

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISHES OF HOPWELL AND RISLEY

Held at Harrison's Cottage on Thursday 6 April 2017 at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors P Ancliff, J Hitchcock, R Hobbs, S Jarratt, F Jones and D Rhodes

In attendance: Representatives of Risley WI, Treetops Hospice and the Village Hall Management Committee

APM-1 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor B Housley and Borough Councillor V Clare.

APM-2 **Election of Chair**

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1972, the Chair of the Parish Council, Councillor Ancliff took the Chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APM-3 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 April 2016 were proposed by Councillor Rhodes and seconded by Councillor R Hobbs. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

APM-4 **Reports**

Copies of all reports are attached to the minutes of the meeting held by the Clerk to the Parish Council as well as on the Parish Council's webpage:

- a) Councillor P Ancliff commenced by giving a report on behalf of Risley with Hopwell Parish Council.
- b) The Clerk read the report by the Erewash Ward Councillor, Councillor V Clare.
- c) No report was received from the County Councillor.

APM-5 **Reports from other Organisations and Clubs in the Parish**

The Chairman reported that she was particularly pleased with the number of reports which had been received this year:

- a) All Saints Church, Risley
- b) Risley Women's Institute
- c) Treetops Hospice
- d) Village Hall Management Committee
- e) Risley Not So Young Group
- f) Risley Conservation Group
- g) Risley School's PTA
- h) Risley Foundation – Councillor Jones gave a verbal report on the work of the Risley Foundation and explained that the organisation was able to give grants to residents from Risley, Breaston, Draycott, Sandiacre and Stanton by Dale who were in further education to assist with the purchase of books etc.

APM-6 **Question and Answer session**

- a) A resident asked if the parish council had any further information concerning the reinstatement of the footpath at Meadow View flats as reported in the latest newsletter. The Chairman reported that the County Council was unable to carry out the work in this financial year due to the cost and it was suggested that the maintenance company may be able to assist. Contact details were to be given to the Clerk.
- b) The daffodils and crocuses were particularly welcomed this year as was the hanging baskets. A suggestion was made that it would be good to commemorate Mr Mick Grundy, a local retired farmer who had assisted with the bulb planting some years ago. As there were sufficient parish councillors presented, it was resolved that two of this year's baskets were to be in his memory.
- c) A question was asked on when the Parish Council's financial report would be known and it was confirmed that these were in the process of being finalised.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm

Annual Parish Meetings 6th April 2017

Chair's Report. (one report for both meetings)

I was delighted with the number of reports from local groups at last year's Annual Parish Meeting and hope that this year's will be just as well supported. The Annual Parish Meeting is not for Parish Council business but gives an opportunity for residents to let the Parish Council know what they would like to see in the future. It is also a good platform for groups to let people know what they have been doing over the past year.

As well as carrying out its statutory duties, the Parish Council has worked, and is continuing to work hard to make the parish a good place to live. The hanging baskets were well received last year and, as several of these are now being sponsored by individuals/groups, the Parish Council has been able to sponsor more this coming year. We should therefore have a good display throughout the summer months. The Parish Council is looking at providing a floral planter at the entrance to Hopwell on Derby Road as people have commented that they do not know where Hopwell joins with the Parish of Risley. However, permission will need to be obtained from the County Council as the Highways Authority.

As reported last year, we were successful in applying for a minor maintenance grant from the County Council to resurface muddy footpaths around the parish. It is hoped that further resurfacing will be done in the next couple of months in order to make them more accessible. We have also had the brambles cut back from the hedgerow on Breaston Lane and are delighted that the daffodils have sprouted from underneath for the first time in many years.

We have an agreement with EBC for the financing and provision of a bus shelter on Derby Road and are working with them for this to be completed soon. We are also looking at having the footpath re-instated outside Meadow View Court to prevent cars from blocking the pedestrian access.

The annual Community Litter Pick was held with the help of the Borough Council and residents, and I would like to give advance notice of this year's litter pick which will be held on Saturday, 20 May 2017 from 10.00am. It is hoped that residents will be able to join parish councillors on this occasion to help make the parish clean and tidy.

The Parish Council is pleased to report on a further community event which has been arranged to be held on Rush Meadow on Sunday 20 August commencing at 2.00 pm when the Long Eaton Silver Prize Band will be playing for residents and their family and friends. Refreshments will be provided by members of the Risley Women's Institute but residents are able to bring their own chairs and picnics if they so wish. Let's hope that as many residents as possible are able to attend.

The Parish Council applied for and was successful in receiving two grants from the Borough Council's Rural Community Grant Fund. One on behalf of the Village Hall towards the provision of lighting and one for the Cricket Club for the replacement of the doors and windows. Planning permission has had to be applied for by the Village Hall Management Committee for the lighting, but it is hoped that this will be agreed at this month's committee meeting and the work will finally be completed.

The Grounds Maintenance Contract was advertised this year and the new contractor commenced their duties on 1 April 2017. This is for one year but if everything runs according to plan, then the contract will be extended for up to two more years. We will be applying for Big Lottery funding in order to provide new equipment on the play area and this will be reported at a future parish council meeting.

It has been difficult to gauge whether any children in Risley and Hopwell attended the holiday play scheme last year in Sandiacre and we have been informed that Sandiacre Parish Council will only be holding this for those children living within Sandiacre. The Parish Council will be looking at whether such a facility could be provided in the parish should it come to light that such a scheme would be welcomed.

Residents will also have seen from the regular newsletter which has been delivered to properties that the Derbyshire Constabulary QUEST has carried out a survey on traffic moving along Derby Road. The Parish Council has also carried out two successful Speedwatch campaigns over recent months with the help of volunteers from the parish. These will continue to be run in conjunction with the Police at regular intervals as long as volunteers come forward to assist.

Thank you

All Saints Church

All Saints Church, Risley is part of a Benefice with St Michael and All Angels, Stanton by Dale and All Saints, Dale Abbey. Throughout the year, we have been meeting jointly with the other parishes and are trying to make the Benefice more united.

This year for the first time we held an 'At Home Weekend' instead of a holiday away. This was held over the weekend of 16-18 September. The weekend commence with a Quiz night and fish and chip supper hosted by Risley followed by a craft event with a talk by the Rector in Stanton by Dale on the Saturday. On the Sunday, we moved to Dale Abbey where events culminated in a Songs of Praise event held under the Abbey Arch. This weekend event is being repeated this year with dates to be finalised.

The average weekly attendance was 43, but this number increased at festivals. We are particularly pleased to see an increase in attendance on Remembrance Sunday when the service time has been altered to allow the Act of Remembrance to be held at the war memorial at 11.00am. Christmas was again extremely busy with numbers well up at all the services and activities. The new style Christingle Service is well supported by the school with families taking part. Having raised sufficient funds and been granted a faculty by the Diocese the new audio-visual system was installed in April. It has been used regularly in all age services and at other times including projection of the Nativity Service to enable the whole congregation to see the children. The number of children attending averages nine but can be up to 13. All children are invited to attend the Sunday JAM (Jesus and Me) Club which runs parallel to the morning service which now starts at 9.15am.

Christianity explore courses have been run periodically throughout the year. We have continued to improve the links with Risley Lower Grammar CE School and this has resulted in greater involvement in assemblies and also in running a highly successful Quest Club at Easter and Christmas. We have also continued the development of the relationship with Treetops Hospice and Woodhall Park Nursing Home.

Other events across the Benefice have included a weekend with Roger Carswell the well-known Evangelist and the Annual Bonfire and firework display, both these held in Stanton. Various groups meet regularly across the Benefice including All Soughts which meets on Sunday evenings for young people aged 14 and over, the Dangerous Boys Club for boys aged 10-14 every Tuesday evening during term time and the Dangerous Girls Club for girls aged 10-14 on Thursday evening during term time. Coffee Bean is an informal group or ladies meeting every month and there is a men's group which meets every other month. The Crafty Collective is a group of people who share fellowship while enjoying craft. The Church bookstall has been available during coffee after Church on several occasions at all three churches. Rachel Bell is also able to offer '10 of those' parties (like Tupperware parties but with Christian books!)

In Risley, Harrison's Cottage situated behind the Church is used regularly by various groups. We produce a full colour magazine four times a year, which is delivered to every house in the Benefice.

Report of Risley Conservation Group by Pat Ancliff, Secretary

Risley Conservation Group was formed in 2013 to promote knowledge of, and to care for, the Conservation Area that was by designated by EBC in 1969 and extended in 1985.

Meetings are held four times a year. So far projects have included replacement of the listed gates to Risley Hall in cooperation with the Hotel Management, replacement of a field gate at the Nature reserve in cooperation with Derbyshire Wildlife Trust and the erection of an information board for walkers at the site of Wood Hall.

Members of the group lead walks in the autumn in conjunction with Autumn Footprints.

Each year we hold an open meeting when members present talks on subjects of local interest. Subjects have included The Risley Lanx, Wood Hall, Ernest Terah Hooley and the Risley Servicemen of The Great War.

The AGM is held in May.

Erewash Borough Council Report

This year has been a much quieter year in the council chamber and the atmosphere has been much improved. Our Mayor for this year is Councillor Abey Stevenson with Councillor Mary Hopkinson as his deputy.

This year the Council honoured an Ilkeston citizen by granting the freedom of the borough to Robert Lindsay in recognition of his TV film and stage achievements. This award ceremony was due to take place on Ilkeston Market Place but due to very heavy rain had to happen in the Council Chamber, with as many members of the public inside as was possible. The ceremony was broadcast outside for other onlookers, and Robert braved the downpour to greet his fans afterwards.

The HS2 project has taken much council time this year as it is due to pass through Long Eaton, and while the council is aware Erewash is too small to stop the project, it is up to the council to get the very best deal it can for Erewash.

The D2N2 Association of councils with an Elected Mayor was after much consideration and lively debate rejected by Erewash and some other council's and will not go ahead as proposed.

The council is very aware of its responsibility to provide new housing to fulfil its core strategy commitments and to this end has produced a supplementary planning document for the Stanton Site which should provide two thousand new homes with associated amenities and some employment opportunities.

The New Railway Station at Ilkeston is now complete and the first train to stop there will be on Sunday 2nd of April 2017 and tickets for this momentous occasion are now on sale.

This year has seen a small rise in the Erewash Council tax of 3.01% costing the average Band D properties some 10p per week. This is the first rise since I became a councillor but has been found to be very necessary to maintain Erewash as a debt free council.

Risley Cricket Club – Report 2016 / 2017

2016 was an extremely busy and successful year for the Cricket Club seeing success both on and off the field.

Membership – has increased during the year in both adult and junior cricket playing members , the club is represented at Under 11 , Under 13 , two Saturday Derbyshire League Teams and a Sunday Friendly Eleven. There are also an increasing number of non-playing members especially the parents of our junior sections.

Charity Event – In June we held our third annual Charity Cricket Match , raising money for Headway (Brain Injuries Charity) , CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young) and Treetops Hospice , the event was a great success involving over two hundred people and raising £500 for each charity.

Playing Matters –

Under 11s (soft ball) Risley fielded two six-a- side teams on each Friday evening throughout the season involving Boys and Girls , introducing them to Cricket in an enjoyable and friendly atmosphere. Despite being surrounded by larger clubs , Risley are the only club in the area regularly fielding two teams , this is testament to the skill and dedication of our coaches , Wednesday night training sessions are regularly attended by over 50 children.

Under 13s (hard ball) The team gave many creditable performances during the season showing a level of skill and determination to never give in , almost all of the team were playing as minimum age players against older and more experienced opponents. Their efforts suggest that greater success will follow in the coming years.

1st X1 – Continuing the club policy of investing in youth , we are proud that our 1st X1 has been transformed over the last few years and now has an average age of under 25 , the team were unbeaten in 2016 , winning Division 5 of the Derbyshire League and now go forward for 2017 into Division 4 which is the equivalent of the highest level achieved by the club.

2nd X1 – achieved a very credible fourth place finish in their division with a mixture of older (but still enthusiastic) and junior players who are learning to play league cricket.

Sunday Cricket – with its mixture of non league players and up and coming juniors , Sundays were as usual a great success.

For 2017 we hope to continue all of the progress made on the playing side , especially the juniors who are our future , but also to grow whilst keeping our friendly , inclusive atmosphere and policies.

Off the field , we will again support our chosen charities and turn our attentions to upgrading our Pavilion and general facilities , we are extremely grateful to the Parish Council for their help and assistance in gaining support for the installation of new windows. We hope to continue these improvements in the coming years.

Paul Shaw

Secretary , Risley Cricket Club

Date 30.3.17

Report from Friends of Risley School association for Risley with Hopewell Parish council.

Dear Members of the parish council

My name is Kirsty Izzard and I am chair of F.O.R.S.A which is Risley Lower Grammar school's PTA. Currently our official members consist of 3 Mothers of children who attend the school, our roles consist of Chair, Vice chair and Treasurer the role of secretary is also undertaken by myself as we did not have anyone come forward for this role.

Our aim as a charity is to raise as much funds each year to help school and give the children extra activities. For example this year 2016/2017 we have:

Paid for School club badgers

Contributed towards trips for each child

Contributed to year 6 residential trip

Paid for new Visualisers for the class rooms

Paid for a projector for one of the class rooms

Paid for two new speaker systems

Paid for year 6 leavers gifts

Paid for new reading books

Paid for an outdoor storage unit

Paid for a guest speaker for the children

Paid and hosted for the Children's disco

Paid for Easter eggs for the traditional egg rolling event held by school

Paid for new school bags

As you can see from the list we do provide a lot for the school but to ensure we can continue to help the school we have to ensure we come up with good events that will help raise the money.

The events that this year we have done and have planned are:

Cake sales x 2

Tuck shop at the school disco x2

Bags 2 school x2

Christmas Fair with raffle

Christmas cards

Mother's Day gift

Refreshments and raffle at the egg rolling event

Fashion show with a raffle and refreshments

Father's day gift

Summer fair with raffle

Welcome to new parents (only very small profit as its donations)

Barn welcome dance for start of the school year

We also offer a school lottery which is played monthly so it is an ongoing event.

Our two biggest events are our Christmas and summer fair these two take the longest preparation but are our most profitable.

We are finding over the last couple of years profits have slightly declined and contribution towards support from other parents and locals have dropped. Since starting the role as chair in September 2016 I find this the hardest part, trying to get support and continually trying to think of new ideas that will be enjoyed and profitable.

I am extremely grateful to the council for allowing us to use Rush meadows. We believe that having the space we can offer better and more activities for all at the summer fair allowing us to make more money. We will ensure that the meadow is left tidy with little as possible disruption.

As a team we believe having the support of our local parish council is a great asset and we do hope it will be a positive relationship for all.

Thank you for taking interest in FORSA. If you would like any further information or like to support us in any other way you can visit our Facebook page Forsa or contact myself via email kirstyandoliver@gmail.com.

Yours sincerely

Kirsty Izzard

Report of Risley Not So Young by Anne Knowles, Chair and Treasurer

Risley NSY association was formed 54 years ago and continues to organise meetings, lunches and outings for its 70-80 members. The lower age limit for members is 50 years.

A monthly coffee morning is held in Risley Village Hall to which non members are welcome. Approximately 40-50 attend. A tote is held on a weekly basis and non members are also asked to contribute.

Lunches and outings are held on 6 or 7 occasions each year. There is a Christmas lunch every year at which the Annual Prize draw is held, with prizes contributed by members.

We receive grants or donations annually from DCC, EBC and Risley with Hopwell Parish Council..

Committee meetings are held bi-monthly at Risley Village Hall.

The AGM is held in September.

Risley Women's Institute

Risley WI celebrated its 75th Birthday in April last year with a party. Invited guests included the Mayor and Mayoress of Erewash who, with one of our longest serving members, Jean Hancock, cut the celebratory cake. Jean passed away later in the year and is very sadly missed.

Our membership has continued to grow and at the time of writing this report stands at 50 members with a number of visitors due to join.

We have again enjoyed a wide variety of speakers and demonstrators most notably John Stirling whose earlier life was working in show business with stars such as Billy Fury and the Beatles. He now runs the High Peak Donkey 'sanctuary with support from actress June Brown and Brian Blessed. Ashley Franklin the photographer from Derbyshire Life gave us a trip round Derbyshire with wonderful shots used in the magazines and calendars and we are welcoming a chocolatier and Royal Cake Maker to our next meeting.

Each year we give two bursaries to allow members to attend courses at our Denman College in Oxfordshire or a course nearer home which is aimed to educate and improve our skills. One of our bursaries is named in honour of our founder member Kitty Harrison who died recently.

Our Walking Group is very much enjoyed with our leader choosing a wide variety of starting points for our walks followed by lunch at a local eatery.

We celebrated the Queen's 90th birthday in style with a luncheon at Harrisons Cottage. The Cottage was dressed with bunting, balloons and photographs with a red, white and blue theme. The luncheon concluded with a Royal Quiz which was enjoyed by all.

The Hopwell Group, of which we are a member, agreed to hold a Summer event last year. This was the first of its kind and it was decided to hold this at Risley Village Memorial Hall because of its excellent facilities an ease of parking. We played Kurling and the very obliging fish and chip shop in Sandiacre delivered our meal. It is to be repeated this year.

Our Craft and Social Group is very popular. It is open not only to WI members but also to members of the community. We have an average of 20 ladies attending each month and they are led mainly by our WI secretary Lyn Keller who introduces a wealth of creative ideas.

We were successful again at the County Show. Although the show was cancelled due to the wet conditions the judging of crafts took place at WI Headquarters in Derby. We came 3rd in the co-operative class but in the individual classes we gained two first places. Eileen Futter won the Hollis Cup for the overall best craft item and Kathleen Gooding came 2nd in the photographic class but was first for the visitor's choice.

Trips were arranged to Baddersley Clinton, Wightwick Manor and Lichfield and we enjoyed a post-Christmas meal at the Engine Shed in Derby.

Due to the large number of new members who have joined us recently it was agreed to invite them for tea and cake with the Committee so that we could get to know one another and they would feel free to ask questions in a more intimate group.

It was our turn to organise the Group Meeting which was held at Risley Hall. Charles Hanson was our speaker who was very entertaining and also valued three items from each WI. We welcomed approximately 90 members and provided them with a buffet supper. Everyone agreed that it was a very enjoyable evening.

We have recently co-opted a new member onto our Committee as a Local Charity Co-ordinator. She has initiated the collection of food items for the Long Eaton Food Bank. The generosity of our members continues to amaze me.

A Keep Fit Group has recently been started plus a flower arranging group which will meet four times a year.

We were very aware that the period between Christmas and the New Year can be a very lonely time for many and so we arranged for a tea to be held in Risley Hall for WI members and members of the community. We welcomed ladies from Risley Hall and the extended families of some of our members. Activities were arranged for the children in the Committee Room and it was agreed that it was a great addition to the calendar and will be repeated again this year.

We are increasing our Community Links by offering to visit Woodhall Nursing Home. We are meeting with the ladies this week and over tea and cake will be discussing their needs and possible ideas such as crafts, quizzes and singing.

We are joining the village flower basket scheme this year and are pleased to provide the refreshments at the Summer Village Event in August.



Annual Report to Risley & Hopwell Parish Council

The 2016/17 fiscal year has seen the continued growth of the end of life services that Treetops Hospice Care provides.

Hospice at Home has seen an increase in the demand for its services rise from 35,000 hours during 2016/17 to 39,000 during the last financial year, an increase of over 11%. This increase is in response to achieving the NHS England target of people having the choice of preferred place of death, which most people choose as their home.

We are gradually re-modelling Day Care and have introduced a Wellbeing Day each Monday. Day Care continues to provide around 4,000 places each year, mainly to non-neurological patients, though we still set aside Thursday for neurological patients, especially those with Multiple Sclerosis and Motor Neurone Disease.

We will have provided almost 3,000 adult bereavement counselling sessions and 900 children's sessions in the year. This service is delivered from the Cheetham Centre, which opened in 2014, and is purpose built to deliver this.

The Support and Information service, which is also delivered from the Cheetham Centre, has seen its activity grow since opening in 2014. Social Services work closely with us and supply a benefits office each Wednesday morning to advise those who have been diagnosed with a terminal illness.

With the launch of the Sustainability and Transformation Plan by all Clinical Commission Groups (CCGs), which focuses on transferring care into the community and relieving pressure on acute hospitals, we foresee an increase in demand for our services, especially Hospice at Home. We will be working closely with all the CCGs we are in partnership with to ensure that as many people as possible have a good death.

With this in mind and through research carried out over the last eighteen months, it has come apparent that there is a need for independent hospice beds in the Southern Derbyshire and Erewash area that will help relieve the pressure on bed space at the Royal Derby Hospital. Not everyone wishes to die at home or is able to for various reasons, therefore we are looking at the feasibility of building an in-patient unit within the grounds at Risley.

Statutory Funding from CCGs amounts to around 30% of the income required to run the charity. In order to respond to increased expenditure, we continue to develop our income generation streams. During the last twelve months, we have opened shops

in Oakwood, Chaddesden and Duffield. The Lottery has grown to over 8,000 members and we continually look to develop our fundraising activity. However, if the in-patient unit goes ahead, we will have to discontinue our car boots, as this would no longer be appropriate.

Treetops Hospice Care is in a strong position and thanks to the support of the general public we are able to respond to the increasing demand for our services.

George Cameron

Chief Executive

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Report of the Village Hall Management Committee by Richard Hardy

Another busy year for the Village Hall.

May 2016 saw the much needed completion of the new car park and drainage system for the Hall. At a cost of just over £28,000 this was a huge achievement for the volunteers of the Village Hall Committee who raised the majority of the money through bookings and social events. Hall User Groups also kindly donated towards the car park, including the Risley WI, The Risley Not So Youngs, The Scalfour Society, and the Parish Council.

Since the completion of the car park the Village Hall Committee have also successfully submitted, via the Parish Council, a grant application for lighting to be installed in the car park.

The Village Hall have been awarded almost £10,000 from the Erewash Borough Council Rural Community Grant scheme for this project.

Work will commence once planning has been passed, (hopefully this month)

The committee also held 3 social events during the year for the local community: Live music in May 2016 attracted over 100 people, the ever popular quiz in October 2016 was again a sellout, attracting 140 people and the fashion show in March 2017 attracted over 70 people.

These 3 social events raised almost £1500, with all the money being put back into improving the facilities at the Hall.

The committee have also staffed the bar for 2 private parties during the year, raising further funds.

The Hall remains popular and is booked most days of the year, often with 2 or 3 bookings on the same day. This constant usage has necessitated additional maintenance activities to ensure its appearance and facilities are up to standard. It has been painted twice within the last year in conjunction with other maintenance activities that are essential for the constant improvement of the facilities within the hall.

The maintenance and upkeep of the hall is one of the committees main priorities. This involves many hours of our dedicated committee members time and efforts, which are spent at the Hall carrying out tasks ranging from the major replacement of the hall lighting to mopping up after the recent flood in the winter.

The year 2017, like recent years will be just as busy.

The committee will be carrying out a number of projects which have been planned to ensure the Hall remains as popular as ever and meets the needs of our ever increasing and diverse User Groups.

