

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF RISLEY WITH HOPWELL PARISH COUNCIL

held at Harrison's Cottage on Thursday, 9 February 2017 at 7.00pm

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

In attendance: County Councillor W Major and Sue Dunkley (Clerk)

Part 1 – Non confidential information

16-215 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor B Housley, Councillor M O'Neill and Borough Councillor V Clare.

16-216 Variation of business

Not required on this occasion.

16-217 Declarations of interest

Councillors Ancliff, Hobbs and Jones declared an interest in agenda item number 1.11(a), being members of the Risley Conservation Group.

16-218 Dispensations

None required.

16-219 Public session

Members of the public

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

Councillors appointed to outside bodies

Councillor Jarratt reported on his attendance at the Borough/Parish Forum which was held on 23 January 2017 when the 2017/18 budgets were discussed as well as the Borough Council's Rural Community Grants; neighbourhood planning, fly-tipping and dog fouling. The Borough Council's Neighbourhood Warden Manager, Scott Cartledge, would be happy to attend a future meeting should the Parish Council wish this.

The Chairman asked Councillor Rhodes to report on the position with regards to the lighting at the Village Hall as it was necessary for the Parish Council to report to the Borough Council as the funds from the Rural Community Grant had not yet been spent.

Reports from the Police Liaison Officer, County Council and Borough Council

- i) Police report – The Clerk had received a report from the Rural Beat Officer informing the Parish Council of three crimes at the Risley Park Public House and a burglary to a residential property on Derby Road.

- ii) County Councillor report
Councillor Major reported on the County Council's approved budget which had been balanced from reserves. As mentioned previously, he had hoped to use his community funding for the summer playscheme but unfortunately this could not be done as the criteria for the grant is that the money should be used for projects in areas of deprivation. He will therefore be assisting with play equipment on the Doncaster Avenue play area.

The County Council will no longer replace street lighting before the bulbs are out and will only do so when a number of lights are out within an area. Councillor Major stressed that it was therefore imperative that all faults should be reported giving the location and column number. A LED programme is also being rolled out throughout the county.

- iii) Borough Councillor Report
Nothing to report.

16-220 Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 12 January were proposed by Councillor Jones, seconded by Councillor Hobbs and it was RESOLVED that these be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

16-221 Exempt items

In view of the confidential nature of item 3.1 to consider a resolution to exclude the press and public from the meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, s1, in order to discuss the Clerk's appraisal.

16-222 Chair's announcements/report

The Chair's report had been circulated before the meeting but since writing the report, the Chair had arranged a meeting with Steve Bilbie on Sunday, 12 February at 10.30am to discuss the works required to alleviate the flooding problem at the rear of the Village Hall. Councillors Hitchcock and Jones agreed to attend and the Chairman is to ask Mr Fogg and Mr Reville if they were also available.

16-223 Clerk's report

The Clerk's report had also been distributed and the contents noted. Councillors were asked for items to be included in the next newsletter.

16-224 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

Circular nos. 2/2016 and 3/2016 had been distributed prior to the meeting. A discussion took place on the membership rate for 2017/18 and it was RESOLVED to renew the Parish Council's membership on the basic rate without the group 1 training.

16-225 Matters for determination

- a) Works to wall at Risley Hall – the Chairman reported on the condition of the wall at Risley Hall and asked whether the Parish Council should ask a contractor to take a look and report on its stability. The Clerk had obtained the contact details of the contractor used by Sandiacre Parish Council to carry out the work to the Church wall. It was RESOLVED that as the wall was the responsibility of the Hotel, the Clerk should write to them to ascertain what work, if any, was planned to be undertaken to the wall and also to look into the possibility of applying for a Heritage Lottery Grant.
- b) The Chairman reported on the need to reinstate the footpath in front of Meadow View Flats on Derby Road as pedestrians need to walk in the roadway if vehicles are parked over the footpath. The Clerk had written to County Council officers for their views but no reply had been received. Councillor Major would support the Parish Council on this matter.
- c) The Clerk had asked whether the Annual Parish meetings should once again be held on a separate date to the Annual Parish Council meeting and it was agreed that as last year's meetings were well received, that the meetings should be held before the Annual Parish Council meeting and the Clerk to arrange for this to be held on Thursday, 6 April 2017.
- d) Councillor Jarratt had been approached by a resident who had an ash sapling and asked whether the Parish Council would be interested in taking this and planting somewhere in the parish. It was RESOLVED that this could be planted behind the Village Hall and Councillor Jarratt agreed to deal with this.

16/226 Finance

It was RESOLVED that the following accounts be approved for payment:

<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>
002059	Mrs S J Dunkley (Salary and expenses – January)	£ 244.23
002060	Derbyshire Association of Local Councils (2017/18 Subscription)	£ 241.13
Direct Debit	HMRC (PAYE – January)	£ 47.00

Receipts

£55.70 - Interest on the NS&I Investment Account

£4,490.00 - Erewash Borough Council Rural Community Grant for the Risley Cricket Club

16-227 Playground Inspections

Report to be circulated.

16-228 Planning

No planning applications or decision notices had been received.

16-229 Matters for information

- a) Letter of thanks from the Wish upon a Star charity
- b) CPRE newsletter

16-230 Future agenda items

- New play equipment – Big Lottery Grant – future
- Sign/Planter for Hopwell – future

Both Councillor Major and the Clerk left the meeting at this point in order for the exempt item to be discussed.