meeting closed at 8:50pm.

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Apologies: Cllrs A.Fogg, R.Hardy, Mrs R.Hobbs, M.O'Neill, EBC Cllr Mrs V.Clare (the Mayor).

13-44 Public Session

Miss Buchanan explained that she had recently returned to work after sick leave, and was pleased to be able to report that there had been no reported crimes in Risley since 1 June. In reply to a question, she said that speed monitoring in Rushy Lane had not yet been done, and it was pointed out that any survey needed to be during the school term, not holidays. The possibility of monitoring speeds round the bends at Rising Lee, and past the new flats, was raised.

13-45 Declaration of Interests

None.

13-46 Minutes

The Minutes of 20 June 2013 were agreed, and signed after a making small amendment to item 13-30.

Cllr Rhodes arrived at this point (7:05).

Matters Arising

13-47 Commemorative Trees (13-28)

It was reported that none of the signs had yet been erected. Both Cllr Mrs Ancliff and the Clerk will remind Mr Woodhouse.

13-48 Mirror at Breaston Lane Junction (13-29)

Cllr Jones reported that Risley Hall had no objection to the installation of the mirror. The Clerk reported that Ripley Glass quoted about £35 for a fixing suitable for a pole including the facility to adjust the direction and angle of inclination of the mirror. It was agreed to order a 450mm heavy duty convex mirror and the adjustable fixing. It was also agreed that the cheque for its invoice could be signed during the holiday.

13-49 Hopwell Parish (13-30)

EBC Cllr Orchard reported that EBC was confused, and unsure how best to proceed. One official thought that the cost might be several thousand pounds. It was agreed that he should pursue his enquiries, now that the anomalous position of Hopwell was known.

13-50 Playground Repairs (13-32)

Dirty Wellies hoped to 'resolve the playground works in the next few days'.

13-51 Rising Lea Hedge (13-37)

As no reply had been received, and the hedge still needed attention, it was agreed that the Clerk should send a reminder.

13-52 Latin School Trees (13-38)

The epicormic growth (suckers) obstructing the pavement had been cut back.

13-53 Correspondence

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. DCC Footpaths: Problems at with horse riders going beyond the end of the bridleway at Peat Meadow Farm were resolved earlier in the year, and no signs indicating a cul de sac are being erected.
- B. Request to advertise a new pre-school in Borrowash on RPC noticeboard was granted by Chairman.
- C. Norbert Dentressangle Liaison Group (West Hallam storage depot): RPC will be invited to attend future meetings but date not yet known), and minutes of meetings held in February & May.
- D. Thank you letters for £50 donation received from: 2nd Risley Brownies, 1st Risley Guides (who want to buy cooking equipment to take advantage of the new kitchen in the Village Hall), RNSY, Conservation Group. Toddlers not yet replied, but they were very slow last time.
- E. Dirty Wellies: Play area inspection reports March, April, May – No new items
- F. EBC – EBC Grounds Maintenance Standards for future use in Concurrent Functions claims from 2014/15 on: Open spaces 12 cuts/year, Parks 15 cuts/year, Urban Verges 9 cuts/year, Rural Verges 2 cuts/year, Weed Control 4 sprays/year, Play Area Inspections – Visual weekly, Mechanical – monthly, Insurance Check – Annual.
- G. DALC Newsletter: Good practice guide for assessment of wind turbine noise can be found at <http://ioa.org.uk/pdf/ioa-gpg-on-wtna-issue-01-05-2013.pdf>. The 4th edition of the Good Councillors Guide can be downloaded from the DALC members' website. The Clerk will send a copy to Councillors.
- H. Risley Cricket Club asked if it could be considered for a donation, to be used to purchase Kwik Cricket equipment (for children under 11, of both sexes). Agreed to send £50.
- I. Dr Dalton-Pawle alleged that 'two plane trees in the recreation ground backing on to my property' (24 Rushy Lane) were unstable in wind. One had a branch 'lying on top of my shed and greenhouse', and both kept sunlight from the garden. Cllr Mrs Ancliff had investigated prior to the meeting. One tree grew in the boundary hedge and a branch had been cut off a few years ago following a request from No 22. The other tree was in the nearby field. Both were ash trees. It was agreed to ask Premier Landscapes for a quote to remove the limb. It was reported that the occupants were on an extended holiday, so no work can be done until their return, but the Clerk was instructed to email the Council's intentions.

13-54 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the following be paid:

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| A. P.Guyll – Mowing, inspection | 620.00 |
| B. S.A.Leleux – Clerk salary & expenses | 202.91 |

There was now a credit balance with Southern Electric for the telephone box of £9.24.

13-55 Planning Applications

Previous Applications

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- B. 21 Derby Road (ERE/0613/0003): Application for new planning permission, to replace existing permission (ERE/0510/0023), for two single storey side extensions (one to each side elevation) in order to extend time limit for implementation. Approved.

New Applications

- A. Demolition of 'Flange Plant', Lows Lane, Stanton-by-Dale (ERE/0613/0051 - due to redundancy, vandalism and arson and the future redevelopment of the whole site: No comment, as well outside Risley.

13-56 Hospice Car Park (13-41)

Investigation had shown that gravel, not tarmac, was specified in the original application for a car park with 20 spaces. Doubt was cast on several statements made in the application, in particular that the site was within 20m of a water course, and that flooding had been a problem in the area, with two very large floods and several smaller ones in the past few years. It was not known what was meant by 'sustainable drainage'. It was agreed that there should be no drainage of surface water from the car park into the grounds of Risley Hall, so the car park surface must be permeable. The Clerk was instructed to contact EBC Planning, to clarify the use of tarmac in the top car park, and comment about flooding, as the topic was a major concern. Cllr Jones may write also, on behalf of Risley Hall Residents.

13-57 Footpath Walk

In the absence of Cllr Hardy, it was assumed that he would lead the walk and his wife would organize refreshments. It was agreed to use Section 137 to defray their cost. It was hoped that the walk would be advertised in the autumn Footprints (walks) booklet.

13-58 Clerk's Salary (13-36)

Following the previous meeting, at the Chairman's request the Clerk had provided sundry information relating to his salary. The Chairman had also received advice from DALC. The Clerk left the meeting. After a discussion, Cllr Mrs Ancliff proposed, seconded by Cllr Jones, that the Clerk's role should be graded between SCP (Spinal Column Points) 20 and 27, dependent on experience, and that initially he should be placed on SCP 23. In addition, he should increase his phone/office allowance each April based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI), both items being back dated to April 2013. All were in favour. The Clerk then returned to the meeting.

Observations from Councillors

13-59 Shrub on the Verge

A complaint had been received about the hardy shrub, variegated Ionicera, planted on the verge opposite the School. It was reported that it had proved very effective in preventing parking on the nearby verge, and that the owner of a nearby house (109 Derby Road) had agreed to keep it pruned.

13-60 Traffic Lights

Timing irregularities were reported, and DCC Cllr.Major agreed to take up the issue.

13-61 Breaston Lane Path

It was reported that nettles growing through the fence were a hazard on the path alongside Risley Hall. The beech hedge would soon need attention as well. Cllr Jones agreed to raise

both matters with the Hall's management.

13-62 Fairmead Verge

The Clerk was instructed to thank the owners of Fairmead for the excellent way they had restored the verge following building work at the house.

13-63 Hospice Car Boot Sale

It was agreed to put out the 'Please do not park on the verge' signs soon, in readiness for the coming car boot sale at the Hospice.

13-64 Risley Hall Gate

It was reported that the old narrow gate into Risley Hall, opposite the entrance to the Church, should have been replaced by the end of this month.

13-65 Bus Shelter Lights

It was reported that all the lights in all the bus shelters had been replaced with LEDs, two per shelter replacing four fluorescent tubes, as they were much more economic to run.

13-66 Keys Farm

Reports had been received that the holiday lets at Keys Farm were, in fact, being used for permanent lets. Indeed, it was said that two of them were registered offices for businesses. It was agreed to ask EBC Planning Enforcement to investigate.

13-67 DCC Report

DCC Cllr W.Major reported that an emergency budget was likely in September to reallocate funds. The Chesterfield Unemployed Workers Union has been awarded £37K.. The proposed station for HS2 at Toton is likely to have 4 platforms, 2 for HS2 and 2 for local trains. The cost of removing the former Chief Executive is still not known. Winter gritting is subject to revision. The flooding at the churchyard gates is being pursued.

13-68 EBC Report

EBC Cllr Val Clare has taken up her duties as Mayor, and chaired her first Council meeting. All scrap metal dealers must be licenced by 1 October, and EBC can charge a fee, as yet not specified. There will be a display by funding agencies at Long Eaton Town Hall on 19 September, and the MP hopes to organise a second Jobs Fair. EBC recently fined six dog owners £60 each for failing to clear up after their dog. The Planning Minister is coming on 12 September to discuss Stanton Redevelopment at the Erewash Partnership.

The meeting closed at 8:10pm.

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF RISLEY PARISH COUNCIL

in Harrison's Cottage, Risley Churchyard on Thursday 8 August 2013 at 7:00pm.

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

Apologies: Cllrs A.Fogg.

In the absence of Cllr O'Neill, Cllr Mrs Ancliff took the chair.

13-69 Planning Applications

- A. 34A Derby Road: Demolition of existing garage and the erection of a replacement detached garage (ERE/0813/0008). No objection.

Cllr O'Neill arrived and took the chair (7:02pm).

- B. 19A Derby Road: Erection of a two-storey building (ERE/0713/0020).

Mrs A.Verity (40 Derby Road, Risley) spoke about this application. She pointed out that the documents accompanying the application included a report about trees along the boundary which the applicant now agreed belonged to Mrs Verity, so comments in the report about their retention or felling were not relevant. She alleged that commercial waste was being burnt and dumped on the site which should not be done in a garden. As for the proposed building, she considered it to be too large and out of character, the access was by a narrow drive shared with other several houses and stables, having poor visibility where it joined Derby Road (particularly when vehicles park nearby to drop or pick up Friesland pupils), and the noise during construction would disturb elderly neighbours. Mrs Verity stayed for the remainder of the meeting but did not speak again.

Cllr Hardy arrived (7:10pm).

Councillors studied various documents accompanying the application. After due consideration they agreed to oppose it, on the following grounds:

1. Back land development.
2. The proposed building (a 4 bedroom house) is overbearing for the size of the plot. It is out of keeping with the surrounding area.
3. While no windows are proposed on the western elevation which overlooks 31 Derby Road, the numerous windows on the north elevation overlook No 23 and so affect its privacy. It was pointed out that 31 had been built in 1963, as compensation for a building demolished during the construction of the M1, so it should not be considered as a precedent.
4. The narrow drive had been constructed originally to serve one house. It now served three, plus some stables, and if this application was approved it would serve four dwellings. It was totally unsuitable for the traffic likely to use it, as there were no passing places nor land to construct them, so any traffic wishing to turn in would have to wait on Derby Road for any opposing vehicle(s) to emerge. Visibility where it joined Derby Road was not good, particularly when vehicles were parked nearby.

5. Construction traffic would have difficulty negotiating the drive, as had been shown during the present building project.
6. The application did not mention exterior lighting at all. This needed to be resolved as any security lights would have an adverse effect on neighbouring properties.
7. Parts of the application were now no longer applicable following resolution of boundary issues, in particular four trees along the boundary did not belong to the applicant. This needed to be made clear in the RPC objection to inform planning officials who may not have registered this fact.

Councillors requested that the application should be considered by the Planning Committee, and that EBC Cllr D.Orchard be informed of their concerns. (Previous applications for this site were a building (October 2010, 10-122) and stables (March 2011, 10-224.)

13-70 Payment of Accounts

Cheques were approved and signed for:

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| A. Premier Landscaping – Weed control at the Playing Field | 36.00 |
| B. Ripley Glass – Deposit for convex mirror for Breaston Lane | 100.00 |

13-71 Correspondence

- A. EBC Emergency Plan – Checking records, needed to know is now responsible for sandbags (ie the stock in the churchyard) in place of the late Mr Grundy. Agreed that Cllrs Mrs Hobbs & Jones should be jointly responsible.
- B. Risley Cricket Club – Thank you for donation, and it appears to have misunderstood the Clerk’s suggestion to request permission to display fixtures on the RPC notice board for a definite offer. Councillors raised no objections.
- C. DALC – Training: The Clerk had been unable to attend the previously authorised training in Buxton due to an accident en route, and requested permission to attend a similar course in Swadlincote in September. Approved.
- D. Village Hall land: As weeds were threatening to swamp the young trees recently planted, it was agreed to seek quotes to strim the area. Cllr Mrs Ancliff asked to meet the successful contractor before he began work to point out the trees.

The meeting closed at 7:50pm.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RISLEY PARISH COUNCIL

in Harrison's Cottage, Risley Churchyard on Thursday 11 September 2013 at 7:00pm.

Present: Cllrs Mrs P.Ancliff, A.Fogg, R.Hardy, Mrs R.Hobbs, Mrs B.Housley, M.O'Neill (in the chair), D.Rhodes. In attendance: DCC Cllr W.Major, EBC Cllr D.Orchard, PCSO 4602 Miss L.Buchanan, Mr S.A.Leleux, Clerk, two parishioners.

Apologies: Cllr F.Jones, EBC Cllr Mrs V.Clare (the Mayor), Mrs A.Elliott, EBC.

13-72 Public Session

- A. The advertised presentation about Play Schemes was not possible, as Mrs Elliott was off work, sick.
- B. Miss Buchanan, PCSO 4602, reported two thefts in Risley since July but there had been no reports of anti-social behaviour. She noted that recently there had been a number of thefts of diesel fuel from (mainly commercial) vehicles in surrounding communities, but none in Risley. Miss Buchanan left at 7:05pm.
- C. The two parishioners, residents of Keys Farm, did not wish to say anything, but simply to hear any discussion about their farm, and the proposed wind turbines at Dale Abbey.

13-73 Declaration of Interests

Cllr Fogg, regarding the Dale Abbey wind turbine planning application.

13-74 Minutes

The Minutes of 11 July and 8 August 2013 were agreed and signed.

Matters Arising

13-75 Commemorative Trees (13-47)

It was reported that none of the signs had yet been erected, and it was thought that Mr Woodhouse was unlikely to be able to do it. It was agreed to ask for the signs to be delivered and Councillors would arrange to install them.

13-76 Mirror at Breaston Lane Junction (13-46)

The Clerk reported that Ripley Glass had emailed a week ago 'Have got all relevant parts will ring you soon regarding delivery', although nothing had happened yet. He was asked to remind them.

13-77 Hopwell Parish (13-49)

EBC Cllr Orchard reported that EBC will put the matter before its General Purposes Committee in October, to decide how best to proceed.

13-78 Playground Repairs (13-50)

Dirty Wellies had not yet done any repairs in the playground, and will be reminded.

13-79 Keys Farm (13-66)

When the Clerk enquired about progress, EBC Planning Enforcement replied by email: 'The case is on-going. The owner has appointed a planning agent to deal with the planning application to regularise the changes at the site. Any enforcement action will be suspended

pending the decision made on the application. To date the application has not been received but we do know that it will be with us shortly.’ One Councillor reported a parishioner expressing concern at the volume of traffic that goes to the farm all hours of the day and night and passes right through the middle of Hitchcock’s farm. It was agreed to wait until the planning application was received before making any comments to EBC.

13-80 Strimming at Village Hall (13-71-D)

Having received tenders from Dirty Wellies and Premier Landscaping, plus notes on the way cut grass would be treated, it was agreed to ask Dirty Wellies to do the work. There was discussion when the new hedge would be ready to lay, and whether or not it should be cut beforehand. Cllr Fogg agreed to make enquiries.

13-81 Treetops Hospice Car Park (13-56)

It was reported that a new car park had been constructed at the hospice, tarmac on deep foundations. It was ‘said to be porous’. The Clerk was instructed to bring this to the attention of the EBC Planning Enforcement Officer.

13-82 Correspondence

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. Grant Thornton – External Audit/Annual Return Report – Notices displayed on website and notice boards. The auditors stated that no provision should be made for depreciation, but items should be shown at their original cost price.
- B. DCC ‘will make arrangements to deal with the overhanging trees opposite Golden Valley Farm’
- C. EBC – Planning Training for Parish Councils, Long Eaton Town Hall, Monday 14 October, 5:30pm to 7:30pm (max 4 per parish council). Four Councillors asked to attend.
- D. DCC Community Response Plan – It was agreed to use the proposed simplified contact method.
- E. DCC Highways – Provision of pedestrian refuge at Risley Hall. ‘The scheme is programmed for the current financial year’.
- F. Friesland Sports Centre – Playscheme Report. All 60 places (6 on each of 10 days) taken, 35 boys, 25 girls. ‘Some children were booking in for the other sessions once they had been to the first one’. However, it was reported that some complaints had been received as these block bookings deprived others the opportunity to attend. The issue will no doubt be raised by Mrs Elliott in her presentation.
- G. DALC – Newsletter: Government removes ‘Volunteering Tax’ on Councillors (ie a council can now pay data protection fees which cover all its councilors
- H. DCC Snow Warden training – Matlock Council Chamber, Wednesday 16 October, 2pm. Two volunteers may attend.
- I. Matthew Letts, Architect - Community Right to Build arising from Localism Act 2011. Gives options available for community projects.
- J. Rural Action Derbyshire AGM 26 September, Pinxton
- K. Local Government Boundary Commission – Proposes to reduce the number of EBC Councillors from 51 to 47 (not 43), and will need to adjust some ward boundaries. Consultation lasts until 11 November, and it is hoped to have the new wards agreed in time for the elections in 2015.

13-83 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the following be paid:

- A. P.Guyll – Mowing, inspection (2 months) 1240.00

B.	EBC – Play Scheme	666.00
C.	Grant Thornton – External Auditing	240.00
D.	Southern Electric – Information point/phone box	20.00
E.	S.A.Leleux – Clerk salary & expenses (2 months, plus back pay)	447.82
F.	J.Parker (Dutch Bulbs) – Bulbs for verge	67.14

13-84 Planning Applications

Previous Applications

- A. Brook Cottage, Derby Road (ERE/0513/0054): 2-storey rear extension, and Listed Building consent (ERE/0513/0055) for 2-storey rear extension and internal alterations. Opposed at the June meeting (13-35), but approved ‘after negotiation with EBC’. Councillors were annoyed that they had not been consulted regarding any of the negotiated changes. It was reported that the file on the property now states "Nevertheless, it is considered that the proposals, should they be implemented, would represent the very limit of what is achievable without confliction with the policies of the Green Belt."
- B. ERE/0813/0008 34A Derby Road: Garage – Approved.

New Applications

- A. ERE/0813/0007 Land NW of Boyah Grange: 2x50m tall 250KW wind turbines and associated infrastructure including access track: Cllr Fogg provided information at times but took no part in the discussion. It was noted that 50m refers to the height of the tower, the 30m diameter rotor bringing the maximum height to 65m. Small units, as at Cllr Fogg’s farm, have proved unreliable, hence manufacturers now tend to construct larger units. Although there was some discussion, it was agreed not to make any comment to EBC as the proposed installation was well outside Risley.
- B. ERE/0813/3003 Greythorpe, Derby Road: Fell diseased hawthorn tree. It was discovered that this had been approved a few days ago.

13-85 Footpath Walk (13-57)

Arrangements were finalised.

13-86 Tenders for Mowing etc

It was agreed to use the current tender document, but with the following changes:

- A. Maximum of 15 cuts in the season (not reached in recent years, and 3 more than EBC guideline)
- B. Weed killing spray – three times, including the path from Second Avenue to the playing field, the gravel path in the playing field from First Avenue to the playground, and the twitchell from Second Avenue to the Nook bridleway.

As several new firms have asked to tender, it was agreed to send them details, as well as Dirty Wellies and Premier Landscaping.

Observations from Councillors

13-87 Parking near Treetops

It was reported that staff from Treetops were very sorry to see the temporary ‘No Parking’ signs removed from the verge, as several cars (possibly belonging to new parents) now regularly park on it. It was agreed to put out the two remaining signs (the other two are thought to have been thrown in Risley Hall grounds), and to ask Mr Woodhouse to make six more as soon as possible.

13-88 RPC Notice Board in Churchyard

The question had been asked whether the PCC had a veto over unsuitable material displayed on the RPC noticeboard in the churchyard. It was agreed that the PCC had no such veto, and if any unsuitable notices were displayed then the Clerk should be informed.

13-89 Mileposts

It was reported by the Risley Conservation Group that the cast iron milepost at Hopwell was in urgent need of repainting, and probably the one at the School as well. The Clerk will approach DCC for grants, as it was believed one had been received last time they were painted.

13-90 Risley Sign

The Risley sign in Breaston Lane near The Crescent was shabby. It had been reported to EBC some time ago, and it was agreed to remind them.

13-91 Verge at Traffic Lights

In recent weeks Western Power had replaced 50-years old mains cables in Rushy Lane. As a result the verge near the traffic lights had been excavated and replaced. Cllr Mrs Ancliff stated that this had been done with good top soil, and generously reseeded, and it was hoped that it would recover. It was reported that problems with the timing of the lights had begun since Western Power had been on site. This will be reported to DCC for attention. It was noted that work done by this company on the path from Rushy Lane to the Nook appeared not yet complete, as a kissing gate was missing and several holes had not been filled.

13-92 Count-down Signs

It was reported that the count-down signs on Derby Road near the Old Rectory are overgrown. DCC will be informed.

13-93 RPC Trees

In view of events, and practice elsewhere, Councillors agreed that trees owned by RPC should be inspected. Cllr Mrs Ancliff agreed to compile a list of such trees, and the Clerk will obtain two quotes for inspecting them.

13-94 First Avenue Telephone Box

It was reported that a resident had seen a couple having sex in the First Avenue telephone box, and had asked a Councillor whether the box was really necessary. Councillors agreed that it was necessary and should stay.

13-95 Erewash Triathlon

It was alleged that EBC had not given notice of the recent triathlon, so the route had not been specially cleared. Consequently a cyclist had run into a parked vehicle near The Park and had suffered numerous injuries.

13-96 Treetops Boot Sale

It was reported that many vehicles had parked on the verge in Risley, although Rush Meadow had been made available (thanks received from Treetops), and general parking management was poor. It was suggested that the officials responsible for parking needed better training, and that the police should be informed of these events.

13-97 Parking at Rising Lea

It was reported that some people employed at Rising Lea regularly park on the verge of Derby Road, which creates a hazard for residents of the Coach House and Old Rectory when leaving their drives, due to lack of visibility.

13-98 Knotweed in Breaston Lane

Knotweed was reported in Breaston Lane near the Risley Hall beech hedge. DCC will be informed.

13-99 Pavement near Village Hall

It was reported that Risley Hall residents have difficulty crossing the verge by the Village Hall car park entrance, as the tarmac is badly cut up. It will be reported to DCC. In addition, mud collects along the pavement between the Village Hall and the Church. EBC Cllr Orchard will arrange to have it cleared.

13-100 New Works in Risley

It was reported that the new gate in the wall of Risley Hall opposite the Church has been hung, and will be officially opened by the Mayor shortly. A new footbridge across the stream has been constructed in the Nature Reserve by DCC, and is 'very impressive'.

13-101 DCC Report

DCC Cllr W.Major said that the winter maintenance report is due later this month. DCC would welcome comments. It was agreed to request that snow should be cleared from: Bostocks Lane, Breaston Lane, Derby Road, Rushy Lane, and the pavement along Derby Road from the traffic lights to the Village Hall. Consultation has begun for options for the provision of low to medium need family support services. DCC has to save £157m. It has decided to pay the 'Living Wage' to its lowest-paid staff, instead of the official minimum wage, which will cost an estimated £1-£2m, and staff have also received a 1% pay award.

13-102 EBC Report

Small Grants applications close on 4 October. An event bringing together many grant providers is to be held in Long Eaton Town Hall on 19 September. Free parking for 30 minutes is being introduced in town centres. Dumping large quantities of furniture, at least a lorry load in each case, has occurred twice recently, and EBC has had to pay the cost of clearing it.

The meeting closed at 9:15pm.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RISLEY PARISH COUNCIL

in Harrison's Cottage, Risley Churchyard on Thursday 10 October 2013 at 7:00pm.

Present: Cllrs 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, Mr S.A.Leleux, Clerk, Mrs A.Elliott EBC.

Apologies: Cllr A.Fogg, EBC Cllrs Mrs V.Clare (the Mayor) & D.Orchard, Police.

13-103 Play Schemes – Mrs A.Elliott, EBC Partnership Development Officer

Mrs Elliott's responsibilities include monitoring EBC contracts to ensure that its funding is used as well as possible. Enquiry had shown that Risley was the only parish council which provided free places on its summer play scheme, allocated by 'first come, first served' and there were indications that this provision was being abused by some.

Discussion showed that Councillors were aware of some problems. In no special order, they included:

- A. People constantly ringing Friesland Sports Centre as the likely booking date approached, to ensure that they were able to have first choice.
- B. The feeling that some people knew before others and were able to book places, so that the others found there were no places left. (The Clerk pointed out that public notices were displayed at the same time as the Newsletter was delivered to Councillors for distribution, and that they were encouraged to distribute their copies as rapidly as possible, in an attempt to overcome this known problem.)
- C. People making block bookings, thus preventing others from participating at all.
- D. People booking and then failing to turn up. (Research showed that in the past summer one person had booked and failed to turn up on three occasions, one had done this twice and two once each, making seven lost places due to three families.)

Some local parishes ran their own play schemes, using their EBC grant to employ appropriate leaders. It was stated that Risley used to do this, but finding suitable staff and complying with increasingly stringent legislation meant that it had become a burden, and when the opportunity of buying places at Friesland's Play Scheme presented itself it was taken up with alacrity. Councillors were unanimous that they did not want to return to running their own scheme.

Several suggestions were made. The possibility of favouring low income groups was raised by Mrs Elliott and discarded, as it was thought there were very few if any such families in Risley. There were not that many children, either. The following were agreed:

- A. Risley Parish Council would subsidise the cost (approximately 50%), parents paying the balance. This would bring Risley into line with other parishes.
- B. The fee due would be paid to Friesland on booking, and was non-returnable. This should eliminate telephone booking and greatly reduce non-attendance.
- C. The subsidised places would be open to all children resident in Risley, as at present, with proof of residence to be shown when booking.
- D. The possibility of booking more places and/or for a longer period will be investigated. For some years Risley has booked 6 places for each day Monday to Friday for two weeks, 60 places altogether. If the number of places was increased, the grant

application could be for a larger grant to meet the increased costs. Mrs Elliott said that other parishes received more than Risley's £500.

- E. The possibility was raised of increasing the length of the sessions at Friesland, at least to be the same as a school day, would benefit working parents. Mrs Elliott said that this was likely.

Mrs Elliott thanked Councillors for their invitation and willingness to consider changes.

13-104 Declaration of Interests

None.

13-105 Minutes

The Minutes of 12 September 2013 were agreed and signed, after amending item 13-98 to give the location of the knotweed in Breaston Lane as near the Risley Hall beech hedge.

Matters Arising

13-106 Commemorative Trees (13-75)

The plaques had been erected by Mr Woodhouse. Councillors considered the possibility of amending the text of one to enable the tree to be more easily identified. The sign for The Croft is too small and a replacement is being made.

13-107 Mirror at Breaston Lane Junction (13-76)

The mirror has been delivered, and was given to Cllr Hardy to co-ordinate erection.

13-108 Playground Repairs (13-78, 13-80)

Dirty Wellies had not yet done any repairs in the playground, and will be reminded as a matter of urgency, particularly as they were marked 'high risk' on the inspection reports. Neither had they done the strimming at the Village Hall, and hedge cutting in First Avenue field was very variable, with some areas apparently overlooked.

13-109 Footpath Walk (13-85)

It was reported that there had been only four participants, possibly because it had not been advertised outside Risley and possibly due to the poor weather, although the rain came only at the end of the afternoon. The possibility of advertising it as walk to historic sites, such as Wood Hall, was raised for another year.

13-110 Correspondence

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. DCC – Pedestrian refuge at Risley Hall: The cycle track marking will be removed past the refuge, with the end being marked END and the new beginning by a cycle sign. Street lighting will be improved by installing brighter lights and realigning the column locations.
- B. EBC Planning Enforcement – Treetops Hospice car park: It had been built in accordance with approved specification. On-site permeability test of pouring a bucket of water showed that the surface 'was indeed permeable'.
- C. EBC Risley sign in Breaston Lane; New contractor appointed, and is working through backlog (over 100 to replace). 'Realistically, it may be October/November before the sign is replaced'.
- D. DCC Pavement at Village Hall: 'Instructions have been issued for the access to the Village Hall to be reconstructed and these works will be undertaken in due course'.

- E. DCC Highways – Risley count down signs: They are clearly visible so no action will be taken.
- F. DALC Newsletters: Official websites give details of councils’ powers under the Sustainable Communities Act and community rights.
- G. Police – Parking on verge at Rising Lea: No sign of parked vehicles whenever the police had passed. Cllr Mrs Housley agreed to make a note of any vehicles she saw.
- H. DCC Snow clearance: Roads to be cleared: Derby Road, Bostocks Lane, Breaston Lane, Rushy Lane. There are insufficient resources to include footways as well, so join the Snow Warden scheme! Risk assessment forms were given to Cllrs Mrs Ancliff and Jones. Cllr Jones agreed to enquire about free salt supplies.
- I. Tree survey (123-93): Two firms had been asked to tender but only one had replied. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Ancliff, seconded by Cllr Rhodes, that the quote by Canopytrees for £150 be accepted. All were in favour. It was agreed also that the firm should also examine the large ash tree in the corner of the First Avenue field. Although it did not belong to RPC it overhung the field and could be a hazard if defective, in which case the owner would be informed and asked to take action.
- J. Police: No crimes have been reported in Risley since the last meeting, nor any anti-social behaviour incidents.

13-111 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the following be paid:

A. Ripley Glass – Balance of cost of mirror	117.60
B. Post Office – Clerk’s tax	177.60
C. Risley PCC – Room hire	100.00
D. S.A.Leleux – Clerk salary & expenses	237.47
Southern Electric - £21.94 credit balance	

13-112 Planning Applications

Previous Applications

- A. Trentham Farm – solar panels: Appeal dismissed.
- B. Friesland Farm – wind turbine: Appeal pending

New Applications

None.

13-113 Tenders for Mowing etc

Tenders had been received from three firms. It was agreed to ignore Futures Greenscape (Ripley) as its prices were double the others. The lowest quote was from a firm in the Birmingham area. The Clerk was instructed to enquire whether it included the cost of travel, whether they had actually visited the village to inspect it, and whether any local councils would give a reference.

13-114 Emergency Response

The RPC Civil Emergency Response document was updated, with the prime contacts the Chair and Vice-chair, each of whom would then contact three Councillors. It was agreed that the Rector should also be informed.

Observations from Councillors

13-115 Kissing Gate near The Nook (13-91)

It was reported that the kissing gate on the path from Rushy Lane towards The Nook still had

not been replaced following the recent work done in the area by Western Power. The Clerk was instructed to ask the firm to replace it, or provide a new gate.

13-116 Knotweed

It was reported that treatment for knotweed in the garden of School House was being organised by the Educational Foundation. There were other suspect plants in Risley Hall.

13-117 Future Events

It was reported that the Village Hall Booking Secretary had suggested 2014 dates for the Footpath Walk on 14 September and Carols 15 December. The Clerk will check with the School regarding the latter.

13-118 Wood Hall Sign

It was reported that the Risley Conservation Group is seeking a grant from EBC to make a sign giving the history of Wood Hall. Mr Fogg, who farms the site, has given permission for the sign to be erected on a nearby footpath, the site itself having been ploughed out years ago by his father.

13-119 Traffic Lights

Problems remained with timing at the traffic lights. DCC Cllr Major will inform DCC.

13-120 Bostocks Lane Telecomms Mast

It was reported that there were now two telecommunications masts in Bostocks Lane. Sandiacre Parish Council had opposed the second one but had been over-ruled.

13-121 Christmas Tree

Cllr Fogg sent a message saying that Mr Sisson was willing to supply a tree, as last year. When did RPC want it, as it would be advantageous if its delivery was co-ordinated with the Village Hall Committee.

13-122 DCC Report

DCC Cllr W.Major reported that numerous overgrown hedges had been inspected by DCC and letters sent when appropriate. The area outside the churchyard gates had new rainwater drains installed and had been resurfaced. One Councillor commented they were 'such nice workmen'. The budget review was a non-event as it had been decided to use reserves to tide over this year, and consider cuts in future years. The new Local Area Committees are being taken seriously and could be worth attending.

The meeting closed at 8:30pm.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RISLEY PARISH COUNCIL

in Harrison's Cottage, Risley Churchyard on Thursday 14 November 2013 at 7:00pm.

Present: Cllrs Mrs P.Ancliff, A.Fogg, R.Hardy, Mrs R.Hobbs, 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, PC 2168 M.Suiter.

Apologies: Cllr Mrs B.Houseley, EBC Cllr Mrs V.Clare (the Mayor).

In the absence of the Chairman, Vice-chair Cllr Mrs Ancliff took the chair.

13-123 Public Session

PC Suiter reported two recent thefts in outlying areas of the parish, and the possibility of a prowler assessing likely victims. There had been no antisocial behaviour. He had never seen anyone parking on the verge near Rising Lea which had been reported in the summer. He was told that overnight parking by people working away was common, with their vehicles being left in First or Second Avenue.

PC Suiter left at 7:08pm.

13-124 Declaration of Interests

None.

13-125 Minutes

The Minutes of 10 October 2013 were agreed and signed.

Matters Arising

13-126 Mirror at Breaston Lane Junction (13-107)

The mirror had been installed, fastened to a tree, but this was unsatisfactory. A suitable pole will be erected in the Hall grounds and the mirror attached to it. It was agreed to give £10 to E.Milner who had assisted Cllr Hardy with the work.

13-127 Playground Repairs (13-108)

Dirty Wellies apologised profusely for the 'poor service you have received in respect to the repairs to the roundabout'. The delay was due to a combination of factors – errors by Wicksteed, not least in failing to say that advance payment was required for items no longer in current production, cash flow problems and an almost complete change in his workforce. Mr Guyll admits that he should have informed RPC of his difficulties. He will 'perform the labour element of the roundabout repairs free of charge to yourselves'. The parts are now ordered and once they are available he will fit them within 24 hours. It was agreed to consider replacing the roundabout once it had been repaired.

13-128 Snow Warden (13-110-H)

DCC risk assessment forms were given to Clls Mrs Ancliff and Jones. A free tonne of salt, in 20kg bags instead of 25kg bags, was due to be delivered to the Village Hall. Any surplus, after Councillors had taken supplies and grit bins had been refilled as necessary, will be stored by Cllr Fogg.

13-129 Emergency Response (13-114)

The Rector had signed the document. Cllrs Mrs Hobbs and Jones signed an EBC document about sandbags, replacing the late Mr Grundy whose name still appeared on EBC records.

Cllrs O'Neill and Rhodes arrived at this point (7:25pm), and Cllr O'Neill took the chair.

13-130 Correspondence

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. Awards for All (BIG Lottery) free workshop, Derby, 26 November.
- B. War Memorials Trust – Risley's is listed but there is no illustration. It was agreed to submit photographs of both the dedication in 1922 and a recent view, and also the single War Grave in the churchyard.
- C. Mrs Chapman, Vivod 66 Derby Road (bridleway to The Nook) – Reports deep holes in the bridleway which constitute a hazard to pedestrians. DCC Footpaths Officer said that the landowner has repairs in hand, but Mrs Chapman says there is no sign of them. Councillors reported no sign of any repairs, but also that the potholes near Vivod were hazards neither to pedestrians nor riders so did not officially need repair.
- D. DCC - School bus shelter lights: An engineer investigating 'hopefully to rectify the situation once and for all'.
- E. EBC Hopwell Parish: The Clerk reported a telephone conversation, not yet supported by a letter. Basically, the current Boundary Commission consultation in Erewash means that nothing will be done until it reports in early 2014, in case any proposed boundary changes affect Hopwell. Assuming there is no change, EBC would hold a parish meeting in Hopwell to determine the views of the residents (18 electors in October 2012), at which RPC would be represented. Neighbouring parishes would also be notified in case any of them had a claim to Hopwell. The situation would then be resolved, in time for the 2015 elections.
- F. Derbyshire Children's Holiday Centre – Request for donation. It was agreed to send £50, having sent this amount for the past three years at least.
- G. Sovereign Design Play Scheme: Offer of funding sources, brochure etc, also 10% offer. In view of current financial pressures, it is unlikely that EBC would allow any new PWLB loans under for Concurrent Functions, although playgrounds are an allowable expense.
- H. DALC Newsletters: Annual report, also Revised Model Standing Orders (from NALC). As RPC's were last revised in June 2010 it was agreed that the Clerk should examine them, and all RPC procedures, in case any revision appears to be necessary. He had printed the document "You've got the power", 'a quick and simple guide to community rights' (23 pages).
- I. EBC Borough & Parishes Forum: Next meeting Wednesday 20 November, Ilkeston Town Hall, 2pm.
- J. EBC – Free ice scrapers: These scrapers are intended for clearing car windscreens. It was agreed to request 200, for distribution at the Carol Service.
- K. EBC - Draft Planning Enforcement Consultation: To be considered at the next meeting.

13-131 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the following be paid:

A.	Park Hall Designs - Website	77.18
B.	G.Woodhouse – Making and fitting signs (note: 2 cheques)	22-00
C.	P.Guyll –Mowing and hedge cutting	1150.00
D.	S.A.Leleux – Clerk salary & expenses	187.08

E.	E.Milner – Erecting mirror (see 13-126 above)	10.00
F.	Derbyshire Children’s Holiday Centre – Donation (see 13-130-F above)	50.00
	Southern Electric - £19.4 credit balance	

13-132 Planning Applications

Previous Applications

- A. Land at 19A Derby Road – Construction of dwelling: Approved. Some additional protection will be given to the roots of a large oak tree nearby.

New Applications

- A. 113 Derby Road (ERE/1013/1403): Works to six trees at the road frontage which are in a Conservation Area including removal of overhanging branches and pruning works. No objection.
- B. Land south east of The Coach House, Derby Road (ERE/1013/1407): Cut back overhanging branches to three ash trees and remove two eucalyptus trees which are dead. No objection.

13-133 Tenders for Mowing etc

It was agreed to inform Futures Greenscape (Ripley) that it had not been chosen. The firm from the Birmingham area had a depot in Beeston and had contracts for Nottingham City Council. Although the Clerk had tried several times to obtain a reference he had been unsuccessful, so he was instructed to approach other, further away, councils instead. It was also agreed to seek one or two more tenders from local firms, for consideration at the next meeting.

13-134 Budget 2014-2015

The Clerk had circulated an outline budget, including year-to-date expenditure, for Councillors’ consideration. As no information had yet been received from EBC regarding the amount that could be claimed as Concurrent Functions, and with mowing tenders still being considered, it was agreed to defer any decision until the next meeting. No major new items of expenditure were suggested. It was agreed that the cost of Christmas tree and lights was realistic, in case a tree had to be purchased on the open market. As for the repayments for a new PWLB loan to pay for playground improvements being met by Concurrent Functions, the reply had been ‘Given the Borough Council’s own funding situation it is very unlikely that any such new loan repayments could be financed through this channel’.

13-135 Carols Round the Tree

In an attempt to increase attendance at this event, to be held on Monday 16 December, discussions had taken place between the Rector, Head of Risley School, and RPC. It had been agreed that it would begin in Church (at about 6:15pm) with the children and their parents making christingles and being given an explanation of its symbolic meaning. They would then process to the Village Hall for a shorter service at 7pm, comprising 4 carols (Silent night, Away in a manger, O little town, and Hark the herald), 1 song by pupils, and 2 readings (WI & NSY). A leaflet will be distributed around the village to publicise the event, and encourage those not connected with the School to attend. It was agreed that the Clerk should order 10 dozen mince pies from Staceys. Cllrs Mrs Ancliff and Fogg will be responsible for refreshments. It was agreed, subject to approval by Risley School, to hold this event on 15 December in 2014.

Observations from Councillors

13-136 Repainting Derby Road Milestones

The Clerk was instructed to pursue DCC for possible grants to cover the cost.

13-137 Fouled Pavement in Bostocks Lane

Dog fouling was a problem in Bostocks Lane, so it should be reported direct to EBC for action against the person owning the dog responsible. It was stressed that EBC would not divulge the name of the person(s) reporting the offence.

13-138 RPC Christmas Get-together

It was agreed to hold this in Risley Hall on Thursday 16 January at 7:30pm. A small charge was likely.

13-139 Bulbs in Playground

Councillors have planted more bulbs in the verges and around the recently planted trees in the First Avenue playground.

13-140 EBC Report

EBC Cllr D.Orchard reported that the Chestnut Fair had been held, and the Mayor was to switch on the Long Eaton lights on 28 November. DCC Gold Cards were available at both town halls (but person ID was required). There was now also an emergency defibrillator at each. Work using a £2.4m lottery grant to refurbish various old buildings in Long Eaton had been completed. Christmas vouchers for leisure centre use were available.

13-141 DCC Report

DCC Cllr W.Major reported consultation taking place for the proposed HS2 railway (London – Leeds) and a 20-year plan for the Fire Authority. As the number of domestic fires had fallen by two thirds over the past 20 years, it was necessary to revise the location of fire stations, whose locations had been decided in the 1940s, and the equipment at each. In order to give a maximum of 10 minute target response time to arrive at a call, both Ilkeston and Long Eaton fire stations would be retained, but with 1½ (sic) engines each. The subsidy to provide free transport to faith (mainly Roman Catholic) schools is being examined due to cuts in government funding to DCC.

Councillors agreed that in future these reports should take place as part of the public session at the beginning of the meeting.

The meeting closed at 8:58pm.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RISLEY PARISH COUNCIL

in Harrison's Cottage, Risley Churchyard on Thursday 12 December 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, three parishioners.

Apologies: Police.

13-142 Public Session

Three residents from farms at Hopwell described their concerns at the retrospective planning application concerning Keys Farm to be discussed at the meeting. The access to Keys Farm is by a private road almost exactly a mile long and which has no passing places apart from field gates. At one point the road runs through the yard of Hopwell Hall Farm. Although the barn conversions at Keys Farm had been authorised as holiday lets, it was alleged that they had never been used as such, and indeed some had been sold to their present occupiers as residences, from which various businesses were operated. Furthermore, it was alleged that the EBC site notices had been removed by persons unknown very soon after they had been displayed.

The main concerns were the traffic generated by the development, its quantity, times and speed, and its effect on the private road which was also a bridleway. It was said that up to 300 cars used the road to Keys Farm in a week, that they used it at all hours of the day and night (one was regularly at 1:27am), and being residents who 'knew the road' travelled much faster than holidaymakers would have done. As for the road, the parishioners were told that DCC will maintain it only to a standard suitable for a bridleway which is not necessarily suitable for regular heavy use by vehicles, and that DCC will not be influenced by any decision made by EBC.

Cllrs Hardy and Rhodes arrived during this item, at 7:10pm.

13-143 DCC Report

DCC Cllr Major reported that the quarterly economic review showed that Derbyshire unemployment was 4.8% whereas the national average was 6.7%. This and other figures suggested that Derbyshire was recovering quicker than most areas. The fire service review was still in progress. Consultation is expected in January over a review of the mobile library provision, which many saw as a blatant attack on the rural areas. Even options which saw some service remaining had it provided by just two out of the existing ten vehicles. Following government funding changes, DCC has become responsible for the budget for health. While many councils, including Erewash, had about £40K allocated, Bolsover had received about half of the total budget! It seems to have been prioritised using a biased definition of inequality.

13-144 EBC Report

Cllr Mrs Clare (the Mayor) noted various scheduled Christmas events, in the town centres, Erewash Museum and at West Park. Additional markets will be held on 22-24 December. Civic Christmas cards had been sent by email, and the Mayor had given £100 to each of the

Ilkeston and Long Eaton Food Banks from the savings. EBC Cllr Orchard reported plans to refurbish some children's playgrounds and Victoria Park. There will be three weeks of free car parking starting on 16 December.

13-145 Minutes

The Minutes of 14 November 2013 were agreed and signed.

13-146 Declaration of Interests

None.

Matters Arising

13-147 Mirror at Breaston Lane Junction (13-126)

Remedial work on the mirror is in hand.

13-148 Playground Repairs (13-127)

The roundabout had, at long last, been repaired. An insurance claim will be made.

13-149 Borough & Parish Forum (13-130-I)

The Clerk gave a report of the recent meeting. Play scheme hours – EBC grants are likely to cover extended hours if the parish requires it; a proposed 'spitting in public' bylaw; Concurrent Functions – figures are likely to be announced 17 January 2014, with budget requests required for 31 January, but there is likely to be 13% reduction on current year ie £9218 from £10595; two Erewash vacancies (due to the retirement of Mr & Mrs Orchard) exist on DALC Executive Council. When the Clerk enquired about the possibility of EBC meeting PWLB loan repayments for new playground equipment (playgrounds being an approved item of CF expenditure) he was told this was most unlikely to be approved.

13-150 Milepost Painting (13-136)

The Clerk reported that his contact at DCC was still investigating the possibility of supplying materials even though a grant was unlikely.

13-151 Standing Orders (13-130-H)

Having examined the new model document, the Clerk reported that it would be much better to use the new version, adapted for Risley, than to modify the existing standing orders. Councillors agreed with his suggestion.

13-152 Correspondence

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. EBC Draft Planning Enforcement Plan – Consultation
- B. EBC Review of Local Validation Requirements for Planning Applications
- C. Derbyshire Children's Holidays – Thank you for donation and receipt
- D. Risley Conservation Group Minutes
- E. Police: Two reported crimes in Risley since the last meeting, both thefts, one of them number plates.
- F. Mrs Platt – Parking 9 cars on the verge at Rising Lea: Agreed to write to the owner of Rising Lea.
- G. G.Woodhouse – Draft of sign for The Croft. Approved.
- H. DALC: Newsletter.
- I. Dirty Wellies: Play area inspection. Low risk hazards on octagonal climber, spring horse, uneven grass near cradle swings, and a medium risk finger trap hazard at the entrance gates.

13-153 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the following be paid:

A.	Risley PCC – Room hire	40.00
B.	Risley PCC – Donation for churchyard maintenance (Section 137, in lieu of former Concurrent Functions payment – see December 2012 Minutes)	250.00
C.	Stanton-by-Dale PCC – Printing & photocopying	37.32
D.	P.Guyll – Roundabout repairs, two mowing invoices	1102.87
E.	S.A.Leleux – Clerk salary & expenses	210.28
F.	C.Gleave – Christmas tree lights (see 13-below)	158.98
G.	Stacey’s Bakers – Mince pies (for Carols)	48.00
H.	A.J.Sisson – Christmas tree	100.00

Although a cheque had been partly written for the cost of the electricity for the City street light, it was agreed to leave it in abeyance until after the forthcoming meeting of the Risley Educational Foundation.

Southern Electric - £16.90 credit balance.

13-154 Planning Applications

Previous Applications

None

New Applications

- A. Keys Farm, Derby Road: Retrospective application for continued use of existing barns as four individual residential dwellings (ERE/1113/0045). Despite the flagrant breach of the holiday let planning consent, recent information from EBC stated that objections could *only* be made on planning grounds based on the existing situation. It was agreed that a claim loss of amenity for the existing residents could be made due to the volume of additional traffic. In addition, Cllrs Mesdames Ancliff and Hobbs agreed to examine the conditions imposed (if any) when the previous applications had been approved, in case any had been breached, thus giving additional ground for objection. Councillors were considerably annoyed that little effective action appeared to be possible if planning regulations were flouted.

The parishioners left after this item, at 8:15pm.

- B. Golden Valley Farm, Derby Road: Application for certificate of existing lawful use for the stationing of one caravan used for residential purposes (ERE/1113/0020): In February 2011, item 10-212, three apparently unauthorized caravans had been reported, and EBC had been informed, but with apparently no comment. It was agreed that the situation was very similar to the previous application. No objection could be made on planning grounds.
- C. Wind turbines at Dale Abbey (ERE/0813/0007): Additional information. Not discussed, as too far outside the parish.

13-155 Tenders for Mowing etc (13-133)

The Clerk reported that he had asked three additional firms to tender, but only one had responded. However, as Green Fingers & Woulds’ quote was even higher than Futures Greenscape had been it was discounted. As for Glendale, a favourable reference had been received from Nuneaton & Bedworth Council (presumed served from the Birmingham depot) but still nothing from Nottingham City Council. Discussion centred around the merits of going for the lowest price, even from an unknown firm (although the initial contact need be for only one year, to assess its performance), or a slightly more expensive but local firm

whose work had given no cause for complaint. As there was still time (see 13-149 above), it was agreed to see if Dirty Wellies would revise their quote.

13-156 Budget 2014-2015

With the major and most visible item of expenditure, grounds maintenance, still not settled, it was agreed to defer any decision to the next meeting.

13-157 Carols Round the Tree (13-135)

Cllr Hardy reported problems with the lights on the roadside tree, with a missing transformer (subsequently discovered after a replacement had been bought) and a number of blown bulbs. Other changes have been made to the wiring. Two readers have been appointed for the lessons, Risley School pupils will sing one song, and there will be four carols. As Mr Tryner may not be able to lead the event, it was agreed that if necessary the Chairman or Vice-chairman would give the welcome, and then let the Rector take over. The pupils will meet at 6:15 in Church, to make christingles, and will then come round to the Village Hall for 7pm. It was agreed to give two bottles of wine each to two people who had helped put up the Christmas lights. Cllr Fogg will arrange this.

Observations from Councillors

13-158 Salt Bins

Cllr Fogg had taken charge of a bulk delivery of salt/grit. He undertook to check all the salt bins, and replenish as necessary.

13-159 Wind Turbine at Park Farm

Cllr Fogg gave notice that he had made a planning application for a wind turbine. The supplier had offered to speak to Councillors, and he enquired whether or not they would find this useful. It was agreed that the Clerk should invite the supplier's representative to the next meeting, when it was likely that this planning application would be discussed.

Cllr Jones left at this point. (8:50pm)

13-160 Breaston Lane Sign

It was reported that the Risley sign in Breaston Lane was badly faded and still had not been replaced. The Clerk will remind EBC.

13-161 Traffic Lights

Although DCC has recently replaced some sensors at the Bostocks Lane traffic lights, they still needed attention, in particular due to the frequent short duration of the green light from Bostocks Lane.

13-162 Kissing Gate

Western Power still had not replaced the kissing gate on the footpath to The Nook. The Clerk will remind them.

13-163 War Memorial

The large number of dead leaves around the base of the War Memorial was noted.

The meeting closed at 8:55pm.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RISLEY PARISH COUNCIL

in Harrison's Cottage, Risley Churchyard on Thursday 9 January 2014 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, Messrs D.Wheeler and S.Bates of Hallmark Green Power, about 40 members of the public (on the attendance list, which some may not have signed, 25 were from Risley, 3 from Stanton-by-Dale, 2 each from Breaston and Sawley, 1 each from Dale Abbey, Ockbrook and Long Eaton, and 2 not stated).

Apologies: Police.

13-164 Public Session

Mr D.Wheeler said that Hallmark Green Power had developed from an agricultural supply company based in Ashby de la Zouche. Government policy supported renewable energy, and while the present subsidies would undoubtedly diminish in the future the aim was to encourage renewable energy generation across the country, because many existing energy sources were running out and caused pollution. He talked to farmers about possibilities, including wind turbines and solar panel. He carefully vetted proposed sites for disturbance, noise etc. While the firm obviously worked closely alongside the planning authorities, the reports and recommendations were totally transparent. The Chairman then invited Mr Wheeler to answer questions and reply to comments from the many residents present.

Replying to a question about the size of wind turbines, Mr Wheeler said that five years ago the majority of wind turbines available were quite small, but experience has shown that larger ones are more efficient. Wind turbines are more effective than solar panels, and take much less space. In addition, wind occurs most of the time throughout the UK and Park Farm is a good windy spot, while sunlight is less consistent. The proposed turbine would have a mast 50m tall with 27m long blades so that the maximum height would be 77m.

A resident challenged the speaker's assertion that the turbine made 'no more noise than a cat walking across a bedroom carpet', saying that when staying with relatives near a wind farm in Cornwall she was constantly aware of their 'constant drone'. Others commented on low frequency noise generated. Mr Wheeler replied that most of the noise came from the gearbox in the nacelle, and this was easily calculated and measured. Although immediately beside the nacelle the noise was 100dB, the noise level fell by 6dB every 30m, so by 300m away it would have fallen to 35dB. (Sound is measured in dB, a logarithmic unit. The turbine generates 100dB of sound *power*, which is translated into a sound *pressure* inversely proportional to the distance at which it is measured.)

The effect and impact of a turbine on an attractive open landscape was a great concern, as it could be seen for miles (applause). Another resident spoke of the many people who came to see the local skylarks, lapwings and other birds. Although RSPB supported renewable energy it said that wind turbines disrupted birds and animals. Farmers relied on wildlife to keep vermin under control. The construction process would greatly disturb the bird population, if it did not wipe it out altogether. Mr Wheeler said that construction was a rapid and simple process. It took three or four days to dig the hole 12m diameter and 1.5m deep

for the foundations and then fill it with reinforcing rods and concrete. A month later, after the concrete had dried, the mast and blades would be erected, taking about four days. Construction took 38 days from beginning to end. As for affecting wildlife, he had seen no evidence to support this.

A resident said that government subsidy would repay the capital cost of a wind turbine in three years, so with a twenty year life the firm would make a handsome profit from the taxpayer. Future generations would pay both financially and environmentally for the turbines. Mr Wheeler pointed out that similar commercial considerations affected all areas of business, added to which wind turbines were far cheaper than the proposed nuclear power station at Hinkley Point.

Several people said that the Green Belt was not a suitable place for a wind turbine. It should be elsewhere. Furthermore, it was a lot more effective to have a group of ten or more on a site when considering connections to the national grid. Mr Wheeler replied maybe, but that was not the current proposal.

A resident stated that guidelines said that no turbine should be constructed closer than 600m to a dwelling, yet several people said that they lived within this distance. Mr Wheeler was adamant that the only dwelling closer than 600m was Park Farm house. A resident noted that while the conservation areas at Dale Abbey and Stanton-by-Dale were mentioned in the firm's report, there was no mention of the Risley Conservation Area with its Grade 2 & Grade 2* listed buildings. Was this a genuine oversight, or a deliberate understatement to justify other proposals in the future?

The Chairman pointed out that the Parish Council could only comment on planning proposals, it was Erewash Borough Council who made the decision, so objections should be sent there. Furthermore, a recent training session on planning had clearly stated that the visibility of a proposed structure was not a valid objection for planning purposes.

Cllr Fogg said that he owned the land where it was proposed to erect the wind turbine. He already had a small turbine which had worked for about 5 months although it had then stood idle for a long time while various legal and other issues were resolved. It should soon be running again, and then *anyone* was more than welcome to come and listen to it. His house was about 200m away, and for virtually the whole time the turbine was running the wind noise round the house was louder than the turbine. The only time they were conscious of the noise was when the wind was strong enough to turn the blades but not strong enough to drown their sound, maybe 5% of the total time. The proposed turbine was at least 500m away from anyone. When challenged that he had said he would never touch a turbine again, yet here he was doing just that, Cllr Fogg replied that he had bought his small turbine so he had to bear all its costs, and he would not buy one again. The necessary access road already existed to within 100m of the proposed site.

The Chairman closed the public session at 7:50pm. He encouraged people to send their objections to the Borough Council as soon as possible, and said they were entitled to speak at the planning meeting. EBC Cllr Mrs Clare said that such speakers should not be repetitive, and it was better to have one or two spokesmen.

Most of the visitors then left.

13-165 DCC Report

DCC Cllr Major reported that the budget was being set in late January, but he had no idea of any changes in council tax. A saving of £30m was required. The Council had set its new priorities. Consultation was starting over mobile libraries.

13-166 EBC Report

EBC Cllrs Mrs Clare Orchard reported that the long awaited Boundary Commission report was due next month. The 30 minute free parking facility had been very worthwhile. A smoker who had dropped her cigarette end in Ilkeston had been fined £75, and having failed to pay had been fined a further £240. There were proposals to remove the island at The Green, Long Eaton, and replace it by 4-way traffic lights. Objections could be made at Long Eaton Town Hall. An exhibition on Long Eaton Cycling Safety was to be held in the Town Hall on 22 January. A Chinese dance festival was being organised by Erewash Museum as part of the Chinese New Year 'Year of the Horse' on 1 February. A former Mayor, Brenda White, had died on Christmas Eve.

13-167 Minutes

The Minutes of 12 December 2013 were agreed and signed.

13-168 Declaration of Interests

Cllr Fogg, concerning the planning application for Park Farm.

Matters Arising

13-169 Mirror at Breaston Lane Junction (13-147)

Remedial work on the mirror awaits delivery of a suitable pole.

13-170 Playground Repairs (13-148)

An insurance claim for the repairs has been made. An email threatening legal action has been received from a resident in Rushy Lane whose son received soft tissue injuries when he fell through the damaged roundabout. The Clerk replied to him and has informed the insurance company of the threat.

13-171 Carols Round the Tree (13-150)

The event had been very successful. Materials to make 40 christingles had been collected in Church and 39 children turned up. Making them did not take as long as expected, so it could be delayed until 6:30pm this year (from 6:15pm). This would help to prevent the gap as some people without children had arrived early. Some additional carols could be sung then, assuming the Salvation Army was ready slightly earlier. An effective PA system was required. The collection was £92.46, up £4.70 on the previous year. Cllr Jones proposed, seconded by Cllr Fogg, that £160 be given to the Salvation Army. All were in favour. It was reported that there had been several favourable comments about the tree and decorations. The tree has been taken down. It was reported that the gifts to helpers erecting and dismantling the tree and decorations had been greatly appreciated.

13-172 Kissing Gate (13-162)

The Clerk had spoken to Western Power who said that cable had been laid for only 10m along the footpath. Their own contractor said that the gate was missing before work started. It was agreed that a gate was still necessary, to deter motor cyclists and horse riders from using the path, so DCC Footpaths will be asked to replace it.

13-173 Correspondence

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. DALC Newsletter – Section 137 expenditure for 2014-15 is increased from £6.98 per head of electors to £7.20 (ie up to £4154 from £4027), DCC has been allocated £84,600 by the Heritage Lottery Fund for a ‘project to commemorate the First World War across the county’ at the end of which there will be a travelling exhibition.
- B. Police: Reported a dwelling burglary in First Avenue and an attempted break in at an outhouse, but ‘nothing had happened over the Christmas period’. More recently, Councillors reported that some items had disappeared from a garden in Derby Road, and a casual caller ‘asking for change for the bus’ was reported by a suspicious resident.
- C. Dirty Wellies – Playground Inspection: Several low risk items, medium risk hazard noted at the self-closing gates. Agreed to enquire whether he is still willing to do the necessary work – another firm had quoted about £550 to rehang the gates.
- D. EBC - Allianz Engineering survey of First Avenue playground: Features on the gate need attention, roundabout requires immediate repair (survey done shortly before the repairs were made), spiders web unit impact matting ‘being obscured by grass growth’.
- E. A-one Integrated Highway Services: Notice of impending resurfacing on the A52 westbound lane from the M1 to Borrowash, with overnight and weekend road closures and diversions.

13-174 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the following be paid:

A.	Risley Educational Foundation – City street light (see 13-153)	35.00
B.	Salvation Army (see 13-171 above)	160.00
C.	Canopy Tree Services – Tree report (but has it been received?)	180.00
D.	Post Office – Clerk’s tax	169.60
E.	A.Fogg – Gifts to helpers (see 13-150)	34.61
F.	S.A.Leleux – Clerk salary & expenses	188.34

Southern Electric - £14.38 credit balance.

13-175 Planning Applications

Previous Applications

- A. Land SE of Coach House, Derby Road (ERE/1013/1407): Tree works – approved.
- B. 113 Derby Road (ERE/1013/1413): Tree works – approved.
- C. Greythorpe, Derby Road (ERE/0813/1390): Tree works – approved
- D. 34A Derby Road (ERE/0813/1390): Demolition of existing and replacement of detached garage - approved.
- E. Land SW of 19A Derby Road (ERE/0713/0020): Erection of two storey dwelling – approved.

New Applications

- A. Park Farm, No Mans Lane, Risley (ERE/1213/0019): Installation of one 50 metre high (77 metres to tip) 500KW wind turbine and associated infrastructure, including an access track. Cllr Fogg had declared his interest and left the building while this item was discussed. There was considerable discussion, and three letters of objection

were read. One Councillor spoke in support of the proposal, as a means to help farmers diversify in difficult times. As for noise, there was more from the M1 and A52, domestic cats were a greater threat to wildlife than wind turbines, and no health issues had been reported in medical journals. Most Councillors, though, were concerned at the visual impact and the precedent which would be set, as there is an application for two wind turbines at Dale Abbey and one at Friesland Farm is currently the subject of an appeal. If they were all approved No Mans Lane would become effectively a wind farm, even though the individual turbines belonged to different people. A vote was taken: For the proposal 2, Against the proposal 3, Abstain 2. The Clerk will inform EBC that RPC objects, and will summarise the objections heard earlier. Cllr Hardy proposed, seconded by Cllr Mrs Hobbs, that the objection should be accompanied by a recommendation that it should be considered by the Planning Committee. All were in favour. Cllr Fogg returned to the meeting.

Several visitors, including Messrs Wheeler and Bates of Hallmark, left at this point (8:50pm).

- B. Land west of 90 Derby Road (ERE/1213/0035): Erection of one detached three storey dwelling plus new vehicular access. No objection.

Cllr Jones and a parishioner left at this point (8:55pm).

- C. Unit 8 Octavia House Bostocks Lane Business Park, Sandiacre (ERE/1213/0050): Revision to car parking spaces (including 10 new spaces), covered bicycle shelter for 8 bicycles, alterations to elevations for new entrance and fenced enclosure for air-handling plant. No objections, particularly as it may alleviate parking problems in Bostocks Lane.
- D. Keys Farm (ERE/1113/0045): Revision of curtilages noted. It was agreed that the previous objections remained.

EBC Cllr Orchard left at this point (9:00pm).

13-176 Tenders for Mowing etc (13-155)

The Clerk reported that Dirty Wellies had agreed to revise their quote to £5260 in 2014, with 3% increases in following years. After some discussion over the merits of using a firm which was known to do a good job, and a cheaper but unknown alternative, and remembering that Dirty Wellies had been appointed in place of a cheaper but less effective firm some years ago, Cllr Fogg proposed, seconded by Cllr Mrs Housley, that Dirty Wellies be appointed for the next three years. All were in favour. When repairs were required another firm could be used if thought desirable.

13-177 Budget 2014-2015

The Clerk had produced 'best guess' outlines in the absence of any information from EBC. It was agreed to retain the precept at £7010. It was proposed by Cllr Fogg, seconded by Cllr Mrs Ancliff, to accept the Clerk's outline budget unless there were 'significant differences' when actual figures for Concurrent Functions were sent by EBC. All were in favour.

13-178 Standing Orders (13-151)

Held over until the next meeting.

Observations from Councillors

13-179 No Parking on Verge Signs

It was reported that the sign near the entrance to Treetops had been moved to the verge outside 100 Derby Road, but appeared to be effective. The signs placed on the verge near Rising Lea (13-152-F) had all disappeared by the next day. The Police had been informed. It was agreed that any new signs should state Risley Parish Council on them. It was suggested that parking on the verge could be an item in the next newsletter.

13-180 Overgrown Hedges

It was reported that hedges were overgrown across the pavement and presented a hazard to pedestrians at: Risley Hall, School House, and Latin House.

13-181 Breaston Lane Seat

It was reported that the legs were rotten on the public seat at the end of Breaston Lane. It was agreed to obtain a quote for their repair.

13-182 Salt Bins

Cllr Fogg reported that he had checked and refilled all the grit bins. DCC had provided, free as part of the Snow Warden scheme, an additional grit bin which had been placed in Second Avenue near the entrance to the playing field.

13-183 Wind Turbine at Park Farm

Cllr Fogg said that he had not wanted to say anything earlier as it might bias opinions. He understood that the government encouraged wind farm developers to make regular significant donations to the nearby communities, and Hallmark may do the same if his turbine is approved. Questioned, he thought that the sum could be as much as £1500pa, possibly payable as a lump sum.

13-184 Traffic Lights (13-161)

It was reported that timing at the traffic lights is still erratic. The lights work best when the road is busy, but at slack periods the delay responding to a vehicle can be quite long. DCC Cllr Major said that he would continue to badger the Highways Section.

13-185 Manhole

It was reported that the manhole cover about 50 yards west of the entrance to Treetops often rose up and water escaped. DCC Cllr Major agreed to inform the Highways Section.

13-186 Litter Bin

It was reported that the litter bin on the lamp post near the Nook bridleway faced the road and not the pavement, making it awkward for pedestrians to use. EBC will be asked to move it.

13-187 Pedestrian Crossing at Risley Hall

Two street lights have been moved near the site of the island for pedestrians near the entrance to Risley Hall.

The meeting closed at 9:35pm.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RISLEY PARISH COUNCIL

in Harrison's Cottage, Risley Churchyard on Thursday 13 February 2014 at 7:00pm.

Present: Cllrs Mrs P.Ancliff, A.Fogg, Mrs R.Hobbs, Mrs B.Housley, F.Jones, M.O'Neill (in the chair). In attendance: DCC Cllr W.Major, Mr S.A.Leleux, Clerk, and 7 members of the public, all residents of Risley.

Apologies: Cllrs R.Hardy, D.Rhodes, EBC Cllrs Mrs V.Clare, D.Orchard, Police.

Cllr Mrs Ancliff took the chair.

13-188 Public Session

Mr J.Platt said that most of the complaints about wind turbines related to noise. Guidance on noise had been set in 1997 at levels which would not hinder the widespread development of wind energy. Since that time, turbine size had increased significantly and the character of the noise recognised as more pervasive, but the guidance unchanged. His research showed growing evidence that noise limits were too high in relation to nearby dwellings. Constant exposure to turbine noise at the guide levels posed significant risk of sleep deprivation which in turn could cause health problems. Both the World Health Organisation and Germany have set lower noise levels which translate to minimum distances of 1.5 to 2km from industrial turbines. If these distances were applied here, most of Risley would be covered. He had come to share his findings. In addition, he believed that the *landowner* was responsible for any nuisance brought on to his land, and could be prosecuted with the possibility of high damages being awarded against him. Considerable discussions about noise followed, during which Mr Platt said that he could not hear Cllr Fogg's small turbine, which had been operating for the past 3 weeks after a long period of idleness. Residents present from Keys Farm said that they could sometimes hear an intermittent noise, depending on the strength and direction of the wind. Another resident thought that the presence of additional wind turbines would discourage visitors to the last green space between Nottingham and Derby, to the detriment of local businesses and with an adverse effect on house prices. Cllr O'Neill had just arrived but not yet taken the chair. He pointed out that an adverse effect on property values was not a valid objection to a planning application. In addition, RPC had made its report to EBC following the January meeting, and any further comments should be made direct to EBC. As for the short notice received of the proposals, the Clerk pointed out that EBC published a weekly list of new planning applications on its website, and those applying to Risley were discussed at the following monthly meeting. The notice received by RPC varied between a month and a day, and RPC had only a short time to respond, usually 21 days, although a request for an extension of time was made when the official period expired before the date of the next meeting. Information could be obtained from the Council's minutes, accessible on the RPC website, but they were always a month behind as they needed to be approved before display.

Cllr M.O'Neill (7:23pm) took the chair.

13-189 DCC Report

DCC Cllr Major reported that the new pedestrian crossing island had been constructed on Derby Road near the entrance to Risley Hall. It was noted that the construction team had carefully removed bulbs from the site and planted them again afterwards; the Clerk was instructed to thank DCC for their consideration. Cllr Major had notified Highways about a broken manhole cover opposite Latin House. The traffic lights had been inspected and serviced and 'no issues had been found' but the matter was still being debated. DCC Council Tax will rise by 1.99%, the maximum permitted without calling for a referendum. Cuts amounting to £53m had been announced, the areas affected

included highways, home helps, and the contribution expected from someone in a care home who had significant liquid assets.

13-190 EBC Report

There was no report as neither EBC Councillor could be present.

13-191 Minutes

The Minutes of 9 January 2014 were agreed and signed.

13-192 Declaration of Interests

None.

Matters Arising

13-193 Mirror at Breaston Lane Junction (13-169)

Cllr Fogg reported that he had been unable to provide a suitable pole, and it was agreed that he should purchase one.

13-194 Playground Repairs (13-170)

The insurance company has authorised £381.56 for the repairs to the roundabout, having deducted £300 excess as at least three incidents occurred.

13-195 Kissing Gate (13-172)

DCC had replied that gates belong to landowners, so it was their responsibility to request a replacement if one was needed to retain animals. DCC preferred to see gaps to gates, and pointed out that riding motor cycles along footpaths was a criminal offence, to be reported to the Police, and horse riding might be a trespass. It was agreed to leave the matter unless and until there were reports of motor cyclists or horse riders using the path.

13-196 Budget (13-177)

The Clerk reported that he had claimed £7010 for the precept, of which EBC would provide £64 arising from other sources and thus slightly reducing the burden on Risley ratepayers. As expected, EBC had reduced Concurrent Functions by 5%, and £9522 had been allocated.

13-197 Correspondence

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. EBC Borough Blitz – It was agreed to participate, the Clerk to request a suitable date.
- B. Healthwatch – Literature distributed but the offer of a speaker was declined.
- C. National Savings – Interest received in 2013 £67.98, balance now £9132.47
- D. Risley Guides – Mrs Whitmore is stepping down with effect from 11 February, being replaced by Miss Lisa Simmons and Miss Josie Graham. She wrote ‘many thanks for your support whilst I have been at Risley Guides’.
- E. DALC Newsletter: Subscription next year increased by 1% to £193.97 (first increase in 5 years). Training programme details.
- F. Newark firm advertising spares for former BT red kiosks.
- G. Police: Sent apologies, and said that four crimes had been reported in the past month, three thefts (two from motor vehicles) and one burglary. Councillors wondered whether actual house numbers of addresses could be given on information provided at meetings.
- H. Local Government Boundary Commission: Draft recommendations for the revision of Erewash ward boundaries, for consultation. It was proposed that Risley and Breaston

should remain together, returning two councilors as at present, but Stanton should be joined to Kirk Hallam.

13-198 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the following be paid:

A.	EBC - Christmas lights	358.19
B.	M.O'Neill – Chairman's expenses	36.80
C.	S.A.Leleux – Clerk salary & expenses	194.61

Southern Electric - £11.86 credit balance.

Two visitors left at this point (7:45pm).

13-199 Planning Applications

Previous Applications

New Applications

- A. Hillside Farm Cottage, Rushy Lane (ERE/0114/0034): Two storey side and rear extensions to dwelling (resubmission of ERE/0313/0024, see 11-4-2013, 12-249-1). The reclassification to equestrian from agricultural had been clarified since the previous submission. It was agreed there was no objection, with the proviso that it should be used *only* as a family home and not for any commercial purposes.
- B. Old Post Office, Derby Road (ERE/0114/1419): Pruning works to 10 trees in the Conservation Area. None of the trees had a TPO, and there was no objection.

The remaining five visitors left (7:55pm).

13-200 Standing Orders & Procedures (13-178)

The Clerk had noted a number of queries while examining existing and proposed versions of the documents.

- A. Standing Order 3b – Motion to agree sending notification of meetings by email proposed by Cllr Mrs Ancliff, seconded Cllr Mrs Hobbs. All in favour.
- B. Standing Order 30 a(v) & b – For consistency, £60K proposed for formal tenders by Cllr Jones, seconded by Cllr Mrs Ancliff. All in favour.
- C. Complaints – Agreed to use the NALC model procedure, proposed by Cllr Mrs Hobbs, seconded by Cllr Fogg. All in favour.
- D. Financial Regs – There were no obvious changes from the existing document. In 3.4 the Clerk's authority authorize emergency expenditure was increased to £300, proposed by Cllr Fogg, seconded by Cllr Jones. All in favour.
- E. Financial Regs 11.1b Contracts: Change £59K to £60K for consistency proposed by Cllr Mrs Ancliff, seconded by Cllr Fogg. All in favour.
- F. Financial Regs 11.1i Clerk to seek 3 *estimates* if price is in range £300 to £500, proposed by Cllr Mrs Hobbs, seconded by Cllr Mrs Ancliff. All in favour.
- G. Grievance – Retain present procedure with the DALC notes as guidance proposed by Cllr Mrs Housley, seconded by Cllr Jones. All in favour.
- H. Requests for information & charges – Proposed by Cllr Mrs Ancliff, seconded by Cllr Fogg, that the new Freedom of Information procedure be used, with £5 basic charge plus the additional charges specified. All in favour.
- I. Requests from Media – Proposed by Cllr Mrs Ancliff, seconded by Cllr Jones, to retain the present procedure. All in favour.

Cllr Jones and DCC Cllr Major left at this point (8:10pm).

13-201 Tree Report

Cllr Mrs Ancliff went through the report. There was nothing dangerous or urgent, but quite a lot that was desirable. It was agreed to ask the tree surgeon for separate quotes for the First Avenue field and Rush Meadow, as the latter was in the Conservation Area and would require planning consent. It was noted that the proposed drainage ditch across the back of the Village Hall had not yet been dug, and some of the recommended pruning would facilitate its construction.

Observations from Councillors

13-202 Parking on Verges

It was reported that verges near 38 Derby Road and opposite Latin House had been badly damaged. Of ten 'Please do not park on the verge' signs, only two remained! One had been discovered, snapped in half, on the verge by Risley Hall grounds. It was thought that the signs on lamp posts were too high to be effective, as motorists would not see them, and lowering was suggested.

13-203 Village Hall

- A. It was reported that Mrs Tivey is standing down as Secretary in April.
- B. It is proposed to construct a box mounted on an outside wall to contain all the electrical gear associated with outside lights, mainly (if not entirely) at Christmas. It was agreed that RPC would meet any reasonable cost.
- C. An event to for the village is planned for 25 August, the bank holiday, and it was hoped that RPC would support it, similar to its support for the Jubilee event in 2012 (then £200 for the entertainer, £500 towards expenses). The event could be combined with a display to commemorate the outbreak of World War I (see 13-210 below). Members asked to be kept informed.

13-204 West Hallam Storage Depot

Cllr Fogg had attended a meeting with representatives of several local parish councils and the new director in charge of the West Hallam storage depot. A lot of issues relating to the depot and surrounding parishes were raised, but he obtained the impression that they were doing all they could to discourage heavy traffic from using the lanes. The new number to report vehicles is 0115 932 8250. The suggestion was made by Stanton-by-Dale that Risley could work with them to monitor Rushy Lane traffic for one day. A point which emerged from the meeting was the unsuitable location for the HGV sign at the traffic lights. By the time a driver saw it the chances were he was in the wrong (left hand) lane and was committed to going up Rushy Lane. It was suggested that it should be placed 300 yards before the lights, so that a vehicle had time to move into the right hand lane. It was agreed to send this suggestion to DCC Cllr Major for action.

13-205 Sundry Issues Requiring Clarification

Over the past few years Councillors had become aware of a number of issues which needed clarification, particularly in relation to contentious subjects. The need had become more urgent following the planning application for a wind turbine (discussed at the January meeting) and the public interest it had caused. It was used as an example in the considerable discussion which followed.

- A. Could any member of the public attend a RPC meeting and speak or only Risley residents? DALC had replied that anyone could attend and speak at a parish council meeting, resident or not, but suggested that if there were a number of people for the same issue they elected a spokesman to avoid taking too much time. Typically, visitors were allowed to speak for 2 minutes.
- B. Requests for information or comment by the media needed careful handling. It was easy to be caught off-guard and unprepared, and then to make careless statements. However careful

one was, any statement was still liable to be misrepresented in the press. One answer was to refer the press to the minutes on the website – although they were always a month in arrears – or to attend the meetings and take their own notes. It was agreed that the request should be passed to the Clerk, who would refer to the Chairman/Vice chairman for a response.

- C. From comments made by visitors, it appeared desirable for declarations of interest to be made at the very beginning of a meeting. It was agreed to do this.
- D. What actually constituted a personal or prejudicial interest, and a neighbor? It was agreed that the Clerk should obtain definitions from DALC and the EBC Monitoring Officer, since it is possible that in the past Councillors may have declared an interest when in fact they had no need to do so.
- E. The duration of any public session needed to be stated. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Hobbs, seconded by Cllr Mrs Housley, that any one speaker should be limited to 3 minutes, and that the whole Public Session should not exceed 20 minutes, unless the Chairman decided otherwise. All were in favour.

13-206 Fireworks

It was reported that recently fireworks had been let off after midnight at a house in Risley, disturbing residents. It was agreed to discover what any EBC regulations stated.

13-207 Parking on the Verge at Rising Lea

It was reported vehicles were regularly parked on the verge near Rising Lea, and that as a result it was badly churned up. Enquiries by a Councillor had been unfruitful, being met by evasiveness or no reply. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to each of the firms on the site. He reported that he had not received any reply when he had written to the site's owner.

13-208 Playground Committee

It was agreed to reform the Playground Committee (Cllrs Mrs Ancliff, O'Neill, Rhodes and any others who wanted to participate) to consider replacements for life expired equipment and investigate funding sources.

13-209 No Wind Farm Here Notice

A 'temporary' notice against a proposed road to serve the Stanton site had been replaced by one reading 'No Wind Farm Here'. This was both inaccurate and unauthorized, being in the Greenbelt. EBC had received a complaint and the whole structure has to be removed 'two days after the [Planning Committee's] decision.'

13-210 World War I Commemoration

DCC and Diocesan money is available for events commemorating the centenary of the outbreak of World War I. Cllr Mrs Ancliff is investigating the possibility of a display for the August Village Hall event (see 13-203-C above).

13-211 Croft Sign

A new large version of the sign about The Croft had been made by Mr Woodhouse. It was agreed that he should be asked to mount it on the School fence in place of the existing small sign.

The meeting closed at 9:50pm.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RISLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Risley Village Hall on Friday 14 March 2014 at 7:00pm.

Present: Cllrs Mrs P.Ancliff, A.Fogg, R.Hardy, Mrs R.Hobbs, Mrs B.Housley, M.O'Neill (in the chair). In attendance: DCC Cllr W.Major, Mr S.A.Leleux, Clerk, and 18 members of the public, all residents of Risley (plus a number of apologies).

Apologies: Cllrs F.Jones, D.Rhodes, EBC Cllrs Mrs V.Clare, D.Orchard, Police.

13-212 Declaration of Interests

None.

13-213 Public Session

Mr T.Pedley, spokesman for the residents concerning the planning application for a MacDonalds restaurant in Bostocks Lane at the M1/A52 interchange, expressed approval for the way RPC has maintained the character of the village over many years. This application would be a major change. Points opposing the application, mentioned by him and others, included:

- Road safety, particularly the difficulty of turning right from the site into queues of traffic at peak periods, and the speed of traffic leaving the interchange
- The lack of anywhere to turn for vehicles turning left from the site but really wanting to reach the interchange – the Holiday Inn entrance or car park was not suitable
- The concerns of Friesland School which was only about quarter of a mile away
- Residential amenity loss
- Additional litter on A52 verges – identifiable MacDonalds items already lie there
- 24/7 opening would generate intolerable noise late at night and on summer evenings
- Bostocks Lane formed a major entrance to Erewash and should therefore be kept attractive
- The previous application was for an office block, with restrictions on business hours
- Surveys showed that MacDonalds busiest times coincided with peak traffic
- Health threats (admittedly different) from both wind turbines (a recent application) and this one
- MacDonalds sites known to attract other businesses eg filling stations
- East Midlands is the worst place in UK for obesity – this site would aggravate the problem.

At the end of the Public Session the majority of residents left, only six remaining.

13-214 DCC Report

None, due to the absence of Cllr Major.

13-215 EBC Report

Although neither EBC Councillor could be present, the Clerk read a report from EBC Cllr Orchard. The EBC Budget was passed last Thursday had no increase in Council Tax (the fifth year with no increase) and required no cuts in services and no increase in car park charges. Car parking tickets will be transferable and the number of free half hour parking bays increased from 36 to 75. A free bulky waste collection policy is to be introduced. The

small grant fund to voluntary bodies will be doubled. Other allocations included: £140k to refurbish St. Lawrence nursery (behind Long Eaton library), £30k on footpaths around St. Lawrence church, £30k to refurbish war memorials for the centenary of World War I, grants to be available to refurbish shop fronts, and each Councillor will have a community fund of £500, similar to the County Fund (on the premise that local councillors know where groups need a little help).

13-216 Minutes

The Minutes of 13 February 2014 were agreed and signed.

Matters Arising

13-217 Mirror at Breaston Lane Junction (13-193)

Cllr Fogg reported that he had bought a pole, and installation was well in hand.

13-218 Borough Blitz (13-197-A)

All the dates in March had been allocated already, and it was agreed to accept the suggested date Saturday 3 May. Suitable notices will be distributed.

13-219 Tree Surgeon (13-201)

The author of the report quoted £640+VAT. It was agreed that Cllr Mrs Ancliff should obtain a second quote before the next meeting. She had made a planning application to cover work in Rush Meadow, which is within the Conservation Area.

13-220 Sundry Issues Requiring Clarification (13-205)

Enquiries had shown that any Councillor speaking in a Public Session did so as an individual. Therefore it was not necessary for them to declare an interest, and that the appropriate place for such declarations was at the beginning of the meeting proper. After some discussion it was proposed by Cllr Hardy, seconded by Cllr Fogg, that statements made during Public Sessions should, as far as possible, be summarised, and Standing Orders should be amended to reflect this. All were in favour.

13-221 Fireworks (13-206)

EBC stated that the law prohibits letting off fireworks between 11pm & 7am, except for Bonfire Night (midnight cut off), New Year's Eve, Diwali & Chinese New Year, all 1am cut off.

13-222 Parking on the Verge at Rising Lea (13-207)

Clerk had obtained names of four firms at Rising Lea and had written to them. Cllr Mrs Housley had made contact with the site's letting agent, who had been extremely helpful and apologised for any damage caused. No cars had been observed parked on the verge since.

13-223 Hopwell

The Clerk reported that the status of Hopwell had been raised at the recent Borough & Parishes Forum meeting. Now that it was aware of the situation, which could not be allowed to continue, EBC intended to convene a parish meeting to discover the views of residents about any proposed link with Risley or elsewhere so that the situation would be clarified before the elections in 2015. Draycott Parish said it laid no claim to Hopwell, but Ockbrook & Borrowash said it would be discussed at the next meeting. EBC noted that Hopwell residents have voted at Risley since 1974.

13-224 Correspondence

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. DALC Newsletters – Training programme, repeal of ‘2 signature rule’ for cheques is being proposed, although its retention could well be more suitable for small councils; draft proposals now being considered would permit reporting (including filming and audio recording) during council meetings and to share such reports during or after the meeting in writing, internet etc (but the public could still be temporarily excluded if necessary).
- B. EBC – Any planting in verges to commemorate WW1 requires a DCC cultivation license.
- C. EBC Erewash Strategic Housing Land Availability – EBC will be in touch to inform RPC how EBC officers have assessed the suitability of any land in Risley.
- D. DCC Parish Liaison Forum meeting, 1 May, Matlock, 6-8pm.
- E. Rev G.Lucas – The Rector is quite willing for RPC to meet in the Church if more people are expected than can be accommodated in Harrison’s Cottage.
- F. Grant Thornton (external auditors) – Asked the Clerk to sign a ‘Declaration of No Accounts’ for Hopwell Parish. It was agreed he could do this.
- G. Police – One recorded crime in the past month, a burglary in Second Avenue. PC Mark Suiter is leaving his post as beat officer for the Rural Area, and as yet no replacement has been named.
- H. Dirty Wellies – Inspection report. The play area gates are classified as medium risk.

13-225 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the following be paid:

A. Stanton-by-Dale PCC - Photocopyong	13.35
B. Risley PCC – Room hire (Harrisons Cottage)	40.00
C. Risley Village Hall – Room hire	25.00
D. G.Woodhouse – Croft sign	20.00
E. P.Guyll – Playground inspection	40.00
F. Post Office Ltd – Clerk’s tax	42.40
G. S.A.Leleux – Clerk salary & expenses	214.78

Southern Electric - £9.60 credit balance.

13-226 Planning Applications

Previous Applications

- A. Keys Farm, Derby Road: Retrospective application for continued use of existing barns as four individual residential dwellings (ERE/1113/0045). Approved.
- B. Golden Valley Farm, Derby Road: Application for certificate of existing lawful use for the stationing of one caravan used for residential purposes (ERE/1113/0020). Approved.
- C. Old Post Office, Derby Road (ERE/0114/1419): Pruning works to 10 trees in the Conservation Area. Approved.

New Applications

Note: All four applications below relate to ‘Land East Of 56 Bostocks Lane Sandiacre Derbyshire’ the field at the junction of the slip road for A52 eastbound traffic wishing to reach the interchange roundabout with Bostocks Lane.

- A. ERE/0214/0009 Freestanding two storey restaurant with associated drive-thru, access, car parking and landscaping and installation of 2 no. customer order displays and canopies.

- B. ERE/0214/0010 Various site signage including 1 no. gateway (height restrictor), 9 no. freestanding signs, 1 no. side by side directional, 1 no. banner and 14 no. dot signs.
- C. ERE/0214/0011 7 no. new fascia signs.
- D. ERE/0214/0012 The installation of a 12m totem sign.

There was considerable discussion, raising many of the points made during the Public Session and some others as well. It was unanimously agreed to oppose the application. It was also agreed that the Clerk should circulate a draft letter to Councillors for comment before sending it.

Observations from Councillors

13-227 Christmas Trees

Cllr Hardy reported that a local garden centre had 5ft tall Christmas trees for sale for £5 each. It was agreed that he should buy about half a dozen, for planting behind the Village Hall.

13-228 Pot Hole

It was reported that there was a large pot hole in the centre of the Derby Road/Bostocks Lane junction. Cllr Hardy agreed to report it to DCC.

13-229 Parking on Rush Meadow

A request had been received from Treetops asking for permission to park cars on Rush Meadow on 5 April when an event is planned. Assuming the ground was dry permission was granted.

13-230 Seat at Breaston Lane

The Clerk was instructed to remind Mr Smith for a quote to repair the seat on the corner of Breaston Lane. If, for any reason, he was unable to quote then another person should be asked to quote.

13-231 Overhanging Vegetation

It was reported that pyracantha bushes overhung the wall of Risley Hall from the entrance to the Breaston Lane junction. Being at head height they were a hazard to pedestrians. The Clerk was instructed to write to Risley Hall. The laurel outside School House has not been cut back either, and the Clerk was instructed to inform the agents, Marriotts of Nottingham.

13-232 Latin School Light

It was reported that Latin School is now rarely used, so the City streetlight is effectively the only electrical appliance there. Initial reports suggest that the recent contribution towards its annual running costs did not meet the actual cost. The Chairman agreed to obtain exact figures, and a more realistic figure could perhaps be included in the next claim for Concurrent Functions.

The meeting closed at 9:50pm.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RISLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Harrison's Cottage on Thursday 10 April 2014 at 7:02pm.

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

Apologies: Cllrs Mrs P.Ancliff, D.Rhodes, EBC Cllrs Mrs V.Clare, D.Orchard, Police.

14-1 Public Session

None.

14-2 DCC Report

Cllr Major apologised for his absence at the previous meeting. New Service Plans were published at a full Council meeting. Due to a surprise announcement at the beginning of a recent DCC meeting, requiring all interests of bodies which were involved with lobbying, including membership of organisations such as the RAC which the average member had joined for unrelated reasons, to be declared, the Conservative members had left as, in their opinion, the new requirements were unworkable.

14-3 EBC Report

None, due to the absence of both EBC Councillors.

14-4 Declaration of Interests

None.

14-5 Minutes

The Minutes of 14 March 2014 were agreed and signed.

Matters Arising

14-6 Mirror at Breaston Lane Junction (13-217)

It was reported that installation was well in hand, and should be completed very soon.

14-7 Tree Surgeon (13-219)

It was proposed by Cllr Jones, seconded by Cllr Mrs Hobbs, that the quote of £520+VAT from Poplar Tree Services for assorted tree work be accepted, being £130 less than that from Canopy Tree Services. All were in favour.

14-8 Sundry Issues Requiring Clarification (13-220)

The Clerk reported that paragraph 1h in the recently adopted Standing Orders stated that 'A record of a public participation shall be included in the minutes of the meeting'. It was therefore not necessary to make the amendment proposed at the previous meeting.

14-9 Parking on the Verge at Rising Lea (13-222)

Cllr Mrs Housley reported recently seeing two cars parked in the verge at Rising Lea. She had remonstrated with the driver of one. It was agreed to monitor the situation, and if necessary complain to the MD of the firm concerned.

14-10 Keys Farm (13-226-A)

Some time after this application had been approved, the Clerk had noticed in the EBC planning documentation a statement to the effect that as traffic associated with holiday lets had been accepted it was unreasonable to make extra traffic a reason for objecting to their change of use to residential accommodation. Unlike holiday use, residential use could involve more cars per dwelling and extended use (shift work etc) and he felt that the argument was flawed. While any comment was too late to affect Keys Farm, he wondered whether RPC should point out this unrealistic assumption to EBC. While the point was considered valid by most Councillors, it was agreed to take no action, but to remember it for possible similar future applications.

14-11 Christmas Trees (13-227)

Cllr Hardy reported that he had purchased four Christmas trees, approximately 6ft tall, for planting behind the Village Hall.

14-12 Pot Hole (13-228)

It was reported that the large pot hole in the centre of the Derby Road/Bostocks Lane junction had been filled.

14-13 Seat at Breaston Lane (13-230)

The Clerk had obtained a quote from Chapel Joinery for the repair of this seat (£250+VAT) and then, days before this meeting, Mr Smith had replied, quoting £70. Councillors agreed to accept Mr Smith's quote, and also his quotes for cleaning and staining the public seats (£270) and revarnishing the RPC notice board near 50 Derby Road (£35). Acceptance of all the quotes was proposed by Cllr Mrs Hobbs, seconded by Cllr Mrs Housley. All were in favour.

14-14 Correspondence

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. DALC – Newsletters: Although councils can now make arrangements for single signature banking, Cllr Mrs Housley proposed, seconded by Cllr Mrs Hobbs, that Risley should retain the present 2-signature arrangement. All were in favour. It was agreed that the Clerk should examine the new model Financial Regulations and adapt them for Risley for approval at the next meeting.
- B. Police – Apologies. Recent crimes in the village were the theft of scrap from a property in Derby Road and the theft of two bikes from a shed in Second Avenue.
- C. EBC – Concurrent Functions £9522 and Precept £7010, totalling £16,532 will be paid shortly.
- D. Risley PCC – Invitation to the Annual Risley Service on 11 May. The preacher will be Cllr Mrs Hobbs, a Lay Reader at Risley Church.

14-15 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the following be paid:

A.	DALC – Subscription	193.97
B.	A.Fogg – Post for Breaston Lane mirror	9.84
C.	R.Hardy – Christmas trees	23.00
D.	S.A.Leleux – Clerk salary & expenses	210.10
	Southern Electric - £7.34 credit balance.	

14-16 Planning Applications

Previous Applications

None.

New Applications

- A. Risley Village Hall – Works to various trees in Conservation Area (ERE/0314/1440). Discussed at a previous meeting.
- B. 23 Derby Road – Crown reduction of silver birch (ERE/0314/1441). No discussion as this application had been approved a few days previous.

14-17 Annual Accounts

Accounts were distributed, but discussion was deferred until the next meeting, after audit.

14-18 Annual Return

Sections 1 & 2 for the Annual Return were approved/completed, and signed by the Chairman (proposed by Cllr Jones, seconded by Cllr Hardy, all in favour).

14-19 Play Scheme & Newsletter

As participants will pay £5 for each attendance, thus helping to offset the cost, Cllr Mrs Hobbs proposed, seconded by Cllr Jones, that eight places be offered for two weeks instead of the usual six. All were in favour. The new arrangements will be described in the Newsletter, scheduled to appear soon after Easter to publicise the litter picking event. It was agreed that Village Hall events could be advertised..

Observations from Councillors

14-20 Councillors as Representatives

It was reported that Cllr Mrs Ancliff had represented RPC at a well-attended art exhibition at Friesland School for dyslexic pupils in Years 7 & 8. Cllr Mrs Hobbs was thanked for her excellent presentation of RPC's objections to the proposed MacDonalds restaurant at the recent meeting of EBC Planning Committee.

14-21 Litter

It was reported that no less than 74 gin & tonic cans were picked up during a walk from Rushy Lane to Derby Road via the Nook.

14-22 Hedge at Rush Meadow

The hedge beside the pavement past Rush Meadow was said to contain a number of gaps, and needed either additional quicks to be planted or a fence inserted. It was agreed to defer a decision until the next meeting, so that Councillors could examine the hedge.

14-23 Plaques

Councillors agreed that the new large plaque for The Croft should be erected at eye level, and the existing small plaque transferred to the gates at the end of the school field. It was also agreed to collect information for a plaque at The Nook.

14-24 Parking on Verge

The Clerk was instructed to write to 69 Derby Road, requesting that a van should cease to be regularly parked on the verge outside.

14-25 Nook Bridleway

It was reported that recently a lady had fallen while dog walking along the Nook bridleway. It was agreed that as the surface only had to be fit for horses there was no need for action.

The meeting closed at 7:59pm.