

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

held at Harrison's Cottage on Thursday 7 December 2017 at 7.00pm

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

**In attendance:** Cllr W Major and S Dunkley (Clerk)  
  
Councillor P Ancliff (Chair) in the Chair

## Part 1 – Non confidential information

### 17-102 Apologies

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor O'Neill.

### 17-103 Variation of order of business

None required.

### 17-104 Declarations of interest

None.

### 17-105 Dispensations

None.

### 17-106 Public session

#### 1) Members of the Public

None present.

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

- a) No report had been received from the Police. However, a burglary had taken place in the parish which is not listed on the police website and the Clerk was asked to contact them to ask if we could be kept up to date on crime in the area.
- b) Councillor Major reported on Borough and County issues as follows:
  - i) The Borough Council is consulting with the public on its five year local plan asking for comments and concerns on the services provided. The online consultation looking at how the leisure services are run is almost closed.
  - ii) Again there has been an increase in the number of compliments received by the Borough compared to complaints.
  - iii) Central government is looking for five dual tier authorities to pilot a 100% business rate growth retention scheme and the County and City Councils have made a bid but there are no guarantees.
  - iv) There has been an 80% reduction in the number of highway faults reported.

- v) The County is looking at its procurement policy in order to make sure that there is value for money when entering into contracts.
- vi) Concern has been raised over the Derby City and Nottingham City Councils becoming a super council which would have a negative impact on both the Borough and County Councils.

Councillor Major left the meeting at this point.

3) Councillors appointed to outside bodies

Councillor Jarratt reported that the Village Hall Committee had donated the iron entrance gate to the Risley Foundation Trust. The Committee has expressed concern over the grounds maintenance.

The Chairman welcome Maggie Throup MP to the meeting to update the Parish Council on the HS2 growth strategy. All present were concerned over possible changes to the highway through Risley and Junction 25 of the M1. Ms Throup had met with Highways England and had expressed concern over problems being caused with the works to bring the M1 up to a smart motorway in the vicinity of Junction 25. She will be meeting with East Midlands Councils shortly and one item would be the possibility of a new junction at 25a as she believes that a precedent has been set with junctions 23a, 24a and 29a. She stressed that all Parish Councils need to work together to ensure concerns are heard. There is not a shortage of time but the sooner a meeting is held, the better for all. She will arrange a further meeting and will invite Parish Councils to attend.

**17-107 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 9 November 2017**

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 November 2017 were proposed as a true record by Councillor Jones, seconded by Councillor Hobbs, unanimously agreed and then signed by the Chairman.

**17-108 Exempt items**

None.

**17-109 Chairman's announcements/report**

The Chairman's report had been distributed prior to the meeting and was noted. It was agreed that the question of land ownership in the vicinity of the proposed bus shelter needs to be sorted by the County Council and not the Parish and the Clerk was asked to write to the County Council to ask them to take the matter further.

**17-110 Clerk's report**

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

**17-111 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils**

Circular Nos. 13/2017 and 14/2017 had been distributed for noting.

**17-112 Matters for determination**

- (a) The Clerk reported that the County Council will be adding the works required to Meadow View Court footpath to the 2018/19 schedule of works and that it had been reported that the County Council would be in a position to fund the whole project.

- (b) It was formally RESOLVED that Councillor Hobbs be the Parish Council's appointee on The Willoughby Trust and that the Clerk confirm this to their Secretary.
- (c) Councillors agreed that the quality of the works under the grounds maintenance contract left a lot to be desired and it was RESOLVED to look at the contract documents at the next meeting with the possibility of going out for tender..
- (d) The Clerk reported that PKF Littlejohn LLP had been appointed as the external auditor to Derbyshire Parish Councils and asked councillors if any declarations of interest were needed. This was not necessary.
- (e) Councillor Hitchcock confirmed that the chosen charity for a donation in lieu of payment for the Christmas Tree would be 'When you wish upon a Star'. It was RESOLVED that £250 be forwarded to the charity.
- (f) Councillor Jarratt reported that he had a number of complaints of dogs roaming loose and worrying livestock. It was RESOLVED to add an item in the next newsletter.

### 17-113 Finance

It was resolved that the following payments be made:

<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>
002156	Mr T Ainsworth (Install bird spikes and tree stakes)	£ 84.00
002157	Mrs S J Dunkley (Salary and expenses – November)	£308.94
002158	HMRC (PAYE – November)	£ 56.00
002159	All Saints, Risley (Room hire - replacement for stopped Cheque no. 002144)	£150.00
002160	Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal (Donation for lamp post poppies)	£ 18.00
002161	Mr T Ainsworth (Strimming behind Village Hall)	£100.00

#### Receipts

None

#### 2018/19 Budget

The Clerk distributed copies of the cash book and monthly analysis and confirmed that there would be a 5% reduction in concurrent for the forthcoming year.

### 17-114 Playground inspections

The November inspection report was noted. An inspection report had also been received from the grounds maintenance contractor, some of the metalwork on the equipment was in need of repainting (low priority). The swings and clapper gate were in need of oiling and the Chairman volunteered to do this.

### 17-115 Planning

**ERE/1117/0018 - 12 Second Avenue, Risley** (single storey extension to form dining kitchen) – no objection

**ERE/1117/0029 - 2 The Crescent, Breaston** (replacement of existing attached garage with a two storey side extension to form a new attached garage with bedroom above. Construct single storey rear extension as a link to the existing outbuilding) – no objection

Decisions

None.

**17-116 Matters for information**

a) Carols around the Tree event – 12 December 2017 commencing at 7.00pm

**17-117 Future agenda items**

2018/19 Budget – January/February 2018

Grounds maintenance extension – January 2018

New play equipment – March 2018

Sign/planter for Hopwell – March 2018

Noticeboards

Meeting venues

Cleaning of war memorial

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.