

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RISLEY PARISH COUNCIL

in Risley Village Hall on Thursday 13 May 2010 at 7:05pm.

Present: Cllrs Mrs P.Ancliff, A.Fogg, Mrs R.Hobbs, J.Joyce, M.O'Neill (in the chair), E.Woodward. In attendance: DCC Cllr W.Major, EBC Cllr Mrs V.Clare, Mr S.A.Leleux, Clerk.

Apologies: Cllr R.Hardy, EBC Cllr D.Orchard.

10-22 Public Session

None.

10-23 Election of Chairman 2010-11

Cllr Mrs Hobbs proposed, seconded by Cllr Mrs Ancliff, that Cllr O'Neill should continue. In the absence of any other nominations, and Cllr O'Neill being willing to serve, he was declared elected.

10-24 Election of Vice-chairman 2010-11

Cllr Mrs Ancliff proposed, seconded by Cllr Mrs Hobbs, that Cllr Fogg should continue. In the absence of any other nominations, and Cllr Fogg being willing to serve, he was declared elected.

10-25 Co-option

Three people had expressed interest, and two had provided a written statement to support their application. After some discussion, the majority of Councillors voted to appoint Mr D.Rhodes to replace the late Cllr Grundy. The Clerk was instructed to notify Mr Rhodes and to thank the other two applicants.

Cllr Joyce arrive at this point (7:10pm).

10-26 Minutes

The Minutes of 8 April 2010 were approved and signed as a true record.

10-27 Declarations of Interest

None.

Matters Arising

10-28 Footpath Signs (10-5)

Following a telephone call, the Clerk learned that DCC had agreed to pay the total cost of the signs, so he submitted an invoice for the balance of the erection costs, but payment has not yet been received.

10-29 Ice on No Mans Lane (10-6)

The Clerk reported that the police did not consider it was their responsibility to place warning signs, unless there had been an accident, but suggested that Highways should do it. DCC Cllr Major agreed to approach the appropriate official at County Hall. The possibility of having a local dump of grit (but it had to be under cover to prevent deterioration) for self gritting by

local residents was also raised. It was reported that this possibility had been raised at the recent DCC Parish Forum.

Cllr Mrs Hobbs left at this point (7:20pm).

10-30 Standing Orders (10-7)

It was agreed that the Clerk should make the suggested changes, including provision for altering the actual date of a meeting if necessary, for consideration at the next meeting.

10-31 Rubbish Clearing (10-8)

The flyer advertising the event had been printed and distributed.

10-32 Correspondence

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. Play-Ground Supplies - Inspection reports, April & May, usual items listed
- B. EBC - Precept £7,010 & Concurrent £11,153 approved (and received)
- C. DCC Highways - Bridge in The City 'instructions have been issued to undertake work to tidy up the area'
- D. Risley Village Hall - Request permission to use Village Hall field for fund raising event on Saturday 17 July. Agreed, no charge if the Village Hall Committee will reciprocate for the Carols. This and other events can be advertised on the RPC website.
- E. Unlock Democracy - General Election 2010 party policy guide: Open government, reform of voting methods, stronger local government etc
- F. Lowland Derbyshire Biodiversity Partnership - Newsletter and questionnaire, completed at the meeting.
- G. Risley Church - Invitation to 'Thanksgiving Service to celebrate the completion of restoration work' on Sunday 16 May. Preacher Bishop of Derby.
- H. EBC Charge for emptying dog bins £1216.80 + VAT for year. Acceptance proposed by Cllr Fogg, seconded by Cllr Woodward. All in favour.
- I. Friesland Sports Centre - Weeks commencing 16 & 23 August are available. Agreed to book 6 places for each day, each costing £10.50 for a full day. See also item J.
- J. EBC Grant application for play schemes - The Clerk will apply.
- K. DCC Minerals Core Strategy consultation (details on DCC website)
- L. DALC Newsletter: Land registration: Although agreed to ignore at the previous meeting, it was strongly recommended in a subsequent DALC newsletter. During the discussion the relationship between RPC and the Village Hall Committee regarding the site and building was raised, and the Clerk will provide Councillors with a copy of the original agreement for consideration at the next meeting. It was also agreed to apply for a registration pack in readiness. The appointment of Cllr Fogg as the RPC representative on the Village Hall Committee, to replace the late Cllr Grundy, was agreed. The Clerk will inform the Village Hall Committee, and also he will request a regular copy of the Committee's minutes.
- M. Clerk & Councils Direct - List of Acts in past 10 years affecting councils: Agreed to give a copy to each Councillor.
- N. Mr Guyll - When mowing, he had noticed that the verge in front of the church had been cut, bulbs as well as grass, and he wondered who had done it. Enquiries suggest that it was done by the contractor for the churchyard, on his own initiative, as part of work in preparation for the visit by the Bishop (see G above).

- O. BCTV - Offer of doing conservation work, cost £270+VAT per day.
- P. Rebekah Paczek - Stanton Regeneration: Please could she attend the RPC meeting on 8 July to give an individual briefing on the proposals. (There will be public exhibitins on 10-12 June.) Agreed she could come and speak for 15 minutes then answer questions.
- Q. Zurich Insurance - Annual policy check and renewal. Value of climbing frame to be added.
- R. DCC - Survey of lighting in bus shelters: Cllr Mrs Ancliff agreed to do this.
- S. Sundry advertising

10-33 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the following be paid:

A.	Mrs E.A.Gregory - Audit	45.00
B.	Park Hall Designs - Website	30.00
C.	Play Ground Supplies - Inspection (2)	82.26
D.	Steven Smith - Treating public seats & tables	250.00
E.	S.A.Leleux - Clerk Salary & Expenses*	183.33
F.	Donations, listed in 10-36 below, each	50.00

Southern Electric - Invoice, showing £6.32 credit balance.

10-34 Annual Return & Accounts

The Clerk reported that the Internal Auditor, Mrs Gregory, had found some errors regarding payments, as listed in the Minutes for July 2009. A sheet of corrections had been inserted at the appropriate page and was signed by the Chairman. She had needed to make adjustments totalling £51.18 to the accounts as circulated. This adjustment was accepted by Councillors, and the Chairman signed a copy. Cllr Mrs Ancliff proposed, seconded by Cllr Fogg, that the figures on the Annual Return, amended in the light of the Auditor's adjustment, should be accepted. All were in favour. Arising from financial discussions, it was agreed to consider at the next meeting the formation of a committee to investigate improvements to the playing field.

10-35 Planning Applications

Previous Applications

None.

New Applications

1. 42 Rushy Lane - Erection of two brick pillars to support new front gates: No objection.

10-36 Donations

Agreed to use Section 135 to make donations of £50 each to the following seven organisations:

Derbyshire Children's Holiday Centre, Erewash Community Transport, Friends of Risley School Association (FORSA), Risley Brownies, Risley Guides, Risley Not So Young, Risley Parent & Toddler.

Observations from Councillors

10-37 Website Minutes

It was reported that there were gaps in the Minutes available on the RPC website. The Clerk will investigate and supply copies of any missing.

10-38 Bridleway to The Nook

It was reported the bridleway to the Nook was an very poor condition on the section near Derby Road. The question of ownership and responsibility for maintenance was raised. The Clerk will investigate.

10-39 Bulbs on Verges

Cllr Mrs Ancliff requested that provision should be made in future years to feed the roadside bulbs. It was agreed that this should be done at the appropriate time.

10-40 Burning Rubbish

Cllr Fogg reported his investigations into the practice of burning horse manure, which proved to be illegal, and had been brought to the attention of the farm near the golf club. As far as he could tell, all rubbish and manure burning there had now ceased.

10-41 Speed on Derby Road

Complaints had been received from residents at the speed of vehicles entering Risley from the west. It was said that one of the 40mph limit signs was partially obscure. DCC Cllr Major offered to arrange for a DCC inspector to attend a meeting of RPC to discuss speeding problems and possible solutions.

10-42 Footpath to Breaston

It was reported that DCC will soon construct a footpath from Lane's Farm to Breaston, extending the path from Risley constructed a few years ago, so that there will be a footpath for the whole distance.

10-43 Tree Works in Conservation Area

It was reported that Risley Educational Foundation proposed to do work, including felling, to a number of trees at School House, Latin House and Latin Cottage. Cllr Mrs Ancliff will ask that RPC be informed and given the opportunity to comment on any future tree works.

10-44 The Forge, Derby Road

It was reported that the owners of The Forge appeared to be running a shop selling home and other produce beside their gate. Cllr Woodward agreed to investigate.

10-45 Telephone Box

It was reported that a survey into British icons by CPRE found that red telephone boxes were the second most popular, after pub signs and before pillar boxes.

10-46 EBC Report

There was nothing to report, as officials had been fully occupied with the recent general election and no committees had met.

10-47 DCC Report

During the year the first Conservative administration since 1981 was elected. Cllr Major was appointed as Cabinet Support member for Technology & Recycling, and also as Deputy Chairman for Improvement and Scrutiny for Young People & Education Committee. He is a member of three working groups in education.

The meeting closed at 9:35pm.

Minutes of the Risley Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 13 May 2010 at 7:00pm

Present: Cllrs Mrs P.Ancliff, A.Fogg, R.Hardy, Mrs R.Hobbs, J.Joyce, M.O'Neill (in the Chair), E.Woodward. In attendance: DCC Cllr W.Major, EBC Cllr Mrs V.Clare, S.A.Leleux (Clerk).

Apologies: Cllr R.Hardy, EBC Cllr D.Orchard,

10-A1 Minutes

The Minutes of the 2009 Annual Meeting had been distributed and were signed as a true record.

10-A2 Matters Arising

None.

10-A3 Clerk's Report

The Clerk's report (below) had been distributed and was accepted.

Risley Parish Council (RPC) held 11 ordinary meetings in the year April 2009 to March 2010, with an average attendance of 6 members (75%). Unfortunately the longest serving member, Cllr Mick Grundy, died on 6 March 2010 after a long illness. In the absence of a request to hold an election, Councillors will coopt a new member for the remaining year of their term of office.

While neither the public nor the police attended very often, the Councillors representing Risley on the County Council and Borough Councils were normally present and contributed. The planning process was explained by EBC staff at one meeting. A representative from Green Squeeze (Stanton Redevelopment Action Group) spoke to encourage RPC to contribute to its funds, but the Council declined, on the grounds that to do so could prejudice any comment it might make when responding to relevant planning applications.

RPC has published one newsletter during the year, plus a flyer delivered to residents on Rushy and No Mans Lanes about reporting HGVs to officials at West Hallam Storage Depot.

A climbing frame, donated by Trent College, has been erected in the First Avenue field. Councillors are very aware that the TotLot climbing and activity unit is deteriorating rapidly, and intend to replace it in the near future. Following complaints from the adjacent landowner, the fence and hedge in the top corner of the field has been improved, to discourage the use of an unofficial footpath along the next field as a route to and from Rushy Lane.

The land behind the Village Hall has been smoothed and seeded, and the hedge around it has been replanted where necessary. RPC now owns the red telephone

box near the end of Breaston Lane. It decided to keep the light operational as that was considerably cheaper than removing the electricity supply.

Ordinary business has included consideration of about a dozen planning applications, seats litter and steps in the Nature Reserve, the lack of pavement at Meadow Court, inconvenient stiles, rubbish burning and the bridge over the brook in The City. Warning signs for walkers have been erected (organised by RPC, but at DCC expense) where footpaths enter Maywood Golf Course.

Two annual events were held, the Footpath Walk in September and Carols in December. Neither was quite as well attended as the previous year.

A10-4 Observations from Parishioners

None.

The meeting closed at 7:04pm.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RISLEY PARISH COUNCIL
in Risley Village Hall on Thursday 10 June 2010 at 7:00pm.

Present: Cllrs Mrs P.Ancliff, A.Fogg (in the chair initially), R.Hardy, Mrs R.Hobbs, J.Joyce, M.O'Neill (in the chair), D.Rhodes, E.Woodward. In attendance: DCC Cllr W.Major, EBC Cllrs Mrs V.Clare & D.Orchard, Mr S.A.Leleux, Clerk.

Apologies: Cllr M.O'Neill (lateness).

Cllr Fogg welcomed Mr D.Rhodes who had been co-opted to replace the late Cllr M.Grundy.

10-48 Public Session

None.

10-49 Acceptance of Office

Cllr Rhodes signed his acceptance of office.

10-50 Minutes

The Minutes of 13 May 2010 were approved and signed as a true record.

10-51 Declarations of Interest

None.

Matters Arising

10-52 Footpath Signs (10-28)

Payment has not yet been received from DCC for the balance of the erection costs.

10-53 Ice on No Mans Lane (10-29)

DCC Cllr Major reported that there were moves to reduce the number of permanent signs beside roads, but an officer from DCC Highways was supposed to get in contact to discuss the matter.

10-54 Rubbish Clearing (10-31)

There had been a breakdown in communication between RPC and EBC, so no-one had come with equipment although about eight parishioners had turned up. The event will now be held on Saturday 3 July, meeting 10:00am at Risley Village Hall.

10-55 Land Registration (10-32-L)

The courses provided by DALC had been over-subscribed, and the Clerk was on the waiting list. He had obtained a copy of the official registration pack of materials.

10-56 The Forge (10-44)

Cllr Woodward reported that the owners of The Forge were in touch with EBC regarding the possibility of a farm shop on their premises, but no formal planning application had yet been made. EBC Food Hygiene officials had approved the sale of dressed, but not cooked, chickens. There was the possibility of a small scale butchery business in the future.

10-57 Correspondence

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. Training for 'People responsible for a children's play area', Bolsover 10 June 10am to 1pm, £25.
- B. Derbyshire Police Annual Parish Councils' Evening - Tuesday 12 October, 7:00pm, Butterley.
- C. DALC Newsletters: next DCC/Parishes Forum 21 October 2010
- D. Play Ground Supplies - Inspection report: Usual items
- E. Friesland Sports Centre - Confirmation of 6 places on each of 10 full days in weeks beginning 16 & 23 August. Also notification of EBC grant of £500.
- F. DCC Rights of Way Minor Maintenance Scheme
- G. EBC Dog bin emptying contract confirmed. Also confirmation that it is in order to put dog faeces into ordinary litter bins
- H. Thank you for donation from: Derbyshire Childrens Holiday Centre, Erewash Community Transport, Risley Not So Young, 1st Risley Guides.
- I. 1st Risley Guides - Please publish need for new Leader in Newsletter
- J. Saint-Gobain - Invitation to development proposals exhibition Thursday 10 June 10am to 1pm for Parish Councillors, open to Public 10 June 2pm to 8pm, 11 June 10am to 6pm, 12 June 10am to 3pm.
- K. DCC - Rushy Lane Prohibition of Waiting Order: No waiting at any time to be extended to cover a distance from the Derby Road junction of approximately 56 metres on the south west (Risley) side and 65 metres on the north east (Sandiacre) side.
- L. Sundry advertising

10-58 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the following be paid:

A.	Play Ground Supplies - Inspection	41.13
B.	Dirty Wellies - Mowing (mention daffodils cut too early, else fine)	825.00
C.	Zurich Insurance - Insurance	1429.76
D.	Post Office Ltd - Clerk's tax	119.29
E.	S.A.Leleux - Clerk Salary & Expenses	203.76

Southern Electric - Invoice, showing £4.06 credit balance. It was agreed to pay £15 next month, to cover most of the financial year.

The VAT refund of £1121.12 for last year had been received.

10-59 Bank Signatories

In view of the time required to change signatories, and with an election in May 2011, it was agreed not to alter the present signatories.

10-60 Planning Applications

Previous Applications

None.

New Applications

1. 93 Derby Road - Conversion of existing garage and new single storey side extension to form ancillary living accommodation for dependent relative and new attached garage: Objection on the following grounds: 1. The proposed development is in the

- front of the building, which brings forward the building line and impacts the street scene. 2. The proposed garage is integral with the main building and could therefore be changed to residential use. 3. There appears to be space enough to leave the existing garage and provide what is required as a side development, thus avoiding the two concerns above. 4. The size of the proposed single garage is excessive.
2. 21 Derby Road, Risley - Two single storey side extensions, one to each side elevation: No objection, *provided*: 1. Windows facing the boundaries are opaque glass. 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.

10-61 Standing Orders & Procedures

The draft standing orders and procedures (complaints, financial regulations, grievance, media) - mainly NALC models adapted for Risley - were adopted.

At 7:35pm PCSOs M.Boyer 4583 and S.Hill 4577 arrived, and were allowed to report and answer questions. Apart from a couple of house burglaries and the theft of a motor cycle from a shed there had been little crime recently in Risley. Anti-social behaviour in the Sandiacre area had fallen by 45% over the past year (16% for Erewash as a whole). The main areas of concern were in Sandiacre - Church Drive, Mornington Close, and the canal towpath which was often used by unlicensed motor cycles. The use of Rushy Lane by HGVs was raised, and attempts are being made to arrange weight checks, but it is difficult to handle foreign vehicles. The two PCSOs left at 7:50pm.

10-62 First Avenue Playground Improvements

It was agreed to set up a small committee - Cllrs Mrs Ancliff, Rhodes & O'Neill - to assess what equipment needed replacement and what additional equipment was desirable (for pre-school, primary and/or secondary age children) and then to make suggestions to RPC. The Council has reserves of about £15,000 and a PWLB loan of £25,000 would probably incur similar repayments to the present loan, whose final payment is due in October 2011.

10-63 Newsletter

It was formally agreed to produce a Newsletter, and distribution arrangements were revised.

10-64 Stanton Regeneration

Initial reactions from Councillors who had visited the exhibition, which had opened that day, were that it gave little more information than was previously known. The revised plans call for about 3000 houses, and there would be only one 'village centre' instead of two. The only new road proposed was from the north east corner of the site to the A6007 in Trowell, close to its bridge over the M1, but it was said that computer modelling of the transport links was not yet complete. The development could extend over twenty years, and it was not known at what stage any new or improved roads would be constructed. A planning application is expected at the end of 2010. It was thought that the Councils' Joint Committee should wait until outline plans were published.

Observations from Councillors

10-65 Rushy Lane Dog Bin

The Clerk was instructed to enquire after the proposed provision of a bin at the end of the footpath to The Nook.

10-66 Bridleway to The Nook

The Clerk was instructed to pursue his enquiries into the ownership and responsibility for maintenance of this bridleway.

10-67 Rubbish Burning (10-40)

It was reported that this now occurs rarely.

Cllr Hardy left at this point, 8:30pm.

10-68 Brick Pillars at The White House

It was reported that four new tall brick pillars had been built at The White House, as far as was known without any planning consent. It was agreed to inform EBC.

10-69 Advertising Signs on Derby Road

It was reported that Breaside, The Forge and Hopwell Kennels all regularly put A-frame advertising display boards on the verge outside their respective premises. DCC Highways will be informed.

10-70 EBC Report

Apart from refurbishment at Ilkeston Baths there was little to report.

10-71 DCC Report

Action over the past three years had resulted in a considerable decrease in illegal sales of alcohol and knives to children. The Education Department was very busy as all schools assessed by OFSTED as 'outstanding' had been invited to become academies, with direct funding. Sizeable budget cuts were expected when government cuts were announced.

The meeting closed at 8:45pm.

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Present: Cllrs Mrs P.Ancliff, R.Hardy (in the chair), Mrs R.Hobbs, J.Joyce, M.O'Neill (in the chair), D.Rhodes, E.Woodward. In attendance: EBC Cllrs Mrs V.Clare & D.Orchard, Miss R.Paczek, Mr M.Lloyd (both representing St.Gobain), one parishioner, Mr S.A.Leleux, Clerk.

Apologies: Cllrs A.Fogg, M.O'Neill (lateness), DCC Cllr W.Major.

In the absence of both Chairman and Vice-chairman, Cllr Hardy was appointed chairman.

10-72 Public Session - Stanton Regeneration

Miss Paczek and Mr Lloyd had asked for the opportunity to speak to the Parish Council, to expand and explain any issues about the revised proposals for regeneration of the site of Stanton Ironworks arising from the public exhibition in June. The account which follows includes questions from Councillors and the answers given. A lot of technical work has been done by various consultants, in preparation for an outline planning application to be made at the end of 2010. For example, the extent of 'made ground' in the site (4m deep in places), and the degree of contamination, is now known accurately. Comments from the exhibition, highway authorities, EBC, etc are being examined for incorporation in the new master plan. The recent change of government has had an effect on regional planning policy, and the new regulations are still being assessed.

The revised proposal is for 3000 houses and it retains 25ha (approx 62 acres) for 'employment land' ie for offices, factories, distribution centres etc. This is in addition to other commercial development in the 'neighbourhood centre' - shops, estate agent, school etc. There is more green space than before. About 3000 jobs are expected to be located on the site.

The government has recently removed the minimum housing density, 30 (often nearer 40) units per hectare, so the development will be less dense than the previous proposal. It means, too, that the 'units' are likely to be larger, and/or have larger gardens, than before. The actual construction is likely to be done by selling large plots to major house builders, who in turn will sell smaller plots to other firms.

About 700 people had visited the exhibition during the three days it had been open, and feedback was mainly positive, although there were still concerns about its scale and access. The developers are still going through the comments in more detail. A full set of these comments, but without any personal identification, has been sent to the MP. Although a lot of issues still have to be discussed, the developers feel that they are about 85% of the way towards a planning application. A major item still to do is modelling transport requirements, as a new model is necessary and is not yet available, despite being booked in October 2009. The main problem is to know what figures to assume for growth over the period of the project, the previous government having increased local authority predictions by 10% and the present government appears to favour a return to the original forecasts. It seems likely that growth will be based on Erewash's needs, some 7200 dwellings by 2026, and that pressure from Nottingham City cannot impose any increase, unless EBC decides it wants to provide more. Stanton site is very important nationally, as there are only about 10

similar large brownfield sites in the UK. Brownfield development is very costly due to the costs of both clean up and provision of infrastructure. Five years ago East Midlands Development Agency could provide funds towards these costs, but EMDA no longer exists.

The Stanton Bonna plant to make concrete railway sleepers on the eastern side of the site, although authorised, will not now be built. Stanton Bonna will remain on its present site west of the site.

Cllr O'Neill arrived and took the chair at 7:30pm.

There is no guidance at present on the proportion of 'affordable housing', which could be 30%. Of this, 80% is likely to be rented and the other 20% available for assisted purchase. However, this means that the remaining 70% (assumed) of houses built have to pay for all of the infrastructure required. Overall any development has to show a profit, and unless this is likely then the development will not proceed. The considerable clean up costs mean that pressure could be applied to reduce 'affordable housing' to between 10% and 15%.

It was pointed out that while there are many small business units available in Erewash there is the need for more medium sized units (20-30,000 sq ft), and business plans should take account of this.

The best road route has not yet been proved by modelling. Cost and viability considerations are also important, as well as the modelling results. The Highways Agency has refused any junction with the A52 west of the M1 (so that route through the Green Belt is unlikely). Similarly, there is no possibility of a new M1 junction, due to the cost (£200m) and ban on the use of public funds for this project. No consideration has been given to handling north south traffic, only east west.

Network Rail and the train operators agree that there is room for only one new station in the area, which is proposed at the site of the former Ilkeston Junction in Station Road, Ilkeston.

The project is likely to last about 15 years, with the construction of 50 to 75 units pa, rising eventually to 100 units. St Gobain owns the whole of the site to be redeveloped, unlike the previous scheme where some land was owned by Corus, Stanton Bonna and others. Money for the proposed primary school is ring fenced by DCC, and it would be built when there were sufficient children to justify it - it has to be viable.

The proposed new road, north east to Trowell, came out best in the study, as a lot more traffic is expected to travel east than west. (But it is far from popular with Trowell Parish Council.)

Miss Paczek, Mr.Lloyd and the parishioner left at 8:00pm.

10-73 Minutes

The Minutes of 10 June 2010 were approved and signed as a true record.

10-74 Declarations of Interest

None.

Matters Arising

10-75 Rubbish Clearing (10-54)

Three Councillors and two parishioners, plus the EBC representative, had met on Saturday 3 July and had removed 13 bags of rubbish, one bed and six bar stools from the Nature Reserve. It was agreed to organise a similar event in late October, the Clerk to arrange with EBC.

10-76 Rushy Lane Dog Bin (10-65)

EBC no longer favour 'dual use' bins, and are currently awaiting delivery of red dog bins. Rushy Lane has been approved as a location requiring a red bin, and one should be installed within the next month or so.

10-77 The Nook Bridleway (10-66)

The DCC Minor Rights of Way Officer had replied that Derbyshire County Council is generally responsible for maintaining the surface of public bridleways. He intended to inspect Risley Bridleway No. 5 in the next couple of weeks to assess what work may be necessary, and will update us in due course. There have been teething troubles with the new payments system, hence the delay in paying for erection of signs at the golf course.

10-78 Pillars at White House (10-68)

EBC Enforcement Officer had written, stating that as the pillars are not sited on or adjacent to the highway, planning permission would not be required for the structures. Indeed any walls, fences or gates not adjoining a highway could be up to two metres in height without the need for planning permission.

10-79 Roadside Advertising signs (10-69)

The Highway Care Manager had advised that in both locations the A Boards are not considered to be prejudicial to highway safety and any further action is seen as inappropriate. However, in general, the County Council disapproves of any obstruction to the highway and no official permissions are granted for any 'A'boards. Where such obstruction can be accommodated by the general public as a whole, they are generally tolerated by 'non-disapproval'.

10-80 Grievance Procedure (10-61)

The draft grievance procedure, accidentally omitted from the previous set of procedures, was adopted.

10-81 Correspondence

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. EBC - Effectiveness of Borough & Parish Councils' Forum, likely to have meeting shortly with Parish representatives. Agreed that Cllr Mrs Ancliff would complete the questionnaire.
- B. DALC Newsletters - Employers Guide booklet has been produced.
- C. DCC Minor Maintenance Scheme (£430 available) - Look on Footpath Walk.
- D. EBC Erewash Economic Development & Regeneration Strategy - Consultation to access survey visit erewash.gov.uk/business/economic_development

- E. Vitalise - Request for donation. It provides ‘respite care breaks for disabled people that enable their carers to have a rest, guilt free, from their vital care role.’ Proposed by Cllr Joyce, seconded by Cllr Mrs Hobbs, that £50 be given. All were in favour.
- F. EBC Local Development Framework Newsletter - EBC hopes to adopt a new ‘local list’ (of important local buildings) in the near future, and shortly will begin public consultation on the criteria to be used.
- G. Risley Village Hall Committee had agreed that the Clerk should receive minutes. Cllrs Hardy & Rhodes declared an interest. Cllr Hardy explained that the prefabricated structure of the building was showing its age, and that it was proposed as a matter of urgency to replace the windows in the north wall. It was intended to extend the main hall northwards, in brick, at the same time - an architect is drawing plans. Councillors had no objection to the proposed extension. The possibility of a PWLB loan for this work will be investigated by the Clerk. It was also agreed to arrange for the trees behind the hall to be inspected by the EBC Tree Officer, Cllr Mrs Ancliff, and a Village Hall Committee representative, with a view to felling or extensive pruning.
- H. EBC Community Database - Request for contact details
- I. DCC Highways - Offer of site meeting to discuss various issues. Clerk to arrange.
- J. Sundry advertising

10-82 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the following be paid:

A.	Southern Electric - Kiosk	15.00
B.	Vitalise - Donation	50.00
C.	Audit Commission - Audit	158.63
D.	S.A.Leleux - Clerk Salary & Expenses	191.26

The EBC Play Scheme grant of £500.00 had been received.

10-83 Planning Applications

Previous Applications

- A. 93 Derby Road - Conversion of existing garage and new single storey side/front extension to form ancillary living accommodation for dependent relative and new attached garage: Refused
- B. Works to protected trees, Derby Road: Sycamore tree T4 felling permission refused, works to trees T1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9,10 & 11 approved, subject to standard conditions.
- C. 21 Derby Road - Two single-storey side extensions, one to each side elevation: Approved.

New Applications

- A. 7 Derby Road - Retrospective application for single storey outbuilding to the rear: Cllr Hardy declared an interest and took no part in the discussion. Councillors considered that the building was too large and overbearing, with an adverse impact on neighbouring gardens, and could set a bad precedent. If it was permitted to remain, then its height should be reduced and all walls faced with brick instead of concrete blocks.
- B. Risley School - Security gate at east end of playing field: While a 5-bar gate with security panels to deter climbers was acceptable, the proposed structure would have an adverse impact on the street scene. The need for such a gate was questioned, in view

of the existing security fence around the playground and school buildings, and a suspected weak fence along the far side of the playing field. If it was considered necessary to keep children away from this gate, then a second gate could be erected on the field behind it.

- C. Keys Farm, Derby Road - Retrospective application to retain barns in current form including external changes to those previously approved by planning consent ERE/0901/0019 (conversion of farm buildings to three holiday cottages): No objection.
- D. 41 Derby Road - Single storey rear extension, enlarged window first floor rear, detached garage to rear: No objection.

Cllr M.O'Neill left at this point (9:15pm) and Cllr R.Hardy resumed the chair.

10-84 Playground Committee

Nothing to report.

10-85 Footpath Walk

It was agreed that details of arrangements could be finalised at the next meeting. It was agreed to produce a flyer, for distribution at the end of August, advertising: the footpath walk, litter picking event, carols and the availability of the Village Hall for hire.

Observations from Councillors

10-86 First Avenue Playing Field

Cllr Rhodes reported nettles growing around the gate and undertook to deal with them. It was reported that the seat moved to the northern boundary was beneath a tree and covered with bird droppings. It was agreed to resite it as part of any improvements.

10-87 Overhanging Vegetation

The Clerk was instructed to ask the owner of 80 Derby Road to cut back vegetation overhanging the pavement, emphasising that TPOs did not prevent pruning to maintain a clear footpath. The school hedge also needs cutting back.

10-88 EBC Report

West Park leisure centre had received a makeover, and one was planned for Victoria leisure centre. Long Eaton Market Place was also scheduled for improvements. A new EBC magazine is being distributed to every household in the Borough. 'Street Dance' lessons for young people aged 11-16 are being held in Long Eaton on Wednesdays.

The meeting closed at 9:40pm.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RISLEY PARISH COUNCIL

in Risley Village Hall on Thursday 9 September 2010 at 7:00pm.

Present: Cllrs Mrs P.Ancliff (in the chair initially), A.Fogg (in the chair), Mrs R.Hobbs, J.Joyce, D.Rhodes, E.Woodward. In attendance: DCC Cllr W.Major, EBC Cllrs Mrs V.Clare & D.Orchard, one parishioner, Mr S.A.Leleux, Clerk.

Apologies: Cllrs R.Hardy, M.O'Neill.

In the absence of both Chairman and Vice-chairman, Cllr Mrs Ancliff was appointed chairman.

10-89 Public Session

None (but see 10-94 below).

Cllr Fogg arrived at 7:03pm and took the chair.

10-90 Minutes

The Minutes of 8 July 2010 were approved and signed as a true record.

10-91 Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Fogg & Rhodes with reference to the Village Hall.

Matters Arising

10-92 Rubbish Clearing (10-75)

Saturday 30 October has been agreed with EBC.

10-93 Trees at Village Hall (10-81-G)

Cllr Mrs Ancliff reported the meeting of herself and Mrs Tivey (Village Hall Secretary) with the EBC Tree Officer to inspect the trees behind the Village Hall. A long discussion followed. It was agreed that the trees concerned belonged to RPC and that they cause a nuisance. EBC was willing to grant permission to prune branches overhanging the building by 2m. After the meeting, Cllr Mrs Ancliffe, in discussion with three other Councillors (not present at the meeting), had agreed to make the necessary application, as it takes around six weeks to process and it is desirable to prune the cherry trees concerned while they are still in leaf. Permission is expected to be granted at the beginning of October. Ivy and sundry suckers can be removed without EBC permission. The possibility of felling a solitary tree opposite the hall's windows was raised, in readiness for any proposed extension, but Councillors agreed it should be left until any extension was imminent. It was proposed by Cllr Joyce, seconded by Cllr Mrs Hobbs, that quotes should be obtained from two firms with separate prices for (a) pruning the branches and (b) removing ivy and suckers. All were in favour. Who would pay for any work done was not decided.

A parishioner arrived at 7:15pm, during the previous item. She now requested permission to speak, which the Chairman granted.

10-94 Public Session

The recent car boot sale organised by Treetops Hospice on 30 August 2010 had caused considerable traffic problems, particularly congestion in Breaston Lane due to parked cars. The speaker emphasised that there was no problem **with** the Hospice, which did excellent work, but only with the congestion caused by its events. Furthermore, the 40mph limit was not enforced. The Chairman assured the speaker that he intended to raise the issue of congestion as an 'Observation' at the end of the meeting (see 10-109 below). The speaker then left at 7:35pm.

10-95 The Nook Bridleway (10-78)

The DCC Footpaths Officer had written saying that he had inspected this bridleway. It was in a suitable state for use by walkers and riders. Councillors disagreed, as it was the only access for four houses, whose occupants did **not** normally wear walking boots. It was agreed to ask one of the residents for any information about access in the deeds to the house, and to write to the Footpaths Officer disagreeing with his conclusions.

10-96 Correspondence

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. Society of Local Council Clerks - *Working with your Council* course
- B. No need for Nuclear - Request to support Early Day Motion No 557, calling for an enquiry into whether or not new nuclear power stations are needed. Agreed to ask MP to support this.
- C. Play Ground Supplies - Inspection reports July & August: Usual defects noted
- D. Thank you letters from Risley Parent & Toddler, 2nd Risley Brownies, Vitalise
- E. EBC - Erewash Strategic Housing Land Assessment
- F. DALC Newsletters:
 - 1) DALC AGM Matlock 11am Saturday 4 September and Annual Report.
 - 2) Warning that 'Although billing authorities have no powers, at present, to limit or cap the level of precepts issued to them by parish councils in their area, this does not mean they will not attempt to do so. It is likely that in the current economic climate, parish councils may come under pressure from their billing authorities and local communities to not increase or reduce their precept levels.'
 - 3) Legal Deposit Libraries Act 2003 required parish councils to send a copy of any book, pamphlet or magazine published after 1 February 2004 to the British Library for inclusion in its collection. Copies of Newsletter 16 onwards, plus copies of flyers, which were still on the Clerk's computer have been sent.
- G. Lowland Derbyshire Biodiversity Partnership - Newsletter, forum 16 October Chesterfield
- H. Rural Action Derbyshire - Newsletter
- I. Central Networks - New un-metered supply certificate (12 months, for phone box)
- J. Derbyshire Record Office - Risk Management for Parish Council Records: Free place booked for 7 September. Agreed not to use special paper for minutes.
- K. Million Trees in Derbyshire Project - Agreed to obtain more information. Possible locations suggested for additional trees are: First Avenue playing field for shade, behind the Village Hall, and Breaston Lane verges.
- L. Highways Agency - Closure of A52 westbound for resurfacing & carriageway repairs, 20:00 to 06:00, 6 to 25 September. Posters displayed.

- M. Land Registry - All our properties are in fact registered, but the Council's name is being altered so that it is the same on each.
- N. EBC Erewash South Community Forum - Held at Draycott on 19 August
- O. EBC Borough & Parishes Forum - Ilkeston Town Hall, 2:30pm 9 September
- P. Derbyshire Wildlife Trust - State of natural environment in Derbyshire
- Q. D.Clifford - Thanks for improving footpath beside Derby Road towards Borrowash, with comments for minor repairs required. Forwarded to DCC.
- R. DCC Community Safety Officer - Enquiring about Operation Relentless, community work done under Probation Community Payback. RPC suggested tidying the School hedge, and the Clerk reported nothing had been done.
- S. NALC Community Right to Build - very short response time allowed
- T. EBC - Ceasing to send weekly list of planning applications, refer to website. The Clerk has objected, as it was a very useful document. Councillors agreed. EBC Cllrs Mrs V.Clare & D.Orchard will endeavor to have this document retained.
- U. EBC Planning - Request for Ms Savage & Mr Snow to attend meeting on 14 October to explain electronic consultation and other planning issues. Agreed this would be very useful.
- V. Cornish King - Quote for bulbs (daffodils and crocus) £103.03 incl carriage. Agreed to ask for delivery in first week of October. During the enquiry the firm spontaneously made a very kind reference to the late Cllr Grundy which has been forwarded to his widow.
- W. DCC Highways - report of meeting with RPC members with representatives from Highways. Agreed improvements:
1. To introduce 40mph countdown signs on the approach to the 40mph speed limit for vehicles travelling in a eastern direction; 3 signs at 100yards, 200yards and 300yards
 2. To incorporate a village name sign and slogan on the 40mph speed limit o/s The Coach House
 3. To provide an additional 40mph repeater sign incorporating a speed camera on a lighting column o/s Rising Lea
- After the meeting he took the opportunity to assess the other signing on Derby Road at this location, and proposed to make the following alterations:
4. Provide a new 'bend' sign on the approach to The Risley Park Public House for vehicles travelling in a western direction
 5. To provide a 'slow' road marking on the approach to the same bend but for vehicles travelling in the eastern direction
 6. Reduce the size of the existing junction sign opposite Park Lodge from 1200mm to 900mm
 7. Remove unnecessary speed limit signs on first Avenue and Second Avenue and re-site the no-through road signs onto the speed limit poles
- It was agreed to thank Messrs Froggatt & Leigh for their positive response.
- X. Audit Commission - Annual Return: No comments made by the External Auditor.
- Y. Bruce Broughton - Website: Moving to a different hosting structure would reduce costs, although the actual move will mean the site would be unavailable for a short period. At was agreed to do this.
- Z. Sundry advertising

10-97 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the following be paid:

A.	EBC - Play Scheme	388.50
B.	Play-Ground Supplies - Inspection (2)	82.26
C.	Park Hall Designs - Website	30.00
D.	Dirty Wellies - Mowing (June, July, August)*	2125.00
E.	Premier Landscaping - Fence repairs, First Avenue field	85.00
F.	S.A.Leleux - Clerk Salary & Expenses	384.47
G.	Post Office - Clerk's tax	119.29

The DCC grant of £336.17, the balance of the cost of erecting signs at the golf course, has been received. There is a credit balance of £14.15 with Southern Electric for the phone box.

* Although asked to quote for 3 years, it had been agreed with Dirty Wellies that they should work for one year, and then requote in the light of their experience (09-143, November 2009). It was agreed they should now be asked to quote for 2011 & 2012.

10-98 Planning Applications

Previous Applications

- A. 7 Derby Road - Retrospective application for single storey outbuilding to the rear: Approved.
- B. Keys Farm, Derby Road - Retrospective application to retain barns in current form including external changes to those previously approved by planning consent ERE/0901/0019 (conversion of farm buildings to three holiday cottages): Approved.

New Applications

- A. 93 Derby Road - Conversion of existing garage and new single storey side/front extension to form ancillary living accommodation for dependent relative and new attached garage: Objection. 1. The proposed development is in the front of the building, which brings forward the building line and impacts the street scene, 2. The proposed garage is integral with the main building and could therefore be changed to residential use, 3. There appears to be space enough to leave the existing garage and provide what is required as a side development, thus avoiding the two concerns above, 4. The size of the proposed single garage is excessive.
- B. Manor Farm Cottage - Two storey front extension, single storey side extension plus front and back porches and new window arrangements to front and back elevations: No objection.
- C. Land behind 19A Derby Road - Erection of one dwelling with balcony to the rear and attached garage. Despite the large amount of documentation provided, Councillors were unable to make a decision in view of apparent inconsistencies and omissions, and a site meeting will be requested for clarification. Some issues raised were: ownership of hedges along the approach road, width of tarmac and feasibility of passing places in this road, general problems with access, the extent of the proposed garden and its need for change of use, the nature of the current 'commercial business', classification of some aspects as H3 not H1 as stated.
- D. Sandborough Fields Farm, Derby Road, Risley - Erection of new timber storage building to replace three lorry body containers. (Resubmission.) No objection.

10-99 Playground Committee

The first priority was to replace the TotLot, preferably with a metal structure, but at the same time any replacement had to be part of a larger plan. Premier Landscapes gave a quote of

£395 to put it into good repair (currently it is in dangerous condition) but Councillors decided that this was not worthwhile, and agreed to have it dismantled as soon as possible. The Committee will seek site meetings with representatives of play equipment companies to obtain ideas. Suggestions from older children will be circulated to Councillors. The Clerk will make enquiries into a new PWLB loan.

10-100 Footpath Walk (10-85)

Leaflets have been distributed, advertising the walk, litter pick and carols. Unfortunately, there is no reference to this walk in the Erewash/Amber Valley autumn walks brochure. Cllr Hardy agreed to handle light refreshments after the walk (using Section 137), and he hoped that some other Councillors would also be available to act as leaders.

10-101 Budget

There were no obvious items of additional expenditure for inclusion in the budget for next year. (See also 10-96-F-2 above.)

Observations from Councillors

10-102 Mirror at Risley Hall

It was reported that a mirror in the grounds of Risley Hall opposite the White House had disappeared. It was now very dangerous leaving the White House drive as it was no longer possible to see on-coming traffic. Councillors considered that this was not their responsibility, nor that of DCC, and that the owner of the White House should work in conjunction with Risley Hall to replace it.

10-103 Pavement outside Latin School

Fallen leaves cover the pavement, and suckers from the lime trees along the frontage obstruct it. EBC will be asked to sweep the pavement, and Risley Educational Foundation to cut back the suckers.

10-104 Village Hall Land

It was agreed to ask Dirty Wellies to trim the land behind the Village Hall. The many of the quicks planted in February had not survived and it was agreed to replant as necessary.

10-105 Brook Cottage

It was reported that what appeared to be plastic slates had been laid on the roof of Brook Cottage. The authority to do so will be investigated.

10-106 Bridge in The City

This still needs proper repair, although it was reported that some sandbags have been laid beside it.

10-107 Traffic Lights

Regular users of the Derby Road, Bostocks & Risley Lanes junction complain at the timing of the lights and the operation of the right turn arrow (eastbound into Bostocks Lane) is erratic. DCC will be informed, and sent details of delays compiled by one Councillor.

10-108 Excessive Traffic

Complaints have been received of excessive traffic on Derby Road following an international horse show at Draycott. Cllr Fogg agreed to speak to the organiser.

10-109 Treetops Car Boot Sales

Councillors appreciate the work done by Treetops Hospice, but have become increasingly aware of problems caused by its regular car boot sales (see 10-94 above). It appears that parking and traffic management nearby has outgrown the resources allocated to it. It was agreed to notify Treetops that complaints had been received, and to suggest that Police should be employed to manage the traffic.

10-110 DCC Report

DCC Cllr Major reported that at long last a footpath has been diverted to run round the perimeter of Hopwell Hall. It has been agreed to stop up the stub of Bostocks Lane close to the roundabout. Finally, a new planning application is being made by Tesco for a store by the canal in Sandiacre.

10-111 EBC Report

There is a growing demand for allotments in Erewash which is proving difficult to meet. EBC Cllr D.Orchard reported that the recent DALC AGM was very poorly attended, with representatives from only 16 out of 220 councils. There are now 20 fully professionally qualified clerks in Derbyshire.

The meeting closed at 9:50pm.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RISLEY PARISH COUNCIL

in Risley Village Hall on Thursday 14 October 2010 at 7:00pm.

Present: Cllrs Mrs P.Ancliff, A.Fogg, R.Hardy, J.Joyce, M.O'Neill (in the chair), D.Rhodes, E.Woodward. In attendance: DCC Cllr W.Major, EBC Cllrs Mrs V.Clare & D.Orchard, Miss D.Savage (EBC Interim Head of Planning & Regeneration), Mr S.A.Leleux, Clerk.

Apologies: Cllr Mrs R.Hobbs.

10-112 Public Session

Miss D.Savage (EBC Interim Head of Planning & Regeneration) had come, by invitation, to explain proposals for electronic handling of planning applications. Many other councils have been doing this for up to eight years, so EBC is quite late. There were proposals to introduce it here about three years ago, and parish councils were mainly agreeable, provided the necessary equipment could be provided by EBC. However, nothing happened. Since then, EBC has obtained grants to cover the cost of parish council equipment. In addition, the EBC website is being modified to make it easier to access and examine planning applications, for example no longer having to download the entire application but only those portions which are of interest. As EBC handles between 600 & 900 applications annually, there are large potential savings in officer time, paper, ink and postage if few applications have to be copied and distributed. In addition, many applications are already made electronically. There will still be master paper copies in the Planning Office, and paper copies may be produced by special request. The question now was whether RPC was willing to use an electronic system, and if so what equipment would it require.

Councillors agreed to use the new system, provided the necessary equipment was forthcoming. RPC did not own a computer, so it would need a laptop, projector, and internet access. A blank wall in the Village Hall Committee Room could act as a screen. It was pointed out that there was no telephone at the Village Hall, so applications would probably have to be downloaded beforehand.

In response to questions and comments, Councillors were told that the equipment would become RPC property, and not lent by EBC. Storage would be RPC's responsibility. Insurance, repair and eventual replacement (not least to deal with update cycle issues) would probably be investigated by EBC, along with other issues raised by this set of visits to parish councils. As the visits were scheduled to be completed within the next few weeks, it was hoped that the new system would be introduced early in next year.

Miss Savage enquired whether there were any other planning issues that she could explain. The Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment Review (mentioned on the Agenda) was a requirement made by central government about the supply of building land for the next five years. The regional spatial strategy used census, demographic and other information to calculate the likely number of new homes required each year. Currently, for Erewash, this is 360pa, but a revised figure is likely in the New Year as there is no longer a regional spatial strategy. The question then was how to provide the necessary land. Assorted potential sites, suggested by the public and by observation, were listed and then examined for suitability by EBC. If a site was deemed suitable it **still** needed to go through the normal planning application process, but it eliminated sites liable to flooding or with other undesirable features.

The Clerk thanked her for restoration of the Weekly List.

The speaker left at 7:45pm.

10-113 Minutes

The Minutes of 9 September 2010 were approved and signed as a true record, after amending the latter part of 10-105 to read ‘... Cottage. The authority to do so will be investigated.’

10-114 Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Fogg, Hardy & Rhodes with reference to the Village Hall.

Matters Arising

10-115 Trees at Village Hall (10-93)

After some discussion, it was agreed to accept the quote from Premier Landscaping to prune branches and remove ivy from trees behind the Village Hall. This firm had also pointed out that there was ivy in two trees in the front hedge, and that holly and quicks planted in gaps in the hedge had been broken or removed. It was proposed by Cllr Joyce, seconded by Cllr Mrs Ancliff, that Premier Landscaping should do all the works necessary, including providing a temporary fence across gaps to protect the plants. All were in favour.

10-116 Traffic Problems (10-94, 108)

Treetops Hospice had written, promising improved traffic control measures in future. Cllr Fogg reported that he thought that the pony club organiser had taken RPC’s points on board, but the events did bring a lot of money into the local community and were not that frequent.

10-117 The Nook Bridleway (10-95)

The DCC Footpaths Officer had written maintaining his position. His point about ‘wearing suitable footwear’ was accepted, for bona fide walkers, but not for those walking to the school or church. Besides, some people were unsteady on their feet anyway. It was agreed that the worst section, a long standing problem, was the erosion of the track on the final slope down to Derby Road, although all of it as far as the footpath to Second Avenue could do with attention. Levelling and a rolled layer of hardcore was thought to be sufficient. DCC Cllr Major said that he would investigate.

10-118 Bridge in The City (10-106)

This bridge has now been repaired.

10-119 Traffic Lights (10-107)

DCC is investigating the timing again, several example incidents having been sent to them in the past month.

10-120 Correspondence

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. Zurich Insurance - Revised policy, no extra premium (to include climbing frame)
- B. DALC Newsletters: Blogging & Social Networking standards and pitfalls, Census 2011 is only 6 months away,
- C. DCC Parish & Town Council Liaison meeting - 21 October, Matlock, 6:00 for 6:30pm.
- D. EBC Cllr A. Phillips had made requests to all local parish councils under Freedom of Information legislation for concurrent function information for 2003 to the present. It

- was agreed to provide the information requested, but the fee should be paid before it was sent. The Clerk will send the draft to Cllrs O'Neill & Woodward for approval.
- E. EBC Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment Review - Consultation 11-10-10 to 8-11-10: The statements made about each site were agreed by RPC, with the addition of 'within Conservation Area' to site 319 (west of Old Rectory).
 - F. DALC - PWLB borrowing information: Minimum for Risley about £3000, repayable over 10 years. The form is sent to DALC for approval and forwarding.
 - G. EBC Hopwell Hall - Planning consent was given under ERE/0607/0081 for an outbuilding 11 x 5.99m x 2.6m eaves/6m overall. It was discussed by Draycott PC.
 - H. Risley Educational Foundation - Tree surgeon has been booked for Latin School etc.
 - I. Borough & Parish Forum meeting 9 September: Report of issues raised.
 - J. DCC Highways - Notice of temporary closure of Breaston Lane south of Lane's Farm, for installation of new footway and drainage systems.
 - K. EBC - Details of Parish maintained grit bins. None.
 - L. Sundry advertising

10-121 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the following be paid:

A.		Play-Ground Supplies - Inspection (2)	82.26
B.	Dirty Wellies - Mowing (September), striiming Village Hall, hedge cutting		945.00
C.		Premier Landscaping - TotLot removal	492.00
D.		S.A.Leleux - Clerk Salary & Expenses	198.07

A direct debit of £1122.56 for PWLB is due shortly. There is a credit balance of £9.37 with Southern Electric for the phone box.

10-122 Planning Applications

Previous Applications

None.

New Applications

- A. Land behind 19A Derby Road - Erection of one dwelling with balcony to the rear and attached garage. Following a site meeting, the following objections were made:
 1. Access: More vehicles use this private drive than are included in the application. A number of vehicles, approx 4/5, service fields and horses on land to the south of the application, not owned by the applicant; Refuse vehicles reverse down this drive; There is unlikely to be a net reduction in vehicles; Morning and afternoon cars stop by the access on Derby Road to drop off/ pick up pupils at Friesland school; Anyone using this access with a wheelchair or mobility scooter to visit Dr & Mrs Heron will inevitably hold up any vehicles. Mrs Heron also uses a wheelchair if she goes out. RPC understands that a very similar application made about ten years ago was refused on the grounds of access.
 2. Pedestrian safety: This is a private drive not a road, and widening, improving visibility and passing places, as mentioned in the application, could encourage drivers to travel faster and forget that pedestrians have priority on the footpath of Derby Road.
 3. DC1: Whilst this is replacement of existing development, stabling and stores, RPC considers it to be backland development; It is for residential use and has a footprint considerably larger than that of the existing buildings.
 4. PPS3: Greenfield land is being taken up into the curtilage of this property, and RPC relies on the planning officer to decide whether this is appropriate, for now and the future, in accordance with local planning.
 5. Amenity of neighbours: RPC is

concerned that the amenity of Dr. and Mrs. Heron at 19a, both of whom are in their eighties, should not be affected; Should permission be given, although the finished building will be at a distance, the work of construction will seriously affect them, and there should be conditions to minimise this.

- B. Crown thinning of line of 10 cherry trees and felling two sycamore trees at Risley Hall (near Maple Cottages): No objection.
- C. Keys Farm - Change of use of existing single storey farm building to holiday accommodation. Notification just received but no information - left to next meeting.

10-123 Playground Committee (10-99)

The Committee had met representatives from two companies, Sutcliffe and Proludic, for equipment to replace the TotLot and for older children. Both firms are coming back with proposals. It was agreed that a third firm, Wicksteed, should be invited as well.

10-124 Footpath Walk (10-100)

Attendance was poor, about 8. The main problem was the excessive height of a number of stiles, which was the responsibility of the landowners.

10-125 Footpath Maintenance (10-100)

No major defects having been noticed in the Footpath Walk, it was agreed to use the annual DCC grant to top up the steps in The City down to the brook. Cllr Fogg will obtain a quote. The Clerk will ask the Golf Club to repair sections of the path which have started to fall away towards the Nook.

10-126 RPC Notice Board

It was agreed that the board near 56 Derby Road needed repainting/revarnishing. The Clerk had obtained one quote. Cllr Hardy will obtain a second one, and it was agreed that the Clerk could accept the cheaper so that the work could be done before winter.

10-127 Budget (10-101)

Dirty Wellies quoted an increase of 3% for 2011 & 2012 for mowing etc. The Clerk will check it against the other quotes received last year, and it will be accepted, or not, at the next meeting. Acceptance of the draft budget was proposed by Cllr Woodward, seconded by Cllr Fogg. All were in favour. It assumes no change in precept.

Observations from Councillors

10-128 Dog Waste Bin in Rushy Lane (10-76)

EBC had promised in July to provide a dog bin at the Rushy Lane end of the footpath to the Nook, but nothing had yet happened. The Clerk was instructed to investigate.

10-129 Playing Field Path between First & Second Avenues

It was reported that the path linking the two entrances to the First Avenue playing field was very overgrown. It was agreed that Dirty Wellies should clear it, probably by spraying.

10-130 Bulbs for Verges

Cllr Mrs Ancliffe reported that the bulbs for the verges had arrived, and sought volunteers to help plant them, assuming no further mowing was expected (the Clerk to check).

10-131 Litter Picking Event

This event is scheduled for Saturday 30 October, meeting at the Village Hall at 10am. While work remains to be done in the Nature Reserve, it was thought that other areas could also do with attention and it was agreed that Councillors should inspect likely areas of work.

10-132 Visibility of Traffic from the Nook bridleway

A complaint had been received of the difficulty in seeing approaching eastbound traffic when leaving the bridleway to the Nook. In particular, the front hedge at 74 Derby Road obstructed vision. It was agreed that as the hedge was on private land and did not encroach over the pavement it was quite legal. It was suggested that the complainant should make their own representations to the owner of 74.

10-133 Village Hall Exit

Some drivers had complained of difficulty seeing oncoming eastbound traffic when leaving the Village Hall car park, and had suggested the erection of a mirror opposite the entrance. Councillors did not support this suggestion, and it was reported that DCC did not favour mirrors either, as they gave 'a false sense of security'.

10-134 Parking in/near Second Avenue

A resident had complained about a tanker lorry which had parked on Derby Road close to the entrance of Second Avenue on a number of occasions. Previously the driver had moved elsewhere when asked by the resident, but this time he had refused. The police had been reluctant to intervene, but had responded when a second resident called. The driver had then moved on. It was agreed that parking was a police responsibility, but Councillors should monitor the situation and note occurrences. It was also reported that all day parking by cars on Second Avenue is increasing, and if cars park on both sides of the road it can then be difficult for other vehicles to pass through.

10-135 Willoughby Trust

It was agreed that Cllr Mrs Ancliffe should represent RPC on the Willoughby Trust, alongside Cllr Joyce. She takes the place of the late Cllr Grundy. The annual meeting will be in early November.

10-136 DCC Report

DCC Cllr Major reported that wide consultation was expected shortly to assess the possibility of reducing the number of streetlights on and/or the duration of lighting, as a means of saving both energy and money. Unfortunately it seemed that most likely methods (eg low energy bulbs, selective switching) involved heavy capital expenditure. DCC would supply grit bins to parish councils, but subsequent filling would be the recipients' responsibility. It was agreed to apply for two bins, one for the Village Hall car park and one for the hill in No Mans Lane, Cllr Fogg to locate a suitable site. Some heavily subsidised bus routes may be scrapped, particularly as Community Transport is often available. The proposed extension of double yellow lines in Rushy Lane is expected very soon.

10-137 EBC Report

A national flooding survey is being done. There is a large demand for allotments in parts of Erewash, but even when there are potential sites there is a large capital cost in laying paths and water. Long Eaton Market Place is finished. EBC owns the ground but not the buildings of

the recently closed Ilkeston Town FC. The independent Remuneration Panel recommended that all EBC Councillors' expenses should be reduced by 5%, but the Council had yet to approve it.

The meeting closed at 9:35pm.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RISLEY PARISH COUNCIL

in Risley Village Hall on Thursday 11 November 2010 at 7:00pm.

Present: Cllrs Mrs P.Ancliff, A.Fogg (in the chair initially), Mrs R.Hobbs (arrived 7:10pm), J.Joyce, M.O'Neill (in the chair later), D.Rhodes, E.Woodward. In attendance: G.Cameron (Chief Executive) and Mrs M.Smith (Fund Raiser), both of Treetops Hospice, Mr S.A.Leleux, Clerk.

Apologies: Cllr R.Hardy, DCC Cllr W.Major, EBC Cllrs Mrs V.Clare & D.Orchard.

10-138 Public Session

Following a letter from RPC about traffic problems arising from car boot sales, Mr Cameron, assisted by Mrs Smith, had offered to talk to Councillors. Car boots were one method of utilising their 12-acre site to raise funds. They had been held for at least 14 years, and had become increasingly popular and financially important - the last bank holiday sale had a net profit of £5000. Mr Cameron had arrived at the last sale at 5:30am, and even at that time there were sellers already queuing to gain access! In general, sellers are allowed on to the site from 6:30am until about 10:30am. Buyers arrive from 8:30am until about 1:00pm.

The Hospice liaises with the police, who are generally satisfied with the arrangements, except to draw attention to parking on the single white line near the end of Breaston Lane which is illegal. The police pointed out that Treetops personnel could not interfere with traffic on the main road. A complication last bank holiday was an event being held on the same day at the Risley Park.

Mr Cameron outlined ways they were trying to improve the flow of traffic, including having one-way within the grounds, better signage so that entrants knew the entrance fee before reaching the toll booth, and by having three booths instead of just one. The real problem was the success of the sales - very many people wanted to spend their bank holiday there! He asked Councillors for comments and suggestions.

The Village Hall car park was used already. If Rush Meadow was offered then Treetops would provide additional marshals to control the parking. It was suggested that all advertising could draw attention to free parking on the fields and request due consideration be given to local residents' drives, although Mr Cameron stated that the sales were so well known that advertising was hardly necessary. It was also suggested that residents could put 'Access Required' signs in their drives.

The Vice-chairman thanked Mr Cameron and Mrs Smith for their explanations and concern over the problems caused by the sales. Mr Cameron offered to return after the next sale (May) if necessary. The visitors left at 7:35pm.

10-139 Minutes

The Minutes of 14 October 2010 were approved and signed as a true record, after minor amendments to 10:114, 115 & 116.

10-140 Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Mrs Ancliff with reference to proposed tree work at 37 Derby Road.

Matters Arising

10-141 The Nook Bridleway (10-117)

Although Councillors had supported the proposal to lay a hard surface on the bridleway, in view of the recent auction of the field *including the road*, it was agreed not to proceed until contact had been made with the new owner, believed to be a resident on Derby Road.

10-142 Freedom of Information Act Request (10-120-D)

The Clerk had prepared the information requested, about Concurrent Functions expenditure, and had written to the person concerned asking for £5.50, in line with RPC policy as given on the website. No reply had been received. It was noted that the two EBC Councillors were at a meeting of the full EBC. One of the motions was a proposal to cut concurrent function allocations to parish councils by 25%.

Cllr O'Neill arrived at this point (7:55pm) and took the chair.

10-143 Dog Waste Bin in Rushy Lane (10-128)

Despite its promise in July to provide a dog bin at the Rushy Lane end of the footpath to the Nook, and a reminder last month, EBC still had not erected a bin here. The recent litter picking event had highlighted the desperate need. The Clerk was instructed to investigate.

10-144 Bulbs for Verges (10-130)

Cllr Mrs Ancliffe reported that the bulbs for the verges had been planted by several volunteers, and it was thought that all the verges were now suitably covered.

10-145 Litter Picking Event (10-141)

This event on Saturday 30 October was attended by four Councillors and Mr Windsor of EBC. Over a dozen bags of rubbish were collected, plus a bicycle and a golf trolley. It was agreed to arrange for another session in May. It was reported that there was a lot of rubbish close to the path across the golf course. The Clerk was instructed to request that it was cleared.

10-146 Correspondence

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. Premier Landscapes - Village Hall hedge: About 30 quicks required, cost £1.50 including planting. He suggests also grubbing out weeds before planting (agreed) and trimming the top of the hedge (leave).
- B. DALC Newsletter
- C. Play-Ground Supplies - Inspection report. Usual items noted.
- D. EBC - meeting about Concurrent Functions, LE TH 10:30am, 12 November.
- E. Jessica Lee MP - Response to request to sign an Early Day Motion about nuclear power. She is 'a Parliamentary Private Secretary and therefore I am not in a position to sign any Early Day Motions'. 'Nuclear power is a mature technology. Therefore, nuclear plants will not be built with public subsidy.'
- F. Erewash Community Transport - New service details
- G. Police - PC Tom Bentley appointed to Risley & Sandiacre
- H. Friesland Sports Centre - Play Scheme report: 37 children participated out of 60 potential places.
- I. The recent Stanton-by-Dale Parish Council newsletter, following a visit by the Stanton site developers' representatives, stated that the 'only traffic access route now being considered is the "Northern Route" through Trowell'. Managing on the existing road

infrastructure 'is a viable option should St Gobain only apply to build up to 2,000 houses (in the first stage)'. Traffic modelling is now being analysed and is likely to be available in January. Outline planning permission will be submitted 'in the first quarter of 2011 (before Easter)'.

J. Sundry advertising

10-147 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the following be paid:

A.		Play-Ground Supplies - Inspection (2)	82.26
B.	Dirty Wellies - Mowing (September), striiming Village Hall, hedge cutting		945.00
C.		Premier Landscaping - TotLot removal	492.00
D.		S.A.Leleux - Clerk Salary & Expenses	198.07

A direct debit of £1122.56 for PWLB is due shortly. There is a credit balance of £9.37 with Southern Electric for the phone box.

10-148 Planning Applications

Previous Applications

- A. Sandborough Fields Farm - Erection of new timber storage building to replace three lorry body containers: Approved.
- B. 42 Rushy Lane - Replacement driveway: Permitted development.

New Applications

- A. Keys Farm - Change of use of existing single storey farm building to holiday accommodation: No objection.
- B. Brook Cottage - Proposed change of use of storage space over garage to occasional guest bedroom and insertion of three conservation roof lights: objection. The garage is *not* obscured by trees from the road - the photograph given with the application is misleading. Installing living accommodation, even a single bedroom, could lead to applications or further conversion and a new dwelling would result, as has happened elsewhere in Risley. The building is in the Conservation Area and in the grounds of a listed building.
- C. Risley Hall - Work to numerous trees: Objection. RPC would have found it easier to comment had reasons been given for the proposed work. There was no objection to the removal of the beech sapling by the rear entrance gate, the nearby sycamore and the conifer behind Jasmine Cottage. Crown thinning on the cherry trees fronting Maple Cottages (trees 10-21) had previously been approved, but the proposed crown lifting was unacceptable. RPC considered that crown thinning was more appropriate to the limes (trees 1-9). The selective removal of one branch from tree 36 and work to tidy tree 32 is considered reasonable. No reasons have been given to justify lifting the crowns of trees 22-26, 28-31, 34, 35, 37, & 38, nor for reducing the crowns of trees 32 & 33. RPC therefore opposes these applications. The value of trees in removing water from the ground, and thereby preventing flooding, was stressed.
- D. 37 Derby Road - Reduction works to crowns of 4 protected trees at the front of the property: Cllr Mrs Ancliff declared an interest. No objection.

10-148 Playground Committee (10-123)

Sutcliffe had replied with suggestions. Proludic is expected to reply next week. Wickstead's representative is making a site visit next week. It was suggested that he should be asked to

reply before the next meeting. The need for planning permission was raised and the Clerk will investigate.

10-149 Footpath Maintenance (10-125)

In view of the likely delay in contacting the new owner of the field and road to the Nook (see 10-141 above) it was agreed that Cllr Fogg should obtain a quote to top up the steps in The City down to the brook.

10-150 RPC Notice Board (10-126)

As the quote from Cllr Hardy's contact (who had done work at the Village Hall) was less than the other previously received, it was agreed that he should do the work.

10-151 Mowing (10-127)

Dirty Wellies quoted an increase of 3% for 2011 & 2012 for mowing etc, which is still much less than any other quote received. However, in view of uncertainty over concurrent functions, it was agreed to delay awarding it until the situation was clearer.

10-152 Clerk's Authority

Occasionally contractors telephoned the Clerk to suggest additional work while they were on site. When the likely cost was small and it was something that he would do if it was his own property he had usually authorised the work. He requested formal approval for this. After some discussion, Cllr Joyce proposed, seconded by Cllr Mrs Hobbs, that in future such requests, costing up to £250, should be referred to either the Chairman or Vice-chairman for approval, mobile phones meaning that they were normally able to be contacted straight away. All were in favour.

10-153 Carols Round the Tree

The Salvation Army Band is booked for 7pm on Monday 9 December. It was agreed that Cllr Mrs Hobbs would select the carols and organise readers from WI, NSY, and RPC, and the Clerk will ask the School to provide one. Cllr Woodward will organise refreshments, with the Clerk bringing mince pies from Staceys. Cllr Joyce proposed, seconded by Cllr Mrs Hobbs, that Section 137 money be used to meet the expenses, as usual. All were in favour. It was agreed that the Clerk could recycle a quantity of old carol books, no longer used as the print is too small to read in poor light.

Observations from Councillors

10-154 Willoughby Trust (10-135)

Cllr Joyce reported that he and Cllr Mrs Ancliff had attended the recent meeting. Tins of biscuits will be distributed to a number of residents. The number of recipients was 14 less than last year.

10-155 Trees at Latin School

It was reported that the trees beside the pavement at Latin School still had not been pruned back, and the suckers were a real obstruction to pedestrians. The Clerk was instructed to remind the Risley Educational Foundation that the work was not finished.

10-156 Leaves on the Pavement

It was reported that dead leaves were accumulating on the pavement, particularly near the church and school. The Clerk was instructed to ask EBC to clear them.

10-157 EBC Free Trees

It was agreed to apply for 10 dog rose and 30 thorn to fill gaps in hedges.

10-158 Rush Meadow Parking

Arising from the talk by representatives from Treetops earlier in the meeting (see 10-138), It was agreed that visitors to events at Treetops could park on Rush Meadow, assuming that ground conditions were suitable and that Treetops provided stewards. The date of any event should be given well in advance to avoid double booking.

10-159 Advertising on Verges

A complaint had been received about advertising signs on verges. It was agreed to send the person a copy of the recent DCC reply about such signs. (See 10-79, July 2010)

10-160 Risley Educational Foundation

It was reported that School House had been let to a new tenant.

10-161 Risley Pavements

A letter of complaint has been received about the state of pavements by 43-69 Derby Road. It was agreed to forward it to DCC Highways and also to DCC Cllr W.Major.

The meeting closed at 9:40pm.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RISLEY PARISH COUNCIL

in Risley Village Hall on Thursday 9 December 2010 at 7:00pm.

Present: Cllrs Mrs P.Ancliff, A.Fogg (in the chair initially),R.Hardy, Mrs R.Hobbs, M.O'Neill (in the chair later), E.Woodward. In attendance: DCC Cllr W.Major, EBC Cllr Mrs V.Clare, Mr S.A.Leleux, Clerk.

Apologies: Cllrs J.Joyce, D.Rhodes, EBC Cllr D.Orchard.

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-chairman took the chair.

10-162 Public Session

The expected speaker about the 2011 Census was unable to attend due to the weather and sent her apologies. It was agreed that she could speak at the January meeting, which would start at 6:45pm so that the meeting should still finish early.

10-163 Minutes

The Minutes of 11 November 2010 were approved and signed as a true record.

10-164 Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Hardy and Fogg with reference to the Village Hall, and Cllr Fogg with reference to the planning application at Park Farm.

Matters Arising

10-165 Dog Waste Bin in Rushy Lane (10-143)

It was reported that a dog bin had been erected on the Sandiacre side of Rushy Lane at the end of the footpath to Stanton Road (M1 bridge). Councillors agreed that this did not meet the needs of dog walkers using the path to The Nook, and that this bin should either be moved to the end of the path to The Nook, or else a second bin provided.

10-166 Litter Picking Event (10-145)

EBC has agreed to assist with a litter picking event on Saturday 21 May 2011.

10-167 Mowing (10-151)

It was agreed to award the mowing contract for 2011 to Dirty Wellies, at its increased price. However, it was agreed that in view of the present uncertainty over the EBC budget and concurrent functions, the contract for 2012 would remain in abeyance. (Proposed by Cllr.Hardy, seconded by Cllr Mrs Hobbs, all in favour).

10-168 RPC Notice Board (10-150)

Cllr Hardy reported that the RPC notice board by 56 Derby Road had been repainted/varnished, although no invoice had yet been received.

Cllrs O'Neill and Woodward arrived at this point (7:15pm), and Cllr O'Neill took the chair.

10-169 Trees at Latin School (10-155)

It was reported that the trees beside the pavement at Latin School had been pruned, and the pavement was now unobstructed.

10-170 EBC Free Trees (10-157)

Cllr Mrs Ancliff agreed to collect the young trees when the snow had melted, and to look after them until the next meeting, when arrangements could be made for planting them.

10-171 Grit Bins (10-136)

The Clerk was instructed to obtain quotes for two bins, and their filling, from DCC, one for the Village Hall and one for No Mans Lane.

10-172 Correspondence

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. EBC Registers of Electors - copies distributed to Councillors. Risley has 553 electors and Hopwell 17.
- B. DALC Newsletters - 1. Council tax freeze does not apply to parish councils. 2. Clerks' pay award still under negotiation. 3. Antisocial behaviour contacts. 4. Consultation on public transport.
- C. Inland Revenue - Annual returns must be done on-line in future. RPC returns have been done this way for several years.
- D. EBC Erewash South Community Forum - to be held at Borrowash on 16 December.
- E. Sundry advertising.

10-173 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the following be paid:

A.	Play-Ground Supplies - Inspection	41.13
B.	Park Hall Designs - Website	30.00
C.	Premier Landscaping - Weeding and planting in hedges	256.00
D.	S.A.Leleux - Clerk Salary & Expenses	176.00
E.	Post Office - Clerk's tax	119.30
F.	Stanton-by-Dale PCC - Printing & photocopying	50.83

10-174 Planning Applications

Previous Applications

- A. Tree works at Risley Hall - Approved.

New Applications

- A. 34 Rushy Lane - Ground and first floor side extension and new French windows to rear of kitchen: No objection.
- B. 36 Bostocks Lane - Roof extension to facilitate loft conversion including insertion of 3 roof lights to rear: No objection.
- C. Park Farm, No Mans Lane - Erection of two wind turbines on 30m mast. Cllr Fogg declared an interest and left the meeting for the duration of this item. The noise figures quoted were very reasonable, and despite the visual impact of the turbines, no objection was agreed.

EBC Cllr Mrs Clare left at this point, 8:05pm.

10-175 Precept

Cllr Woodward reported on the recent Concurrent Functions meeting held by EBC. Over the next four years EBC's budget is likely to be cut by 25%. While EBC is 'not minded to cut' concurrent functions in 2011, they are unlikely to be left untouched next year, whichever party wins the local elections. Any savings that a parish council can make would be greatly appreciated. It was agreed that the Clerk should follow EBC guidelines and complete the claim as usual when the form arrives. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Ancliff, seconded by Cllr

Woodward, that the precept for 2011 should be unchanged at £7010. All were in favour. The Chairman signed the EBC form.

10-176 Carol Round the Tree (10-153)

In view of the thick snow already lying, and forecast fog and low temperatures (-10°C and lower was being recorded locally), the event was cancelled. It was agreed that £100 should be given to the Salvation Army in lieu of the normal collection. Notice of the cancellation had been put on both RPC notice boards, and had been announced in Church and in the School.

10-177 Playground Committee (10-148)

Quotes and suggestions had been received from two suppliers, Sutcliffe and Proludic, and Wicksteed is expected at any time. The need for planning permission within the fenced area seems unlikely. It was agreed to have a presentation of the suggested improvements at the next meeting. Although no grants were available from either Biffa or Coalfields Regeneration, the project could well be acceptable to Veolia.

10-178 Footpath Maintenance (10-149)

It was agreed that the Clerk should endeavour to trace the new owner of the field, assuming any cost was 'moderate'. DCC Cllr reported that DCC Footpaths Officer was willing to lay hardcore on the bridleway when a team was in the area, or the footpath grant could be used to pay for the work.

Observations from Councillors

10-179 Website

It was suggested that the website needed updating, not least with photographs of Councillors.

10-180 No Mans Lane

Following urgent requests by a resident, No Mans Lane had been gritted several times following the recent snowfall. It was noted that crashes often happened after snow had fallen there. DCC Cllr Major said that main routes were gritted every 3 hours and less important routes every 5.5 hours. Gritting other routes was at the discretion of officers. He agreed to try to have No Mans Lane gritted regularly at the ends of the day, in view of its heavy use.

10-181 Risley Educational Foundation

It was reported that the tenant at Latin Cottage is leaving shortly, and the property will be advertised to let.

10-182 DCC Report

It was confirmed that DCC press releases were not being received. The sign to Risley Hall at the traffic lights will be repositioned, as some people assume it directs them to Stanton-by-Dale. DCC has to find savings of £80m, which will result in about 2000 job losses, although it is hoped that many of these will be by early retirement, voluntary redundancy or natural wastage. Although there are no plans to follow the example of EBC and reduce Members' allowances immediately by 5%, there are proposals to reduce the number of councillors. Recent government reports that DCC has excessive reserves do not take into account that more than half is earmarked, with the result that the 'free' reserves are only £22m, which meets the government's recommended guideline of 2.5% of the annual budget.

The meeting closed at 8:55pm.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RISLEY PARISH COUNCIL

in Risley Village Hall on Thursday 13 January 2011 at 6:45pm.

Present: Cllrs Mrs P.Ancliff, A.Fogg, Mrs R.Hobbs, M.O'Neill (in the chair), D.Rhodes, E.Woodward. In attendance: EBC Cllrs Mrs V.Clare, D.Orchard, Mrs C.Weston, Census Area Manager for Derby & Erewash, Mr S.A.Leleux, Clerk.

Apologies: Cllrs R.Hardy, J.Joyce, DCC Cllr W.Major, EBC Cllr Mrs V.Clare (lateness).

10-183 Public Session

Mrs Weston emphasised the importance of the national census, to be taken on Sunday 27 March 2011. There will be 43 questions, some mandatory and some optional. Completion is compulsory, and there are legal sanctions for use against those who deliberately fail to complete their form, either manually or on-line. The actual personal information will be kept secure for 100 years, although the statistical results should be available from September 2012. The results are used by all manner of bodies, ranging from health and education to councils and commercial interests seeking the best place to develop their business. Help can be provided if requested. Erewash had a 96% completion record in 2001, and Councillors were urged to encourage everyone they met to complete their form on time. Mrs Weston promised to send newsletters about the census to Councillors. Despite the magnitude of the task, the estimated cost was only 80p per person per annum for the 10-year period to the next census.

Cllr Woodward arrived at 7:02pm, as the speaker was leaving.

10-184 Minutes

The Minutes of 9 December 2010 were approved and signed as a true record.

10-185 Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Hardy and Fogg with reference to the Village Hall.

Matters Arising

10-186 Dog Waste Bin in Rushy Lane (10-165)

It was reported that a second bin had been erected at the end of the path to The Nook, so there were now two bins, one on each side of the road, each at the end of a footpath.

10-187 EBC Free Trees (10-170)

Cllr Mrs Ancliff had collected about 40 whips, and welcomed notification of gaps to plant them.

10-188 Grit Bins (10-171)

DCC quoted £193.12 to supply and install a bin with its initial filling of salt, and £60.00 for subsequent refills. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Ancliffe, seconded by Cllr Mrs Hobbs, that one be purchased for No Mans Lane, at a site to be chosen by Cllr Fogg, and that he should be authorised to arrange for it to be refilled as necessary. All were in favour. It was then proposed by Cllr Woodward, seconded by Cllr Mrs Hobbs, that a second bin be obtained for the Village Hall, with the Village Hall Committee responsible for subsequent refilling. All were in favour. IT was agreed that DCC should liaise with Cllr Fogg over the location of both bins.

10-189 Field Ownership (10-178)

The Clerk reported that the land transfer had not yet been completed, but the information should be available by the next meeting. The cost of the search was likely to be about £30.

10-190 Correspondence

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. Consultation on draft revised Lowland Derbyshire Biodiversity Action Plan (November 2011)
- B. Biffa - Parish Councils ineligible to apply to grants
- C. Veolia - Acknowledgement, awaiting reply
- D. DALC Newsletters - Section 137 limit 2011-12 is £6.44 per elector ie about £3600, changes to the Standards Framework for members of local authorities, Localism bill (distributed at meeting)
- E. EBC Small Grants Funding Policy 2010-2013: For RPC, Max £2000, bids by 31 March. Agreed to apply for contribution towards playing field equipment.
- F. PlayGround Supplies - Inspection report - trip points around kerbs of cradle swings, gaps round perimeter of wet pour surfacing
- G. Local Works newsletter & proposals urging government action
- H. Risley School - Carols: Monday 5 December agreed.

EBC Cllr Mrs Clare arrived at 7:35pm.

- I. British Legion Great Poppy Party - 90 Anniversary, June 2011. No suitable organiser known in Risley.
- J. DCC Flooding survey - Information collected.
- K. Sundry advertising

10-191 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the following be paid:

A.	Risley Parochial Church Council - Churchyard maintenance (Conct Fctn)	533.00
B.	City Streetlight - Unsigned while enquiries made about former tenant	32.00
C.	Southern Electric - Phone box, estimated 12 months consumption	30.00
D.	Play Ground Supplies - Inspection: Unsigned, no invoice, possible VAT change	
E.	S.A.Leleux - Clerk salary & expenses	199.66
F.	R.Birtwistle - Painting RPC notice board	10.00

10-192 Planning Applications

Previous Applications

None.

New Applications

- A. Tesco, Sandiacre: Objection. It is not necessary, as there are already a number of supermarkets both in Sandiacre and in easy reach of it. A large new supermarket in the centre of Sandiacre is likely to have an adverse effect on the existing variety of small shops, particularly those selling food. The development would generate additional traffic, both suppliers' lorries/vans and customers' cars, much of which will use Bostocks Lane and Derby Road to the detriment of nearby residents. Furthermore, there will be increased congestion at the Red Lion junction, and difficulties in accessing the supermarket site.

10-193 Concurrent Functions

The claim form for Concurrent Functions 2011-2012 had been received from EBC and completed in conjunction with Cllr Woodward. As actual concurrent function expenditure was very close to the forecast amounts, the claim made had used the existing amounts as its basis. Although the anticipated cost of Parish Council elections in May was £810, it was

agreed not to revise the precept to include this, as some provision had been made in previous years. It was agreed that the Clerk should ask DALC for the recommended reserve a parish council should hold.

10-194 Playground Committee (10-177)

Three quotes had now been received, and the options will be presented at the next meeting.

Observations from Councillors

10-195 Bostocks Lane Traffic Lights

Following several complaints from Councillors the lights had been repaired and were now satisfactory, at least with regard to the pedestrian signal. However, in slack periods vehicles often had to wait for long periods before a green was given. It was thought that when first installed the lights showed red on all routes at slack times, then quickly turned to green once a vehicle was detected, but this feature had now disappeared. Operation of the green right hand turn arrow from Derby Road into Bostocks Lane was still erratic. Further adjustment was necessary.

10-191 Alternative Vote

In view of proposals to have a referendum about alternative voting systems at the same time as the elections in May, it was suggested that it might benefit the community if a speaker from EBC came to a future meeting to explain the proposals. The Clerk will investigate.

10-192 No Mans Lane

It was reported during the recent bad weather cars had demolished a wall and chevrons marking a bend, both near the entrance to Park Farm. DCC will be asked to make the necessary repairs.

10-193 Menage in Rushy Lane

It was reported that a menage appeared to have been constructed, probably without planning consent, at the farm on the edge of the built up area on Rushy Lane. EBC Planning will be informed.

10-194 Footpath Damage in The City

It was reported that the footpath from The City to the golf course was badly rutted due to the frequent passage of a vehicle attending to horses on an adjacent field. It was agreed to seek advice from DCC Footpaths Officer concerning responsibility for repairing the damage and ways to limit it in future.

10-195 65 Derby Road

It was reported that the owner of 65 Derby Road habitually parks a works van on the verge outside his house, which is destroying the grass and bulbs. The Clerk was instructed to write to him.

10-196 EBC Report

The chapel at Long Eaton Cemetery, a listed building, had recently been restored. EBC was considering the adoption of a policy for sex shops and entertainment. The budget will be discussed on 27 January and it is likely that there will be attempts to cut concurrent functions payments to parishes. Alternatives to concurrent functions will need to be explored in the near future anyway.

The meeting closed at 8:35pm.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RISLEY PARISH COUNCIL
in Risley Village Hall on Thursday 10 February 2011 at 7:00pm.

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

Apologies: Cllr J.Joyce.

In the absence of the Chairman, Cllr Fogg took the chair.

10-197 Public Session

None.

10-198 Minutes

The Minutes of 13 January 2011 were approved and signed as a true record. It was noted that Minute numbers 10-191 to 10-195 had been used twice, so the second set (page 380) were given the suffix 'A'.

10-199 Declarations of Interest

None.

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

Matters Arising

10-200 Grit Bins (10-188)

Cllr Fogg had met a representative from DCC and had agreed locations to place grit bins on No Mans Lane and at the Village Hall. He had also been receptive to the temporary closure of No Mans Lane during snow, which had also been discussed. The Clerk was instructed to confirm this suggestion, and also for the suggestion that the priorities should be changed at the junction of Dale Road, Woodpecker Hill and Potato Pit Lane to encourage motorists to use the gritted route through Stanton-by-Dale.

Cllr Woodward arrived at 7:05pm.

10-201 Field Ownership (10-189)

The Clerk reported that the land south of the Nook was now owned by Mr & Mrs Appleyard, of Strelley. The Clerk was instructed to seek their permission to do repairs to the bridleway between Derby Road and the path to Second Avenue. Assuming permission was given, he should then inform Cllr Fogg who would obtain a quote for the work.

10-202 Bostocks Lane Traffic Lights (10-195)

Councillors reported that the green filter was operating more often, and the whole system seems much better although slack period response was still poor.

10-203 Menage in Rushy Lane (10-193A)

EBC has been informed but so far there has been no reply from them.

10-204 Footpath Damage in The City (10-194A)

Cllr Fogg reported that Derby Diocese owned the land at the golf course. The DCC Footpaths Officer had stated that the people who cause damage to a footpath *are* responsible for

repairing it, and not the land owner as previously thought. He will deal with this situation at the end of February.

10-205 Correspondence

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. Eon - Parish Council Pack for use in power cuts. The contents were shown to Councillors, and it was agreed that Cllr Mrs Ancliffe should show it at the next Risley NSY meeting.
- B. DALC - Reserves recommended, minimum 25% of Precept, maximum £100% UNLESS saving for a project etc. Assuming for this purpose, Concurrent Functions £11153 should be included with Precept £7010, the figures range from £4541 to £18163. Our savings account balance is about £9000, and current account £13,000.
- C. Play Ground Supplies - Inspection report. Usual trip points noted and gaps round safety surface
- D. DALC Newsletter - There is Big Lottery funding available to Community Groups for Diamond Jubilee projects (2012) and to encourage parish councils 'to hold their own celebrations in their own way'.
- E. Financial Inclusion Derbyshire - Two articles 'to display in your hall or circulate at you see fit' (1) Having/Not having a bank account (2) Worried about debt? Agreed to display them on the Derby Road notice board.
- F. Becoming an NHS Trust - Questionnaire, distributed to Councillors.
- G. Sustainable Communities Act - Progress, and invitations for future proposals.
- H. Derbyshire Police - Various notices - scams, meeting details, etc.
- I. Green Squeeze - Report of attendance at EBC meeting.
- J. EBC - Borough Blitz 2011: 1-31 March, community clean up.
- K. EBC - Criteria for Local Heritage Designations and Guidance Notes.
- L. Bruce Broughton - Website: He has combined Council minutes into single files for each year, to make them easier to search or to track an item.
- M. PCSO Hill 4577: Apologies for missing meeting. He emailed his report instead. PC Andy Porton has been replaced by a PC Tom Bentley who has been here since around November. Anti-social behaviour for the Sandiacre and Risley area is down by 33% which is 157 calls for service. This is the biggest reduction in D division and without checking we think in Derbyshire. A new shift pattern means that instead of 6 days at work and 4 off they now have 6 days at work then 2 off. This gives Sandiacre and Risley 100% coverage so between them one of us will be on duty every day of the year unless on a course or annual leave. The next panel meeting will be on the 21st February at 1830 at Sandiacre library to discuss priority profiles and decide which issues to focus on for the next 3 - 4 months.
- N. DALC newsletter.

10-206 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the following be paid:

A.	Play Ground Supplies - Inspection (2 months)	84.00
B.	Park Hall Designs - Website	30.00
C.	S.A.Leleux - Clerk salary & expenses	175.41

It was noted that Southern Electric (Phone box) now had a credit balance of £29.43, and that as the Educational Foundation had not met since the last meeting payment for the City street light was still in abeyance.

10-207 Planning Applications

Previous Applications

- A. Park Farm - Wind turbines: Approved. Cllr Fogg reported that EBC Councillors on the Planning Committee had been very supportive. Other applications are now likely.
- B. Tesco, Sandiacre: No decision has yet been reached.

New Applications

- A. Keys Farm - Change of use of existing single detached farm building to a holiday accommodation unit and retention of hard standing. No objection.

10-208 Playground Committee (10-194)

Members of the Committee displayed and presented the suggestions received from Proludic, Sutcliffe and Wicksteed for replacing the Totlot and to provide some activities for older children. The representatives had agreed that the remaining play equipment, although some 20 years old, still had a useful life left. A lot of discussion ensued regarding the relative merits of the equipment offered, comparative costs and finance. The total cost (excluding VAT) of the packages offered by Proludic and Sutcliffe was about £40K, while Wicksteed was about £47K. Although RPC could contribute about £15K from its reserves, it still meant that at least £25K had to be found from other sources. At present, Concurrent Functions meets the repayments of a previous loan used for playing field improvements, and there had been assurances that a similar loan in the future could be claimed for Concurrent Functions. However, in view of certain cutbacks, and the possibility of the demise of Concurrent Functions, there was considerable doubt whether EBC would honour any debt taken out at the present time. The Clerk was instructed to contact Mr Sankey of EBC for advice. He was also instructed to seek grants now there were concrete proposals to support any application. There was a strong move to purchase a replacement for the Totlot now, and the remainder as a second phase, but it was pointed out that while grant awarding bodies often required match funding, they also usually ignored any work or expenditure made before the grant was awarded. It was agreed to ask the proposed suppliers whether they would accept doing the Totlot and then the rest of the equipment (assuming the money can be obtained), whether there would be any cost implications, and whether any additional discounts would be available (although it was noted that the date for guaranteeing the prices quoted had been passed). It is hoped to have information to place orders in time for the next meeting. The Clerk was also instructed to find out whether a planning application would be necessary for equipment outside the fenced area.

Observations from Councillors

10-209 Bulbs on Verges

It was reported that the daffodils on the verges near the School were being damaged by parked cars, and the Clerk was instructed to point this out.

10-210 Village Hall

The Village Hall has been booked for the Footpath Walk and Carols. There will be no charge for the carols as 'it is a parish event'.

10-211 Council Tax Problems

It was reported that a firm making enquiries on behalf of EBC about single occupancy of properties, and so eligibility for discounts, was contacting likely people. Only those under 65 were supposed to be asked, but ages or dates of birth were not readily available so older people were being questioned as well, which often caused them a lot of worry. The problem was referred to the EBC Councillors.

10-212 Golden Valley Farm

It was reported that a car had demolished part of the roadside hedge at Golden Valley Farm, Derby Road, and the remainder had since been removed, revealing an area normally hidden. It was noted that three permanent mobile homes were on the site, and there was a new stable block. As far as was known no planning permission had been sought for any of these. EBC Planning will be informed.

10-213 Breaston Lane Footpath

It was reported that work on the footpath beside Breaston Lane did not appear to be progressing very quickly, and the project was scheduled to be completed at the end of February. The Clerk was instructed to make enquiries.

10-214 EBC Report

An extra-ordinary meeting had recently been called by the opposition group, which had placed a motion about Concurrent Functions. The EBC Councillor who was expected to propose the motion had made a speech, in which he alleged that parish councils, abetted by their clerks, often misused this money. At the end of his speech he announced that the motion was being withdrawn, so denying other Councillors the opportunity to refute the allegations. The result was a lot of ill feeling. This was carried over into the scheduled Council meeting which followed later in the evening, causing the Leader of the Council to adjourn it after a short time as the atmosphere was such that no useful debate or discussion was likely. This adjournment was the reason for the concern expressed by Green Squeeze (10-205-I, above), but the cause was the previous meeting. Complaints are being made to the Standards Board. On a brighter note, EBC will not increase its rates, fees or charges next year.

10-215 DCC Report

The budget took well over 6 hours to agree! Some economies planned were mentioned. DCC will not increase its council tax this year, and it is thought that the police and fire services will not either. Government grants have been reduced by 11.8%, and there is the need to save £35m this year out of the total of £90m to be saved altogether. The promised review of street lights has not yet taken place. Employees earning more than £21K will be subject to a pay freeze.

The meeting closed at 9:05pm.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RISLEY PARISH COUNCIL

in Risley Village Hall on Thursday 10 March 2011 at 7:00pm.

Present: Cllrs Mrs P.Ancliff, Mrs R.Hobbs, J.Joyce, M.O'Neill (in the chair), D.Rhodes, E.Woodward. In attendance: DCC Cllr W.Major, EBC Cllrs Mrs V.Clare, D.Orchard, Mr S.A.Leleux, Clerk.

Apologies: Cllrs A.Fogg, R.Hardy.

10-216 Public Session None.

10-217 Minutes

The Minutes of 10 February 2011 were approved and signed as a true record.

10-218 Declarations of Interest

None.

Matters Arising

10-219 Grit Bins (10-200)

An order has been placed, but DCC is waiting for delivery of a new stock of bins.

10-220 Nook Bridleway (10-201)

Mr & Mrs Appleyard have no objection to the proposed resurfacing, at our cost. As Cllr Fogg had not yet obtained a quote for the work, which needed to be done within the next month to use this year's DCC grant, it was proposed by Cllr Mrs Hobbs, seconded by Cllr Mrs Ancliff, that the Chairman be authorised to approve the quote so the work could begin. All were in favour. Mr Appleyard requested signs asking dog owners to prevent their animals straying off the path as he intended to keep stock in the field.

10-221 Menage in Rushy Lane (10-203)

EBC had spoken to the owner, who states that the area has been used as stables since purchased in 1991. He also states that the current surface has simply been spread out over the grass, with no excavations for a hardcore base for drainage. Old aerial photographs confirm the use. Having confirmed the lack of engineering operations (ie excavation) and historic use, EBC does not feel that the new surface constitutes a breach of planning control.

10-222 Correspondence

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. EBC - Erewash Valley Trail
- B. Mrs Ransome - Request to book Rush Meadow for a wedding on 18-8-2012, with a marquee. Agreed hire charge should be £150.
- C. Mrs P.Musson - Has bought land 'to the rear of the Church' (in fact, her map shows it lies either side of the road to Risley Lodge Farm, immediately north of Bluebell Wood). She 'will be dividing the field with a post and rail fence and also two mobile field shelters will be installed.' She has contacted EBC Planning.
- D. EBC Parish Elections - It was agreed that separate Poll Cards for the parish council election was not necessary.
- E. DALC Newsletters, in particular:
 - (i) Consultation on a recommended code of practice for local authorities on data transparency 'particularly concerning expenditure available and accessible to the public'. Details of RPC expenditure are in the Minutes, which are on the website. It was agreed that the budget should also be on the website.

- (ii) Community right to buy assets of community value
 - (iii) Community right to challenge
- <http://www.communities.gov.uk/> website has sections where these proposals can be studied.
- (iv) Parish Clerks must be subject to PAYE (RPC has done this for some years)
 - (v) Q&A at police open evening
 - (vi) Clerks' training day at Ripley 13 April (cost £30)
 - (vii) Elections - poster displayed, NALC booklets *It takes all sorts* and *All about local councils*.
- F. Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service - looking for Community Fire Safety Champions
- G. Requests for donations from:
- (i). Disability Derbyshire
 - (ii) Erewash School Sport Partnership
 - (iii) Derbyshire Children's Holiday Centre
- H. EBC Parish Councils' Forum clashed with this RPC meeting, so a special session had been arranged for the Chairman and Clerk.
- I. EBC was giving IT equipment to parish councils to eliminate the need for paper documents for most planning applications.
- J. Dirty Wellies - Copy of current insurance certificate sent.
- K. HM Revenue & Customs - All information at present posted will be replaced by on-line methods. Also, all parish clerks must be subject to PAYE (RPC has done this for some years now).
- L. EBC Play Schemes - Grants will still be made, but by using the Small Grants procedure. It was agreed to apply for a grant using the most recent cost of provision of a play scheme.
- M. PlayGround Supplies - Inspection report, usual defects noted.
- N. EBC - Enquiring after non-payment of invoice for Christmas tree and lights. The Clerk pointed out that it had been received after the February meeting and therefore had to wait, as cheques were signed only at meetings. The EBC official also said that the socket for the tree had not been cleared out and fitted with an obvious cover, as had been promised. It was agreed to ask Premier Landscaping to quote for this work.
- O. Plantscapes - advertising. It was agreed that flower baskets etc, while attractive, were expensive to maintain, and there was no plan to install them.

10-223 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the following be paid:

A.	Play Ground Supplies - Inspection	42.00
B.	EBC - Christmas tree & lights	816.35
C.	EBC - Dog bin emptying (5 bins)	1460.16
D.	Risley Village Hall - Room hire	126.00
E.	S.A.Leleux - Clerk salary & expenses	209.29
F.	Post Office Ltd - Clerk's tax	119.29

Although the Risley Educational Foundation had not met, it was agreed that the outstanding cheque for the street light in The City (supplied from Latin Cottage) should be paid to the Foundation (£32.00).

It was noted that Southern Electric (Phone box) now had a credit balance of £27.17.

10-224 Planning Applications

Previous Applications

None.

New Applications

- A. Latin House, Derby Road - Listed building consent to change the use of a second floor bedroom to a bathroom. No objection.

- B. 19A Derby Road: Proposed resiting of existing stables. Objection, on the following grounds: This development is in designated greenbelt, although other small stables have been approved in Risley where they are for outdoor recreational purposes. If the application is permitted, a condition should be attached that the stables should only be used for the stabling of horses and shall not be used for any other purpose. Furthermore, the surrounding field should be used only for grazing, any equestrian use being the subject of a 'change of use' application. The site should be for personal use only, and no commercial activity should be permitted. The size of the paved yard is excessive in relation to the building. There is concern that this area would be used to store vehicles, which should be forbidden as the applicant has plenty of parking nearby (see her previous application) which she says is for her use. Additional traffic along the narrow approach road was also a cause for concern.

10-225 Playground Committee (10-208)

Proludic and Sutcliffe had each supplied revised quotes for the TotLot replacement, but declined to revise quotes for other equipment in view of the uncertain timescale. The overall cost is about £45K. The Clerk will apply for grants, and (depending on the outcome of a meeting next week with EBC regarding Concurrent Functions) a PWLB loan.

10-226 Newsletter

It was agreed to wait until after the elections in May before publishing a newsletter.

Observations from Councillors

10-227 Bulbs on Verges

It was proposed by Cllr Joyce, seconded by Cllr Woodward, that up to £50 be spent on plant food for bulbs on the verges. It was reported that on a number of occasions Friesland pupils had been seen carrying daffodils, presumed picked from the verge although no-one had seen this being done. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the school, pointing out that the flowers were for the community as a whole to enjoy.

10-228 Alternative Vote

In view of the lack of interest expressed in the possibility of a talk about the proposed Alternative Vote, it was agreed not to arrange such a talk.

10-229 Council Elections

It was agreed to put a simple statement on the website to the effect that elections for RPC would be held on the same day as for EBC. Cllr Mrs Ancliff will arrange this.

10-230 Road Signs

The Clerk was instructed to enquire whether DCC had moved the 40mph restriction signs further from the village, as had been proposed.

10-231 Breaston Lane Footpath

It was reported that the road has been reopened, the work having been delayed by severe weather in the winter.

10-232 EBC Report

It was reported that EBC Council Tax for the coming year will not be increased, and also that no redundancies were necessary to achieve this. A vote of censure regarding the recent allegations about parish clerks and their councils was carried. EBC has drawn up regulations for lap dancing clubs and similar activities. The proposed bridleway from Hopwell to Dale

Abbey has been approved, but the one from Hopwell to Far Lane, Ockbrook, is the subject of a lot of controversy.

10-233 DCC Report

Although the government's grant to Derbyshire schools has been reduced by £6m, this is due to falling rolls and the allowance for each pupil is unchanged. Parents of children entering secondary school have been informed, and 96% received the school of their first choice. The bid has been made for a new railway station at Ilkeston, with a decision expected in mid-April.

The meeting closed at 8:30pm.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RISLEY PARISH COUNCIL

in Risley Village Hall on Thursday 8 April 2011 at 7:05pm.

Present: Cllrs Mrs P.Ancliff, A.Fogg (in the chair), Mrs R.Hobbs, J.Joyce, D.Rhodes, E.Woodward. In attendance: EBC Cllr Mrs V.Clare, Mr S.A.Leleux, Clerk.

Apologies: Cllrs R.Hardy, M.O'Neill, DCC Cllr W.Major, EBC Cllr D.Orchard.

Note: The meeting was held a week early due to another public meeting scheduled for the following Thursday in the Village Hall, and the DCC and one EBC Councillor were attending the regular meeting of another parish council.

11-1 Public Session

None.

11-2 Minutes

The Minutes of 10 March 2011 were approved and signed as a true record. In addition, the Auditor had noticed that the Accounts for Payment in the November 2010 Minutes were the same as those for October. The Clerk typed a suitable correction for insertion in the November Minutes. This was checked and signed.

11-3 Declarations of Interest

None.

Matters Arising

11-4 Nook Bridleway (10-220)

Cllr Fogg obtained a quote. The likely cost of improving the bridleway is around £500 including two loads of stone, or more if additional stone is required. He and Cllr O'Neill had agreed to proceed, and the work should be done soon - the Clerk emphasised the need to present an invoice to DCC before 31 May at the very latest. The Clerk was instructed to write to the residents served by the bridleway to inform them of the work.

11-5 Road Signs in Derby Road (10-230)

DCC replied that an order for the work, installing countdown signs of the approach from Borrowash, should be issued before the end of March. It was agreed that the slogan 'Welcome to Risley. Please drive slowly' was appropriate.

11-6 Correspondence

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. EBC - South Erewash Forum on 9 April Cancelled. Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday 17 August.
- B. CPRE renewal notification (£29 by direct debit)
- C. DALC Newsletter. An electronic copy of the Good Councillor's Guide is available from DALC.
- D. DCC Parish & Town Council Forum, County Hall, 14 April 6-8pm.
- E. Friesland Sports Centre - Suggest weeks beginning 15 & 22 August for our play scheme, cost £10.80 per head per session. It was agreed that the dates were acceptable and that 6 places should be booked for each day.
- F. Friesland School - Staff asked to 'stress to all our students the inappropriateness of this behaviour and the importance of our reputation in the local community'. (10-227)

- G. DCC enquired whether there were any plans to install or replace bus shelters - it would assist with costs. It was agreed that the places without shelters had no room to erect them.
- H. EBC - Election 'Purdah' restrictions, which were brought to Councillors' attention.
- I. EBC - Statement of persons nominated (7), so a co-option will be required. Cllr Mrs Hobbs said that her nomination had obviously gone astray in the post, as she had not been listed.
- J. Risley PCC - Invitations to the annual Risley Service on 8 May were distributed.

11-7 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the following be paid:

A.	Mrs A.Gregory - Audit	45.00
B.	DALC - Subscription for 2011-12	192.05
C.	S.A.Leleux - Clerk salary & expenses	186.17

It was noted that a PWLB payment (direct debit) of £1122.56 was due, and that Southern Electric (Phone box) now had a credit balance of £24.65.

11-8 Annual Accounts

Copies of the accounts had been previously distributed. Acceptance and approval was proposed by Cllr Mrs Ancliff, seconded by Cllr Woodward. All were in favour.

11-9 Annual Return

The financial section was accepted and signed by the Chairman. The questions in the section about internal governance were answered and also signed.

11-10 Planning Applications

Previous Applications

None.

New Applications

- A. 50 Derby Road - Conversion of existing roof space into attic floor comprising new bedroom and en-suite. No objection.
- B. Brook Cottage, The City - Application to prune an ash tree, to remove a branch overhanging the new garage. Councillors expressed concern at the stated justification for the work, its scope, and also that the work appeared to have been done already.

11-11 New IT Equipment

EBC has *given* IT equipment to local parish councils so that they can examine planning applications on-line and save a lot of paper work (although paper documents will still be available on request, and when studying large applications). RPC has received a Hewlett Packard laptop and carrying case (£400 approx) and a Sony data projector and carrying case (£200 approx). There is also equipment and an agreement with Orange to access the internet via an inbuilt mobile phone. It was agreed that the Clerk should keep the equipment at home, bringing to meetings, and that it should be added to the insurance. Cover for accidental damage should be included.

11-12 Playground Committee (10-225)

The Clerk reported that he had received confirmation from both Veolia and East Midlands Airport that grant applications had been received. At the meeting with EBC, the uncertain future of Concurrent Functions had been emphasised, with no certainty that repayments on any new PWLB loan would be met by EBC, so the advice was to wait until after the elections when the position should become clearer. Veolia required 20% of the total funding to be available before they would consider a full application. As this could be met from RPC

reserves the Clerk was instructed to make the full application. Councillors were reminded that VAT on the anticipated cost of almost £50K would be about £10K, and would need to be paid before it could be reclaimed. The Clerk was instructed to discover the best way to claim to obtain a prompt repayment.

11-13 Clerk's Appraisal

No problems or criticism had been reported by Councillors, and they agreed that the Clerk could receive any pay increases for which he was eligible.

Observations from Councillors

11-14 Attempted Theft of Lead from Church Roof

It was reported that two men were observed lifting lead on the church roof late one evening. They had disappeared before the Police arrived. It was said that such thefts, and also heating or diesel oil, were becoming increasingly common.

11-15 Attempted Kidnap in Playing Field

It was reported that a man with a dog, driving a white van, had attempted to kidnap a child playing with her friend on the First Avenue field. She had managed to escape from him. Afterwards, Risley School sent a letter to all parents, warning them.

11-16 Green Squeeze Signs

The new Green Squeeze signs on Derby Road and No Mans Lane, in the same style as the Police use for accidents, were thought to be inappropriate and liable to give offence. The Clerk was instructed to complain about them to Green Squeeze. Failing a satisfactory response, there was the possibility of bringing them to the attention of EBC Planning.

11-17 Trees

Cllr Mrs Ancliff reported that the Tree Council will provide funds for new trees, and she asked Councillors to consider where any additional trees could be planted. She also needed volunteers to feed the bulbs in the verges.

11-18 Stile

It was reported that the stile beside the approach road to Sandborough Fields Farm needed repair. The Clerk will bring it to the attention of the landowner.

11-19 Parking in Rush Meadow

Although no application had yet been received, it was agreed that if Treetops applied to use Rush Meadow for parking for a forthcoming event, they could do so, provided the ground was dry.

11-20 EBC Report

In view of the forthcoming elections there was little to say. It seemed likely that as a result of Police cut backs the same officers would patrol Draycott, Breaston, Sandiacre, Risley and Stanton.

As this was the last meeting of the present Council, the Chairman thanked all the Councillors and the Clerk for their efforts over the past four years. He particularly mentioned the contributions of Cllrs Joyce and Woodward who are not seeking re-election.

The meeting closed at 8:45pm.