

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RISLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Harrison's Cottage on Thursday 8 May 2014 at 7:02pm.

Present: Cllrs A.Fogg, R.Hardy, Mrs R.Hobbs, Mrs B.Housley, F.Jones, D.Rhodes. In attendance: DCC Cllr W.Major, Clerk Mr S.A.Leleux, two parishioners.

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

Due to the absence of both Chairman and Vice-chairman, Cllr Jones was appointed temporary chairman.

14-26 Election of Chairman 2014-2015

Cllr Jones proposed Cllr O'Neill as Chairman, seconded by Cllr Mrs Hobbs. In the absence of any other nominations, Cllr O'Neill was declared elected, assuming he is willing to serve.

14-27 Election of Vice-chairman 2014-2015

Cllr Mrs Ancliff was proposed by Cllr Mrs Housley, seconded by Cllr Mrs Hobbs. In the absence of any other nominations, Cllr Mrs Ancliff was declared elected, assuming she is willing to serve.

14-28 Appointment of Representatives to Other Bodies

The following appointments were agreed:

Risley Educational Foundation	Cllr O'Neill is part way through his term of office
Willoughby Trust	Cllr Jones
Risley Village Hall	Cllr Fogg.

14-29 Public Session

None. The parishioners just wanted to observe a meeting.

14-30 DCC Report

About a year ago DCC repaired the bridge at the end of The City. Unfortunately it was then discovered that the repairs prevented large farm vehicles crossing it. Cllr Major reported that DCC had just taken steps to rectify this situation. Consultation is in progress concerning the possible closure of 7 out of 54 children's centres. £80K had been allocated for legal work associated with the transfer of Elvaston Castle to the National Trust, which will mean that both the grounds and the house will be open to the public. £1.7m has been allocated to infant/junior school kitchens, as infants will be eligible for free school meals from September. Unfortunately Housing Twenty One has had to pull out of its commitment to provide care accommodation, with the loss of 800 units. In future, sixth form pupils will be charged for their transport to school. Lastly, £150K pa has been allocated to provide a £39 voucher to encourage pregnant women to stop smoking.

Cllr Hardy arrived during this item, at 7:10pm.

14-31 EBC Report

None, due to the absence of both EBC Councillors for the installation of the new Mayor.

14-32 Declaration of Interests

None.

14-33 Minutes

The Minutes of 10 April 2014 were agreed and signed.

Matters Arising

14-34 Mirror at Breaston Lane Junction (14-6)

It was reported that installation was well in hand.

14-35 Litter Pick Event (13-218)

Two Councillors, one gentleman and a family with three children participated. The initial stretch was Breaston Lane as far as Lane's Garden Centre, then the team moved to Derby Road, from Breaston Lane to Hopwell Road. Afterwards the family provided cake and coffee.

14-36 Financial Regulations (14-14-A)

As DALC promised training on the new financial regulations the Clerk had deferred circulating the draft tailored to Risley's needs. However, as Councillors felt that they did not need the training offered, and neither did the Clerk, it was agreed that he should present the draft at the next meeting.

14-37 Play Scheme (14-19)

Details of the dates (weeks beginning 11 & 18 August) and cost (£5 per child per session) were given in the recent newsletter. Arising from a query from Friesland, the Chairman had agreed with the Clerk's suggestion that the limit of three places in one week applied to each child in a family, so that bookings could be taken from large families. The EBC grant of £300 had just been received, with another £300 to follow provided 60 places were used.

14-38 Hedge at Rush Meadow (14-22)

It was agreed to let Cllr Mrs Ancliff liaise with Councillors, and that someone could be employed if necessary.

14-39 Plaques (14-23)

The large plaque for The Croft had been erected, and the posts had been stained. It was also agreed to continue to research the history of The Nook.

14-40 Correspondence

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. Mrs Gregory: During her audit she had discovered two discrepancies between the Minutes and cash book. In July the Clerk's salary and expenses had been recorded as £202.91 instead of £178.44 (Minute 13-54, cash book reference 764), and in January an item – playground inspection, £20.00 - had been omitted (Minute 13-174, cash book reference 797). The Clerk had made the appropriate alterations to the Minutes, which Councillors agreed and the Chairman then signed. She stated that her fee, which had been £45 since 2006, would be £60 in 2015. Cllr Fogg proposed, seconded by Cllr Jones, that she should continue to do the audit, at the revised fee. All agreed.
- B. Zurich Insurance: The insurance was due for renewal on 1 June, at £1074.09pa for a 3-year contract or £1178.71 for a single year. After some discussion it was proposed by Cllr Hardy, seconded by Cllr Rhodes, to renew for a single year, and to obtain quotes from other firms for next year. All were in favour.

- C. Dirty Wellies – Inspection report: The play area gates were marked as needing attention, due to several defects including the hazard of finger trapping. Despite several reminders Dirty Wellies had done nothing. It was agreed to seek quotes to rehang the gates.
- D. Police: Apologies, and no crimes reported in Risley during the past month.
- E. DCC minor Maintenance Agreement - £430 allocated. Councillors were asked to consider suitable projects.
- F. EBC Concurrent Function Out-turn: Based on the figures in the accounts there was an ‘unspent allocation carried forward to 2014/15’ of £1116.54, but it is not known how EBC will reclaim this. The survey asked for insurance premiums, so the Clerk had put in half, representing play equipment, assuming the other half covered public liability, integrity, etc. Gordon Sanders (EBC) agreed that half ‘seemed reasonable’.

14-41 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the following be paid:

A.	E.A.Gregory - Audit	45.00
B.	P.Guyll – Mowing & inspection	600.00
C.	S.Smith – Painting*, seat repairs	375.00
D.	Zurich Insurance – Renewal premium	1178.71
E.	S.A.Leleux – Clerk salary & expenses	199.34

* although the colour of the notice board was not acceptable

Data Protection renewal (by standing order) £35.00.

Southern Electric - £4.95 credit balance.

14-42 Annual Accounts

Accounts had been previously distributed. Acceptance was proposed by Cllr Fogg, seconded by Cllr Mrs Hobbs. All were in favour.

14-43 Planning Applications

Previous Applications

- A. Wind turbines at Park Farm and Dale Abbey were refused
- B. MacDonalds drive-thru restaurant and its associated signage in Bostocks Lane was refused.

New Applications

- C. 38 Bostocks Lane: 2-storey rear extension (0414/0032). No objections.

Observations from Councillors

14-44 Rush Meadow

It was reported that the soil in Rush Meadow was becoming badly compacted (and then with possible damage to land drains installed some years ago) due to cars, and particularly vans, parking there (by permission) during car boot sales at Treetops Hospice. It was agreed that no more parking should be permitted for the remainder of the year, to allow the soil to recover. The recent car boot sale had attracted 240 booters, 4000 members of the public, and had raised over £6000. Some roadside trees needed pruning to clear the pavement, so it was agreed to bring them to the attention of Cllr Mrs Ancliff, for inclusion in the existing contract for tree work there.

14-45 Road Works at Bostocks Lane Junction

It was reported that DCC had undertaken road works at this busy junction on Mothering Sunday, starting at 6:30am. Residents nearby had been considerably disturbed. DCC Cllr Major noted the complaint. It was reported that the repairs have since broken down again.

14-46 Manhole near the Hospice

It was reported that the surrounds to a manhole a few yards west of the entrance to Treetops Hospice had been eroded by storm water flowing out of the manhole. DCC Cllr Major agreed to inform the appropriate authorities for repair.

14-47 Risley Hall Crossing

Now that installation of the new crossing was complete, Councillors agreed that the surrounding verge needed tidying, and possibly some reurfing where EBC had replanted uprooted daffodil bulbs. Some additional daffodils could be planted as well.

The meeting closed at 7:58pm.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RISLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Harrison's Cottage on Thursday 12 June 2014 at 7:00pm.

Present: Cllrs Mrs P.Ancliff, R.Hardy, Mrs R.Hobbs, F.Jones, M.O'Neill, D.Rhodes. In attendance: DCC Cllr W.Major, EBC Cllr D.Orchard, Clerk Mr S.A.Leleux, four parishioners.

Apologies: Cllr A.Fogg, Police. DCC Cllr Major – lateness.

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

14-48 Election of Vice-Chairman 2014-2015 (14-27)

Cllr Mrs Ancliff confirmed that she was willing to be Vice-chairman for the coming year.

14-49 Public Session

Mr Jarratt (Peat Meadow Farm) enquired whether there had been any news regarding the McDonalds' application at Bostocks Lane, and what would be RPC's reaction if it went to appeal – objection, RPC would support the very strong local feeling against it. He then took issue about the statement in Newsletter 31 about the alleged difficulty of informing parishioners about 'contentious' applications. He thought that 'material' was a better description, meaning any application likely to affect many residents. The difficulty of drawing a line was pointed out, for example back land development in Derby Road would affect those whose houses backed on to it but few others would be likely to be affected. The problem of distribution was raised, and he offered to organise distribution of leaflets about any future 'material application'. Displaying details of significant applications on the notice boards once RPC or the Clerk became aware of them would be useful. Although such details were given on the EBC weekly planning lists and the monthly RPC public agenda it meant that often there was very little time left in which to respond.

Cllr O'Neill arrived at 7:05pm during this item, but did not take the chair until the Public Session had finished. All the parishioners left at this point.

14-50 Election of Chairman 2014-2015 (14-27)

Cllr O'Neill confirmed that he was willing to serve as Chairman, and signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

14-51 EBC Report

EBC Cllr Orchard reported that there had been few meetings of note recently. A festival for disabled people was scheduled shortly, and the gym at West Park will have some open days. A Festival for Funding will be held in Long Eaton Town Hall, and there will be a number of brass band concerts throughout the summer. On a more mundane level, plans are afoot to share some services with two other local councils (assumed to be Amber Valley and Broxtowe) to effect economies.

14-52 DCC Report

DCC Cllr Major described proposed changes in the contribution expected towards the cost of residential care, increasing from 50% to 75% for those with assets (excluding their home) exceeding £50K. In response to a question, Cllr Major gave a detailed explanation for the

additional work to be done to the bridge in The City, where a kink had inadvertently been made in the line of the road so that certain vehicles could not use it. (Placed here for ease of reference, although the report was not given until after Planning, item 14-61.)

14-53 Declaration of Interests

None.

14-54 Minutes

The Minutes of 8 May 2014 were agreed and signed.

Matters Arising

14-55 Mirror at Breaston Lane Junction (14-34)

It was reported that illness had delayed the work but completion was expected next week.

14-56 Financial Regulations (14-36)

The Clerk presented the NALC model financial regulations, adapted for RPC. Cllr Rhodes proposed, seconded by Cllr Mrs Hobbs, that they should be adopted. All were in favour.

14-57 Hedge at Rush Meadow (14-38)

There was a lot of dead wood which needed to be removed before any planting was done. This would be best done by a contractor in the autumn. The crowns of trees nearby had been raised by 3m. It was agreed to ask Dirty Wellies to strim the nettles here which had become a hazard to pedestrians. An item on the internet suggesting that Dirty Wellies was in financial difficulties was the result of a disagreement between his accountant and HMRC over VAT, and Mr Gyll assured Councillors that he was able to provide 'business as usual'.

14-58 Playground Gates (14-40-C)

Two quotes had been received, Secure-a-Field for about £2000 (depending on exact specification chosen), and Steelcraft (Ilkeston) for about £220 – although if some additional expense was necessary to meet approved standards for closure RPC would be told before any work was done.

14-59 Correspondence

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. Treetops Hospice – Accepted our decision regarding no parking for the time being. When parking is allowed again then they will take steps to exclude vans and 4x4s. Consideration was given to drawing up guidelines for parking on Rush Meadow, not least to support Treetops' volunteers on parking duty.
- B. DALC newsletter - It was agreed the Clerk should use the published draft procedure to prepare one for RPC regarding the recording and filming of Council meetings.
- C. National Grid – Enquired whether the bulbs disturbed by their recent excavations in Rushy Lane had been replaced. As they had not, it was agreed to request £50 cash so that we could purchase the same variety of early bulbs as used elsewhere.
- D. Police – Reported three crimes: theft of a trailer in Breaston Lane, theft of a motor vehicle in Derby Road, and a shed burglary in Derby Road resulting in the theft of bicycles and tools.

14-60 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the following be paid:

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| A. | G.Woodhouse – Erecting Croft sign | 10.00 |
| B. | Mrs P.Ancliff – Materials for repairing verges | 12.25 |

C.	Southern Electric – Telephone box	20.00
D.	S.A.Leleux – Clerk salary & expenses	191.63

DCC Cllr W.Major arrived at this point (7:45pm).

14-61 Planning Applications

Previous Applications

- A. Park Farm Wind Turbine (ERE/1213/0019) – Notice of appeal had been received. It was agreed to object, reflecting the concern of many Risley residents, basing the objection on that sent originally (in January 2014) but concentrating on visual impact as that was the main reason EBC gave for refusing it. The Clerk’s draft will be sent to Councillors for comment.

New Applications

- A. 52 Derby Road – Detached wooden shed for personal use as a craft room (ERE/0514/0031): No objections.

14-62 Clerk’s Salary

The Clerk withdrew for the duration of this item. It was agreed he could have an increment.

Observations from Councillors

14-63 Village Fete

The possibility of a grant towards the cost of the Bank Holiday Fete was raised, as had been given in 2012. It was agreed to consider this after the event.

14-64 Car Parking on Derby Road

It was reported that from time to time several cars, not belonging to residents, are left parked on Derby Road overnight, showing no lights, blocking the cycle path and creating a hazard. It was agreed that Councillors should report future occasions to the police using 101.

14-65 Traffic Lights

It was reported that the right turning filter from Derby Road (eastbound) into Bostocks Lane was extremely erratic in operation, which appeared to bear no relation to waiting traffic. Cllr Major will inform Highways.

14-66 The Nook

Information was proving difficult to find. The suggestion was made to refer to 1st edition 25in OS map (about 1885) and 1st edition 1in OS map (about 1835) to see whether the name was in use then.

14-67 Defibrillator

Risley School had offered to help raise money if RPC considered buying one for local use. The telephone box was a suggested site, although Councillors considered a more central location would be desirable if it was decided to proceed. The cost was about £1200. The Clerk was instructed to investigate the possibility of a grant from EBC.

The meeting closed at 8:20pm.

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Harrison's Cottage on Thursday 10 July 2014 at 7:00pm.

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

Apologies: Cllrs A.Fogg, Mrs B.Housley, Police.

14-68 Public Session

Mrs J.Hartley, resident at The Nook, had been stunned to read in the Minutes that RPC was doing research into the history of the property, her own house, without even having asked permission to do so. She thought that she, as the owner, should have been approached first. Furthermore, she did not like the way that The Nook was often used as a reference point, in particular to bridleways, which she thought should be described only by their official reference numbers. It was pointed out that The Nook was marked on OS and other maps, that describing bridleways by their reference number would be meaningless to the majority of people, and from time to time other properties besides The Nook were used as locations. Lastly, the research had been initiated to compliment that done for Rush Meadow, The Croft and The City. The Chairman apologised for any offence caused.

The parishioner left at this point (7:12pm).

14-69 DCC Report

DCC Cllr Major gave details of cuts that are proposed as a result of a reduction in government funding. The cuts include: reduction in direct care provision, closing 23 children's centres, ending B-line concessionary fares for students, removing all school crossing patrols, gritting fewer roads, and reducing library opening hours. They are due to be implemented over the next 3-5 years. In responses to a question, Cllr Major expected consultation over school crossing patrols to be undertaken at the end of this year or early next. Perhaps schools would meet the cost, or maybe a voluntary group would do the job free. The DCC Chief Executive has been sacked, at a cost of £200K. He reported that the manhole near the entrance to Treetops Hospice had been repaired.

14-70 EBC Report

EBC Cllr Orchard reported that the most recent meeting of EBC had to be suspended due to Councillors' behaviour, and will be continued later. Ilkeston Register Office is now at the Town Hall. A grant of £1.2m has been received to refurbish the bandstand and museum in Ilkeston. A text line is now available to report dog mess. Text the location to 0779 2701 583 and EBC will clear it within 48 hours. A meeting will be held in Risley Village Hall on 18 August for Hopwell residents, to assess their views on becoming part of Risley.

14-71 Declaration of Interests

None.

14-72 Minutes

The Minutes of 12 June 2014 were agreed and signed.

Matters Arising

14-73 Mirror at Breaston Lane Junction (14-55)

It was reported that the mirror was in position and usable, although it seemed a little small.

14-74 Hedge at Rush Meadow (14-57)

It was agreed to leave further discussion until the autumn..

14-75 Clerk's Salary (14-62)

There had been a misunderstanding of terminology at the previous meeting. It was agreed that he should have an annual increment, placing him on point 24 of the salary scale.

14-76 Correspondence

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. HMRC – Alleged failure of RPC to provide a return, ‘act now to avoid penalties’. Despite an immediate reply by recorded delivery (a telephone enquiry having proved fruitless), requesting further information, no reply has yet been received.
- B. Dirty Wellies – May play inspection: Usual defects noted. The wooden seat of the spring horse is ‘corroding’. It was agreed to monitor its condition.
- C. EBC Grant for defibrillator – Grants are not available to Parish Councils except for play schemes. Enquiries in Risley have shown that the equipment is very useful, but needs to be used immediately to be effective. A more central location is therefore desirable, or better still one at each end of the village. A box attached to the back of the churchyard RPC notice board was suggested as a possible location. It was agreed that more consideration was necessary.
- D. NatWest: Revision of banking terms.
- E. Dirty Wellies – Apologies for strimming damage, nettles cut back further and will be sprayed (no charge)
- F. Vitalise – Holidays for carers: Request for donation ignored.
- G. Rural Housing Policy Review: Questionnaire, which Councillors answered or said were not applicable.
- H. EBC – Elections, May 2015: Consultation meeting Friday 18 July 10:30am, Ilkeston TH. ‘To discuss arrangements for the verification and counting of votes for Parliamentary, Borough & Parish elections, particularly possible venues and timing of the three counts’.
- I. DALC Newsletters: Nominations requested for President & Vice-president, and notice of AGM on 9 September at Cromford.
- J. Theme Park Safety – Letter read with no comment.
- K. EBC Revised Disclosable Pecuniary and Personal Interests forms were distributed, and mainly completed at the meeting.
- L. Police – Only crime reported was the theft of car number plates in First Avenue.
- M. DCC Footpaths – Notice of temporary closure of Footpath No 1 while the culvert (bridge) in The City is rebuilt.
- N. EBC Borough & Parishes Forum – How did parishes see its future? Agreed that while meetings were generally interesting enough, it would be better to restrict them to major issues as they arose, such as a recent one on the planning system.
- O. Mr I.Baker – Request to hire Rush Meadow for his wedding in summer 2016 and erect a marquee. Agreed, with normal precautions regarding land drains. Vehicles could enter the site while it was being set up and dismantled, but the field could not be used for car parking. Fireworks were not allowed, and the field should be left free of litter. Fee to be determined.

14-77 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the following be paid:

A.	Mrs P.Ancliff – Tree guards	8.95
B.	Park Hall Designs – Website	90.00
C.	Risley PCC – Room hire	80.00
D.	Post Office – Clerk’s tax	128.60
E.	S.A.Leleux – Clerk salary & expenses	241.30
F.	P.Guyll – Mowing, inspection	0.00*

There is a credit balance of £20.17 with Southern Electric, for the telephone box.

Notes

1. Dirty Wellies (P.Guyll), May invoice, £580.00, was delivered to the Clerk’s home while he was attending the June meeting. The Chairman gave permission to have the cheque signed outside the meeting.
2. The cheques for items marked * were written ‘Not exceeding’ and an appropriate amount, as Dirty Wellies monthly invoice had not been received, and the Clerk wanted to be sure that he had been awarded an increment before calculating his pay and tax. The cheques were later completed for the actual amounts, as shown above.

14-78 Planning Applications

Previous Applications

- A. 90 Derby Road: The proposed TPO on an oak tree on the west side of the frontage of the site has been confirmed.

New Applications

- A. 8 The Crescent, Risley Lane, Breaston: Two storey side extension, single storey rear extension, and modifications to existing front porch (ERE/0614/0026). As this is in Breaston Parish the application was ignored.

14-79 Recording & Filming Council and Committee Meetings

The draft policy, recently published in a DALC newsletter, was adopted (proposed Cllr Jones, seconded Cllr Mrs Hobbs, all in favour).

14-80 Footpath Walk

Cllr Hardy will arrange any necessary publicity, including on the RPC website. Leaders will be as usual. It was agreed that Section 137 could be used to provide refreshments.

Observations from Councillors

14-81 Overhanging Vegetation

The Clerk was instructed to write to the owners of 107 Derby Road and Rising Lea, requesting that hedges be cut back to their respective boundaries.

14-82 Bus Shelters

A Councillor reported a request for a bus shelter outside 23 Derby Road. It was agreed that the site was probably too narrow to permit the erection of a shelter, but there was space at the stop outside Meadow View Court, where there was no shelter. It was agreed to suggest the Meadow View Court site to DCC.

14-83 Traffic Lights

It was reported that DCC was well aware of the potholes at the Bostocks Lane crossroads, but had not yet been able to repair them. The timing of the signals was still very erratic.

14-84 Refuse Bin on Derby Road

It was agreed to ask EBC to provide a litter bin at Mount Pleasant bus stop, on Derby Road west of Risley, in an attempt to reduce the amount of litter dropped there.

14-85 Trees with TPOs

Cllr Mrs Ancliff reported that four houses with TPOs on some of their trees were at present for sale. As two other trees with TPOs had been cut back in the recent past, apparently without permission, she suggested that the new owner of each property should be given a copy of the TPO booklet from the relevant government department. Councillors approved this suggestion, and agreed that RPC would pay for the booklets if necessary.

14-86 Breaston Lane Signpost

A sign pointing to Breaston had stood against a wall on the north side of Derby Road opposite the end of Breaston Lane, but the post had been broken by a large articulated car transporter turning out of the lane. (It had blocked Derby Road for about 2 hours, its underside having hit and damaged the road surface, and then causing it to get stuck.) DCC Highways will be asked to reinstate it, the broken post and sign having been removed into the grounds of a nearby property for safety.

14-87 Knotweed

It was reported that knotweed had been spotted growing in Risley Hall grounds, near the Woodhall Park sign. The Clerk will ask for it to be treated.

14-88 Summer Emergencies

If any urgent business arises then, as usual, the Chairman and/or Vice-chairman, plus two other Councillors, may deal with it.

The meeting closed at 8:10pm.

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Apologies: None.

14-89 Public Session

PSCO Mrs Karen Pykett, who had taken over from PSCO Miss L.Buchanan, introduced herself. During August there had been three reported crimes – two criminal damage and one ABH - all in Derby Road and believed to involve vehicles. She was informed of a recent incident of damage to a car at Risley Hall. In response to a question, Mrs Pykett confirmed that police officers from Long Eaton still patrolled in this area, although she and they tended to concentrate on problem areas, for example Breaston. Risley was relatively free from crime and bad behaviour.

The danger from riding bicycles on the pavement arose during discussion. Several Councillors noted near misses with children, and adults, when leaving their drives, due to lack of visibility caused by their hedges or garden walls. It was suggested that the police should visit Risley School to talk to pupils. The advertised training session for volunteers interested in radar speed checks was primarily intended for monitoring Derby Road, Draycott, although any interested person could attend.

Before Mrs Pykett left at 7:17pm to visit Stanton-by-Dale Parish Council, Cllr Mrs V.Clare pointed out that Mrs Pykett had received an award for the best PSCO last year. She is part-time, 30 hours/week.

14-90 DCC Report

DCC Cllr reported that there was some confusion regarding highways maintenance, arising from causes which appeared to relate to communication between officers and maintenance staff. He also reported that Siemens had lost the contract to maintain Derbyshire traffic lights, with the new firm taking responsibility near Christmas. He encouraged members of the public to attend periodic local meetings with DCC councillors and some officers, the next being at Long Eaton Town Hall on 16 September. Cllr Major agreed to ask for a sign to Risley Village Hall, as despite its proximity to the road many people could not find it.

14-91 EBC Report

EBC Cllr Orchard reported that the Roll of Honour in Long Eaton Town Hall is to be refurbished. The area around Long Eaton station, at present the only station within the borough, is to be spruced up, to create a more favourable impression for visitors coming by train. Free parking will be available for the five weeks before Christmas. Ilkeston Register Office has been transferred to Ilkeston Town Hall and the first wedding there had already been held. Petersham Hall, Long Eaton, was now owned by EBC, instead of being leased, and was now being refurbished. EBC Cllr Mrs Clare said that she had chaired the meeting with Hopwell residents when they had agreed to join with Risley. An extra £25K had been made available for the prompt removal of dogs' mess from pavements. Clearance requests

made before 2pm should be clear by 4pm the same day, and those made after 2pm should be clear by early the next day. New arrangements mean that the victims of anti-social behaviour should cause a 'community trigger' to be pulled, thus obtaining a review of their situation and getting an official reaction.

14-92 Declaration of Interests

None.

14-93 Minutes

The Minutes of 11 July 2014 were agreed and signed.

Matters Arising

14-94 HMRC (14-76-A)

In due course a reply had been received, although it failed to answer some specific questions. The Clerk had made some assumptions concerning his alleged omissions, and had used them to give explanations. Today he had received a reply to that letter, and questions had been answered. HMRC were not the fastest correspondents!

14-95 Wedding using Rush Meadow (14-76-O)

The previous wedding to use Rush Meadow had been in 2008, and the fee had been £150. The passage of time and inflation suggested that it should be £175 (proposed Cllr Mrs Ancliff, seconded Cllr Fogg) or £200 (proposed Cllr Jones, seconded Cllr Mrs Housley). When a vote was taken £175 was narrowly agreed. The Clerk will prepare a 'contract' detailing the conditions of use of Rush Meadow, and liability for damage.

14-96 Clerk's Salary (14-75)

Research arising from issues affecting the Clerk's salary had shown that although his contract stated 17 hours per month, in fact from 2006 he had been paid for 20 hours, presumably following a decision by RPC (these minutes are now held at Matlock). It was proposed by Cllr Jones, seconded by Cllr Mrs Housley, that 20 hours per month be confirmed. All were in favour. The Clerk also gave notice that he wished to retire following the April 2015 meeting. This would enable him to prepare and present the accounts and Annual Return for the current year, thus giving his successor a clean start. He had served for 20 years, since September 1994, and he was now 75. It was agreed to consider the mechanics of appointing a new clerk at the next meeting.

14-97 Correspondence

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. EBC: The letter below was received from Mr B.Morris on 20 August.

At a Parish meeting of Hopwell Parish held on 18 August 2014 to consider Hopwell Polling District Parish Arrangements the meeting unanimously resolved that they wish to apply to Erewash Borough Council for an order grouping Hopwell Parish with Risley Parish under a common Parish Council.

It was also resolved that they propose Risley and Hopwell Parish Council as the name for the group in order to preserve the Hopwell parish name.

Further that the electoral arrangements that are to apply to the council be as they are at present.

Finally that the consent of Risley Parish Council to the grouping be sought in accordance with section 11(2) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Section 11(2) of the Local Government Act 1972 provides that parishes shall not be grouped without the consent of the parish meeting of each of the parishes.

[Mr Morris] understands that your parish meeting took place in April but the hope is that, if Risley is agreeable to Hopwell being grouped with Risley Parish Council, the necessary order can be made by Erewash Borough Council in time for the elections in May 2015.

To enable that to happen could [Mr Morris] ask whether [the Clerk] (or more accurately the Chairman of the Parish Council) would be prepared to call a parish meeting to consider giving Risley Parish's consent to the grouping?

Where the parish meeting is to consider the grouping of the parish with another parish under a common parish council a period of 14 clear days notice of the meeting is required to be given in accordance with Schedule 12 Part III Paragraph 15(2) of the LGA 1972.

[Mr Morris] understands the next scheduled meeting of your Parish Council is 11 September and if it would be possible for a parish meeting to be held on the same date that would allow time for the Borough Council to progress the making of the necessary order.

Yours sincerely

Brendan Morris, Head of Law and Corporate Governance, Erewash Borough Council

Posters calling the extraordinary meeting were prepared and displayed on the same day, and the meeting had been held immediately before this scheduled monthly RPC meeting. Its separate minutes show that the grouping had been agreed, with the preferred name being Risley WITH Hopwell instead of Risley AND Hopwell. Members agreed to consider the number and location of RHPC noticeboards in Hopwell.

- B. Grant Thornton – Audit completed (notices were displayed). The only comment was that the Council Tax Support Grant (which helps to reduce the precept) should have been included in Box 3, not Box 2, so £74 had been wrongly allocated. The figures should have been £6936 & £11,505 respectively.
- C. Woodland Trust – ‘Dedicate a tree in our Centenary Woods’. Considered later with other WW1 commemorative ideas (see 14-106).
- D. Overhanging vegetation – Apology from owner of 107 Derby Road, and contact had been made with the owner of land between Rising Lea and Old Rectory.
- E. Contact made with Severn Trent regarding a raised manhole cover opposite Rising Lea, and water around the base of telegraph pole at Treetops.
- F. DALC Circulars: Moved to new premises – Aldern House, Baslow Road, Bakewell DE45 1AE, phone 01629 816338, Annual Report, AGM notice, new code of conduct, ‘Digital by Default’ training, 9 October, 9am-2pm, cost £20.
- G. Derbyshire Rural Action – Playground inspection training
- H. Friesland Sports Centre – Play Scheme report: 63 places had been used out of the 80 booked. All 8 daily places had been used on 4 days, and 7 on 2 more. The lowest attendance each week was on Monday and Friday (4 & 6 respectively in week beginning 11 August, and 4 & 3 in week beginning 18 August). The new booking arrangements had worked well, and the £5 fee on booking had not deterred parents.
- I. Canon I.E. Gooding – Stakes and bush in verge near pillar box opposite Risley School: A Councillor had planted the shrub (with a DCC cultivation license) to deter

parking here, and it was assumed that others had inserted the stakes for the same reason, one stake being actually within the marked area of the bus stop.

- J. Dirty Wellies: Play inspection reports June, July, August: Usual defects. Steelcraft has promised to have the play area gates repaired before the next meeting. Cllr Hardy will approach a contact to repair the seat of the crazy horse. It was noted that the path required spraying, and also nettles near the kissing gates. Dirty Wellies will be asked to do this.
- K. Cllr R.Hardy – Poppies from Tower of London WW1 Commemoration display, comprising one ceramic poppy for each life lost in WW1: It was agreed that he should purchase one poppy (£25 + £5.95 p&p), to be laid on the War Memorial as part of future Remembrance Day activities.
- L. Zurich Insurance –Mr Lynas had made a claim, presumably following the injury of his son on the broken roundabout (see 13-170, January 2014). The letter gave few details, saying ‘The file was closed with no payments having been made. We consider that in light of the evidence available at the time of the closure no liability would attach’.
- M. EBC Forum – Advance notice of meeting on 15 October, 10:30am Long Eaton Town Hall, and its agenda.
- N. Morrison Utility Services (for National Grid – gas) – When reminded that £50 compensation had been promised to replace the bulbs dug up during work at the traffic lights, the Clerk had been assured that the claim would receive sympathetic consideration.

14-100 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the following be paid:

A.	Mrs P.Ancliff – Bulbs, for gaps and replacement at traffic lights	47.88
B.	P.Guyll – Mowing (4), inspection (3)	1180.00
C.	Grant Thornton - Audit	120.00
D.	Poplar Tree Services – Work at playing fields	624.00
E.	S.A.Leleux – Clerk salary & expenses	382.82
F.	Risley Village Hall – Loss on Bank Holiday event (see 14-103 below)	220.00

There is a credit balance of £15.13 with Southern Electric, for the telephone box.

Note: The cheque written at the July meeting for P.Guyll ‘not exceeding’ had been marked cancelled, as he did not send any invoice until September.

14-101 Planning Applications

Previous Applications

- A. 90 Derby Road – Tree Preservation Order confirmed on Oak Tree at south west corner of site.
- B. 72 Derby Road – Removal of 3 lowest branches of ash tree overhanging road: Approved.

New Applications

None.

14-102 Footpath Walk (14-80)

It was agreed to postpone the annual footpath walk as Cllr Hardy was unavailable (at short notice) and all other Councillors were otherwise engaged.

14-103 Risley Village Hall

The indoor parts of the Bank Holiday Village Fete had been well attended and very successful, despite the weather, but it had been necessary to cancel all the outside events due to the heavy rain. As a result the Village Hall Committee had made a loss of about £220. Cllr Jones therefore proposed, seconded by Cllr Mrs Housley) that previous practice should be followed and a donation of £220 made to the Village Hall. Cllrs Hardy and Rhodes declared an interest, and did not participate in the vote, but all the other Councillors approved.

Observations from Councillors

14-104 Parking on Verges at Rising Lea

It was reported that cars were again parking on the verges and footpath at Rising Lea. The Clerk will write to the Agent.

14-105 Breaston Lane Sign (14-86)

DCC Cllr Major reported work to put it back in its original position was in hand, and the problems experienced with it were an example of the 'confusion' he had mentioned.

14-106 World War 1 Commemoration

It was reported that this aspect of the Bank Holiday fete had been well supported. On Remembrance Sunday, following the 10-15am church service, there will be an Act of Remembrance at 11am at the War Memorial taken by the newly appointed curate, Rev Jonathan Bell. (This year the Rector will be taking the service at Stanton-by-Dale.) Communities are being asked to remember the Christmas Truce of 1914, and it is intended that the singing of the Silent Night carol will be one of the carols sung during the Carols Round the Tree service. As there was already a group of copper beech trees in The Croft commemorating the end of WW1, it seemed appropriate to plant one or more copper beeches on a suitable site within the village to commemorate the centenary of its outbreak.

14-107 Christmas Tree

As Cllr Fogg thought that his previous supplier did not have any suitable trees for this year, it was agreed to make enquiries about the provision of a tree from other sources, including EBC.

14-108 G&T Can Litter

It was reported that many empty gin and tonic cans had been dropped beside local footpaths, presumably discarded by school children.

14-109 Bus Shelter & Refuge

It was reported that a pair of suitably spaced marks had been painted on the pavement outside Meadow Court flats. The Clerk was instructed to enquire of DCC whether this was the first step in erecting a bus shelter here. Older residents in Second Avenue had asked for the provision of a refuge, similar to the one constructed at Risley Hall, to facilitate crossing the road. Although DCC Cllr Major commented that the Risley Hall refuge had taken a lot of time and effort to achieve, it was agreed that the Clerk should approach DCC.

14-110 Bulbs in Verge

It was reported that the bulbs had been ordered and delivered, including a free bag, but planting ought to be delayed until after heavy rain as the ground was so hard. Volunteers were sought to help plant. It was agreed that any left over after filling gaps and replanting at

the traffic lights, could be given to Treetops.

14-111 Land Behind Village Hall

It was agreed to ask Dirty Wellies to strim the land behind the Village Hall, taking care to avoid the young trees. Cllr Mrs Ancliff agreed to make enquiries as to whether its hedge was ready for laying.

Cllr Jones left at this point (8:25pm).

14-112 Risley Educational Foundation

It was reported that only two young people in Risley had received grants for their studies from the Risley Educational Foundation. It was thought that this could be due to lack of knowledge about the Foundation, and how to apply, so it should advertise itself more effectively.

The meeting closed at 8:30pm.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RISLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Harrison's Cottage on Thursday 9 October 2014 at 7:00pm.

Present: Cllrs Mrs P.Ancliff (in the chair), Mrs R.Hobbs, Mrs B.Housley, F.Jones. In attendance: DCC Cllr W.Major, EBC Cllrs Mrs V.Clare, D.Orchard, Clerk Mr S.A.Leleux.

Apologies: Cllrs A.Fogg, R.Hardy, M.O'Neill, D.Rhodes, Police.

14-113 Public Session

None.

14-114 DCC Report

DCC Cllr Major reported that consultation into childrens' centres has finished, with both Sandiacre and West Hallam remaining open in this area, but with reduced service and hours. Consultation is in progress about the Mobile Library service. There were formerly three stops in Risley, with the library calling alternate Thursdays, but the new provision is none at all! For comparison, Ockbrook had three stops and Stanton-by-Dale four, and both will now have only one stop. The former ten vehicles have been reduced to two, although DCC aims to protect the static libraries. The budget for Community Transport and Bus Support has been reduced by two thirds. Community Transport groups will in future be expected to be self-funding, but that will take time to achieve. Cllr Major thought that Erewash Community Transport might have reserves to enable it to cope better than others.

14-115 EBC Report

EBC Cllr Orchard reported that parks in both Ilkeston and Long Eaton had received gold awards, and Erewash Museum had won two heritage awards. Some new LED streetlights are to be installed in Ilkeston and Long Eaton. Councillors each had £500 available for grants to groups within their wards. There is a proposal to divert the route of HS2 to west of the M1, to avoid tunnelling under East Midlands Airport, but this will take it through an area notorious for flooding in winter. A consultant's report will be published on 27 October. Cllr Mrs Clare reminded members that it was necessary to re-register for voting.

14-116 Declaration of Interests

None.

14-117 Minutes

Minutes of both the extra-ordinary meeting and the regular meeting held on 11 September 2014 were agreed and signed. (Proposed Cllr Jones, seconded Cllr Mrs Hobbs, all in favour).

Matters Arising

14-118 Wedding using Rush Meadow (14-95)

Acceptance of the draft contract prepared by the Clerk for the use of Rush Meadow, and liability for damage, was proposed by Cllr Mrs Ancliff, seconded by Cllr Mrs Hobbs. All were in favour.

14-119 Hopwell (14-97-A)

The results of public meetings about Hopwell Parish were considered by EBC General

Purposes Committee, and the proposed grouping has gone to the Full Council for approval. The new name cannot be used until the legal processes are completed. It was suggested to ask Hopwell residents about the best location for a parish council notice board along Derby Road. One quote for a double fronted notice board made of brown recycled plastic was around £1200, excluding VAT and installation.

14-120 Village Fete (14-103)

It was requested that the report in the previous Minutes should be expanded. While the majority of the outside events had been cancelled due to the weather, the dog show had still gone ahead. It had been attended by about 100 people and had been a great success.

14-121 Bus Shelter (14-109)

The DCC Senior Transport Officer has been out to site and marked where the shelter would be placed and confirmed that the footway at Meadow Court flats is wide enough to place a shelter. Derbyshire County Council is able to offer Parish and District Councils 50% grant funding towards the cost of a new bus shelter as long as the Parish or District signs a maintenance agreement form to state that it will then own and maintain the shelter upon its installation. The approximate cost for a bus shelter is £3,300 + VAT and the electrical quote would be in the region of £1,500 + VAT (total £4,800) therefore the 50% cost to Risley Parish Council would be in the region of £2,400.00 + VAT. In view of the small number of Councillors present it was agreed to defer any decision. In the meantime the Clerk was asked to obtain written confirmation from DCC that there is absolutely no room for a shelter at 23 Derby Road, as that is where the residents concerned would like it.

14-122 Bulbs in Verge (14-110)

It was reported that the bulbs had been planted, with the surplus put into Rush Meadow. The Clerk reported that he had received a cheque for £50 from National Grid to pay for the loss of the previous bulbs near the traffic lights. It was agreed to send a letter of thanks.

14-123 Footpath Walk (14-102)

It was agreed to ask Cllr Hardy for the date of the postponed walk, so it could be advertised in the proposed Newsletter.

14-124 Correspondence

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. Severn Trent (14-99-L) – Recently reminded that water is an increasing problem around the base of the telegraph pole near Treetops, and it will be inspected on Saturday, 4 October. Apparently it is not clean water. The Clerk was instructed to urge effective action to be taken, as the affected area is growing steadily larger.
- B. Environment Agency – Stagnant water in the brook in The City: The owner of a nearby field has the legal right to abstract up to 20,000 litres (about 4,000 gallons) per day, although the tank visible at the stables has an estimated capacity of only about 1000 litres (200 gallons). It was thought that this would not have much impact on the brook, although the spokesman admitted that the prolonged dry spell was the likely cause of the greatly reduced flow. He advised observing the situation when the pump at the brook was actually running, and if very little water then flowed downstream ‘possibly applying moral pressure’.
- C. Steelcraft – Playground gates: Close inspection had revealed a number of problems, damage to the gates themselves with the posts loose in the ground, to such an extent that they could not be repaired to a state to need current regulations. The costs of constructing and installing one new gate was £1100, to block the other

entrance £.210, and to supply and fit two new gates £2100, all prices exclusive of VAT. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Hobbs, seconded by Cllr Jones, that one gate should be ordered and the other gate blocked, possibly by welding the existing gate shut. All were in favour. It was emphasized that the new gate should open outwards, so that dogs could not force it open.

- D. DALC newsletters: Arising from information about legal requirements for meeting dates following next year's elections on 7 May, it was agreed that our annual meeting should be held on the normal second Thursday, 14 May, despite this being Ascension Day. In addition, it was agreed that the previous meeting should be held on 9 April, although this is in Bank Holiday week. It was agreed that Cllr Mrs Ancliff and the Clerk should attend a free training event on 21 October, 2-4pm at DALC offices Bakewell, on the basics of employment, including recruitment, interviews and selection.
- E. EBC Borough & Parishes Forum meeting, Wednesday 15 October, 10:30am Long Eaton Town Hall.
- F. Police: Two crimes in September, both thefts of pedal cycles. It was reported that cycling and scooter safety had been brought to parents' attention earlier in the year through a school newsletter, but it will be raised again, emphasizing the need for courtesy to pedestrians using the pavements. The School wants to encourage physical activity and discourage more children from arriving by car, but it is their parents' responsibility to ensure their children get there and back safely. No accidents have been reported to the School.
- G. EBC, forwarded from an unidentified person, saying that the hedges between First & Second Avenues were very overgrown and long overdue for cutting.
- H. Dirty Wellies: Inspection report noted the usual minor defects. It was agreed to ask Dirty Wellies to quote for the replacement of the seats on the larger swings, as they had cracks. They should also be reminded about hedge cutting and strimming behind the Village Hall.
- I. EBC (14-107): Its Christmas trees had already been ordered, so RPC needed to make its own arrangements for the supply of a tree. Cllr Fogg will be informed.

14-125 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the following be paid:

A.	P.Guyll – Mowing (1), inspection (1), weed killing	320.00
B.	Post Office – Clerk's tax	177.80
C.	S.A.Leleux – Clerk salary & expenses	213.50

There is a credit balance of £12.74 with Southern Electric, for the telephone box.

14-126 Planning Applications

Previous Applications

None

New Applications

- A. 66 Derby Road (ERE/0914/0025): Rear & side extensions. No objections.

14-127 Replacement Clerk

It was agreed to set up a small committee, comprising the Chairman Cllr O'Neill, Vice-chairman Cllr Mrs Ancliff, and Cllr Mrs Hobbs, to consider this issue and report back. The Clerk was asked, agreed to serve as well.

14-128 Budget 2015-16

The Clerk requested proposals and guidelines for budget preparation. Provision for the cost of the May election, if it should be contested, and a new roundabout, were mentioned.

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

14-129 Newsletter

Possible items for inclusion were: Hopwell, Stanton Regeneration (update following the forthcoming meeting), Christmas Carols, Elections 2015.

Observations from Councillors

14-130 Parking on Verges at Rising Lea (14-104)

It was reported that every day cars were parking on the verges and footpath at Rising Lea. The Clerk will write to the Agent (Littlewoods) again, and to Swift who is believed to be the main culprit.

14-131 Breaston Lane Sign (14-105)

It was reported that DCC had put it back close to its original position, where it did not obstruct the view of approaching vehicles.

14-132 Mileposts

It was reported that EBC had painted the old cast iron milepost in Sandiacre. It was agreed that EBC should be asked to do the same for the two similar mileposts in Risley, by the School and towards Hopwell, and also the one just west of the A52 bridge, which was in Hopwell Parish, although it was Draycott on the other side of the road.

The meeting closed at 8:20pm.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RISLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Harrison's Cottage on Thursday 13 November 2014 at 7:00pm.

Present: Cllrs A.Fogg, Mrs P.Ancliff (in the chair), R.Hardy, Mrs R.Hobbs, Mrs B.Housley, F.Jones, D.Rhodes. In attendance: DCC Cllr W.Major, EBC Cllr D.Orchard, Clerk Mr S.A.Leleux.

Apologies: Cllr M.O'Neill, EBC Cllr Mrs V.Clare, Police.

14-133 Public Session

None.

14-134 DCC Report

DCC Cllr Major reported that gradual progress was being made to transfer Elvaston Castle to the National Trust. A Heritage Lottery grant had been received towards these costs. It is intended to hold public consultation about Elvaston Castle. It had been agreed to resurface the road at the traffic lights, including repositioning sensors and stop lines as necessary, although the work would be done early on Sundays to minimise inconvenience to road users.

14-135 EBC Report

EBC Cllr Orchard reported that free parking would be available all day in all EBC car parks, except those serving a station, from 1 December until 3 January 2015. EBC has transferred its bank account from the Co-op to Lloyds. A Lottery Award of £54,800 had been received towards the cost of refurbishing the frontage of Ilkeston Town Hall. EBC has now received grants totalling £1.2m for various works. The recent HS2 meeting about a possible revised route was inconclusive. The route is still not known, and EBC is maintaining its vigorous opposition to a possible station in Breaston. Cllr Orchard announced that he still had some money available to make donations to charitable bodies within Draycott, Risley & Stanton.

14-136 Declaration of Interests

None.

14-137 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 9 October 2014 were agreed and signed. (Proposed Cllr Jones, seconded Cllr Mrs Hobbs, all in favour).

Matters Arising

14-138 Hopwell (14-119)

The Order for the new combined parish has been issued and comes into being on the fourth day after the elections next year. RPC ceases to exist on the same day. Item 4 of the order states that separate parish meetings must be held for each parish. Mr Morris EBC has confirmed that 'It applies indefinitely although they could take place one after the other'. Cllr Jones had obtained a quote for a lockable notice board which was considerably less than the previous quote. It was agreed that one notice board should be erected before the annual meeting in April, near one of the two bus stops or at the layby, depending on local consultation. The Clerk was instructed to contact DCC & EBC for their requirements concerning notice boards erected on the verge.

Cllrs R.Hardy & D.Rhodes arrived during this item at 7:15pm.

14-139 Bus Shelter (14-121)

DCC had investigated the use made of the bus stops at 23 Derby Road and Meadow View flats, and neither was very busy. In view of the apparent lack of use it was agreed to defer any further consideration of this proposal.

14-140 Footpath Walk (14-123)

The walk had been held on Saturday 8 November in terrible weather. Only one resident accompanied Cllr Hardy. Nothing was seen along the paths that obviously needed repair.

14-141 Correspondence

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. DALC Newsletters: Christmas Cheer (Bakewell, 10 December, 12:30-17:00) all Councillors & Clerks are invited for 'nibbles, mince pies and seasonable drinks'. An Internal Audit facility is being set up. Automatic Enrolment for pension schemes – Risley will need to register by 2017, and although its Clerk will not be paid enough to be automatically eligible (£10Kpa) the person concerned can still opt in. Cllr Jones proposed, seconded by Cllr Fogg, that the Clerk's position can be pensionable. All were in favour. While attending the DALC training session on employment law, Cllr Mrs Ancliffe learned there was still space on a Chairs training course, to be held very shortly, and applied, and the Clerk learned on the next day there was a free training session about Automatic Enrolment for Pensions at Burton-on-Trent, which he had attended. Cllr Mrs Ancliff asked Councillors for their retrospective approval, which was given (proposed Cllr Jones, seconded Cllr Mrs Hobbs, all in favour).
- B. Risley Villag Hall – Thanks for the donation of £220 towards the Fete.
- C. EBC Polling Place Review: Risley electors will continue to use the Village Hall. Former Sandiacre electors west of the M1 who are now in Draycott & Risley EBC ward will vote where they used to, and will be given ballot papers for Draycott & Risley EBC and Sandiacre PC. There is no date fixed for changing the parish council boundaries to coincide with the new EBC wards, as that requires a 'Governance Review'.
- D. The Times 27 October 2014 had a report headlined 'Get your knotweed under control or face £2500 fine'. New rules apply to home owners who fail to control knotweed in their gardens. 'This is the first time that such plants have been named in anti-social behavior guidance...' It allows people to report neighbours to the police if the plant threatens to invade their garden.
- E. Collins Coward – Planning & Development Consultancy: Planning Documents & Motorway/Trunk Road Service Are Provision: The Clerk had pointed out that there were already several service areas nearby, but the letter suggested it might be useful to incorporate the desire to have, or reject, any additional service area in the Neighbourhood Plan.
- F. Green Energy – Enquired about a possible site for a solar farm 'with benefits for RPC'. Nothing further had been heard, the Clerk having pointed out that two such planning applications had been refused in the recent past.
- G. Police – Two thefts, of plant pots in First Avenue and vehicle number plates in Second Avenue, and a burglary from a shed in Bostocks Lane with the loss of three bicycles and a lawn mower.
- H. EBC Report of Audit Review of Parish Council Funding: Everything appeared to be in order. It was recommended that '[EBC] Accountancy should provide additional instruction to the parish clerks to cover the process for recording concurrent

function underspend and overspend and collate an ongoing summary of this for budgetary planning purposes.'

- I. Dirty Wellies – Playground inspection report. Usual items noted. Steelcraft had told the Clerk that the new gate was expected very soon. It would then be erected, and the second gate welded shut.
- J. HMRC – Notice of receipt of an appeal against penalty determination. The Clerk outlined his recent correspondence and research following receipt of notification of a penalty for failing to provide a return (see 14-76, July). One letter contained the statement 'Whilst I appreciate that you feel the time between replies is unacceptable we aim to respond/deal with all correspondence as soon as possible and within the Departments published timescales which are: 80% of post turned around in 15 working days and 95% ... in 40 working days'. He had failed to report *at the time* that no payment was made in August last year (as RPC did not meet but HMRC needed to know) and to send an end of year return, neither of which had previously been required. He had managed to obtain a User Guide for the HMRC software he had been using since April 2013 and done his best to ensure that HMRC's records for Risley were now up to date, asking for confirmation. Councillors expressed concern at the possibility that the length of time dealing with this issue could cause any penalties to be increased. They supported the Clerk's efforts to resolve this situation. Cllr Fogg asked for a brief summary of the correspondence to show his accountant, to see if he could recommend appropriate action or advice.
- K. Dirty Wellies had quoted £105 to supply and fit replacements for both seats on the children's swings, and the manufacturer, Sutcliffe Play, had quoted £72 plus £50 fitting (plus VAT), with the likelihood of the work being done immediately. It was proposed by Cllr Fogg, seconded by Cllr Mrs Hobbs, that Sutcliffe Play be asked to supply and fit new seats to both swings. All were in favour. It was also agreed to fit steel bird spikes along the top of the frames of all the swings, so that the seats would no longer become covered with bird droppings. Cllr Mrs Ancliff will contact Sutcliffe Play and investigate bird spikes.

14-142 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the following be paid:

A.	P.Guyll – Mowing (1), inspection (1), hedge cutting & strimming	865.00
B.	S.A.Leleux – Clerk salary & expenses	276.40
C.	R.Hardy – Ceramic poppy (14-97-K)	30.95

The Clerk submitted a claim for overtime this month. Ordinary RPC business came to 21.5 hours (20 hours nominal), but his records showed had done 47.75 hours this past month (October), the additional time comprising Stanton Regeneration (3.5 hours), Employment training DALC (5.5 hours), Auto Enrolment for Pensions (4.75 hours), Appointment Committee (2 hours) and HMRC (10.5 hours), total 26.25 hours. It was agreed that he could claim for 25 hours, to be paid next month (proposed by Cllr Jones, seconded by Cllr Mrs Hobbs, all in favour).

There is a credit balance of £10.10 with Southern Electric, for the telephone box.

14-143 Planning Applications

Previous Applications

None

New Applications

- A. Land South West of 19a Derby Road, Risley, Derbyshire, DE72 3SY (ERE/1014/0026): Application for variation of Condition No 2 of Planning

Permission ERE/0713/0020 to allow the development to be constructed in accordance with alternative plans. It appeared that it was proposed to move the eastern boundary a few metres, to enlarge the site, while the building itself would be moved westwards a little, which would be likely to damage the roots of nearby 'retained' trees. The building as now proposed is about 0.2m taller than the authorized building.

Councillors objected, on the following grounds.

1. Moving the building to the west boundary is likely to encroach on the previously agreed root protection areas of the nearby 'retained trees'. Has the tree officer been consulted?
2. RPC considers that the increased height and breadth of the building make it out of keeping and it affects the amenity of nearby residents in terms of overlooking and loss of privacy.
3. The eastern boundary has been moved giving the impression that the plot is bigger than it is. Would the planner please confirm whether or not this is permitted.

B. 109 Derby Road, Risley (ERE/1014/0045): Extension to Outbuilding. No objection.

14-144 Borough & Parishes Forum

The Clerk gave a report of Borough & Parish Councils' Forum held on 15 October. It had been agreed to continue to meet, three times a year, but to cancel if there was no business. Members agreed it was useful to meet people and to learn about topics, although they should be generally applicable and not specific to a particular parish. The suggestion was made possibly to encourage two councillors plus their clerk to attend its meetings. Other business mainly related to cutting verges. Those between communities are flailed twice a year, and those in towns are mown up to 9 times pa. There is some official pruning of vegetation overhanging the road or pavement. The Clerk pointed out the RPC wrote to offenders, who generally responded. No figures were yet available for next year's Concurrent Functions, although it was likely they would be less than the present year.

14-145 Replacement Clerk

The small committee, comprising the Chairman Cllr O'Neill, Vice-chairman Cllr Mrs Ancliff, Cllr Mrs Hobbs and the Clerk, had met recently. A draft advertisement was circulated, and was approved by Councillors. It will be sent to DALC for comment. The Clerk will provide a job description, based on the DALC model. There was some inconclusive discussion whether an applicant's qualifications or local knowledge were more important. It was reported that the present Quality Councils scheme is being abandoned but a replacement is being set up. Councillors agreed that any applicant should have, or should obtain, the CiLCA qualification. EBC had confirmed that pension contributions would be an allowable concurrent function expenditure, but as they would not generate any additional funding their cost would have to be met by savings elsewhere.

14-146 Budget 2015-16

The Clerk requested proposals and guidelines for budget preparation. EBC stated that the cost of the May election, if it should be contested, would be about £1000. The Clerk suggested that £400 should be allowed for computer hardware (printer) and software (MS Office). The possibility of replacing the Crazy Horse with a comparable item costing £2300, or even by a see-saw costing £3000 was suggested. It was agreed that the existing horse should be inspected by a joiner to ascertain whether a new seat could be made.

14-147 Carols

Carols Round the Tree will be held on Monday 15 December at 7pm. It will be preceded by a time in Church (from 6pm) for children to make Christingles. Mrs Hobbs will prepare the service order, to include a commemorative piece about the (totally unofficial) 1914 Christmas Truce. The Clerk will send the list of carols chosen to the Salvation Army beforehand. It was agreed to order 10 dozen mince pies from Staceys, rather than a cheaper smaller alternative. It was agreed that Section 137 should cover any expenditure, as usual. Cllr Fogg had sourced a tree from David Hitchcock. It will be collected, erected and lights fitted on Sunday 30 November, so the lights can be on from 1 December. Arrangements for serving refreshments etc will be agreed at the next meeting.

Observations from Councillors

14-148 Pavement Hazards near Risley Hall

Cllr Jones reported that he had asked EBC to sweep leaves from the pavement from the Hospice to Breaston Lane. Half of this had been done before rain stopped work, and the remainder will be done shortly. The pavement west of the entrance to Rush Meadow is covered with mud, assumed washed down from the field behind. EBC will be asked to clear this. Councillors were asked to consider ways whereby the mud could be caught before reaching the pavement. Fallen beech nuts were a hazard on the pavement beside the School.

14-149 McDonalds Appeal (13-213, 13-226 March, 14-43 May)

It was reported that an appeal was expected from McDonalds following the refusal of EBC to grant planning consent for a drive-thru restaurant at the Bostocks Lane/M1/A52 interchange. The Planning Inspectorate was known to favour a public hearing for this case, although no date had been announced. It was agreed to maintain our objections and to support EBC in its refusal. It was agreed that once any definite information was available it should be displayed on the RPC notice boards and on the website. Cllr Fogg explained that several Village Hall Committee members had discussed whether the hall hire fee could be waived if residents held a meeting there, and their concern whether it was morally right for an unelected group to decide which action groups could hold meetings at no charge. (Cllrs Hardy & Rhodes declared their interest and took no part in the discussion or vote which followed.) Hence he had asked RPC to cover the cost, as the position of RPC had already been made clear at the time of the previous application, and it was an elected body. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Ancliff, seconded by Cllr Mrs Hobbs, that RPC would pay the hall hire for such a meeting, using Section 137. All were in favour.

EBC Cllr Orchard left at this point, 8:50pm.

14-150 Car Parking at Rising Lea (14-104)

It was reported that cars continued to park on the verge at Rising Lea, although the Clerk had written to both the Estate Agent (Littlewoods) and the firm believed to be mainly responsible.

14-151 Grit

It was agreed to order 1 tonne, for delivery to Park Farm, Cllr Jones to organise.

14-152 Commemorative Tree

Cllr Mrs Ancliff reported that a copper beech to commemorate the centenary of the outbreak of WW1, to be planted in the First Avenue field, would cost £66. Purchase was proposed by Cllr Jones, seconded by Cllr Mrs Hobbs. All were in favour. A commemorative plaque will be installed nearby.

14-153 Bus Shelter near Traffic Lights

It was reported that the plastic panel at the west end had become opaque so people standing in the shelter could not see the bus approaching. EBC will be asked to replace it.

The meeting closed at 9:15pm.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 14 December
2014 will be available shortly.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RISLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Harrison's Cottage on Thursday 8 January 2015 at 7:00pm.

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

Apologies: DCC Cllr W.Major, EBC Cllr Mrs V.Clare, Police.

14-174 Public Session

None.

14-175 DCC Report

No report, as Cllr Major was unable to attend.

14-176 EBC Report

Having received a petition with over 500 names, EBC had agreed to call a new roundabout in Nottingham Road, Ilkeston, Gnome Island. All the facilities at West Park Leisure Centre will be available free on Sunday 18 January, following its refurbishment. New links (unspecified) are being developed between DCC & EBC. Stanton Road, Sandiacre, will be closed for the whole day between Rushy Lane and the M1 bridge on Monday 26 January. Lastly, Cllr Orchard said he had given a grant of £75 to the Risley Conservation Group for the Glebe Gate, by the Nature Reserve.

14-177 Declaration of Interests

None.

14-178 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 11 December 2014 were agreed and signed. (Proposed Cllr Jones, seconded Cllr Mrs Housley, all in favour).

Cllr R.Hardy arrived during this item at 7:10pm.

Matters Arising

14-179 Hopwell (14-159)

It was agreed to seek DCC permission to erect a green or brown notice board beside the eastern layby near the bus stop.

14-180 Playground Repairs (14-161)

It was reported that all the swing seats had been replaced, but as the cradle seats were changed in error there would be no charge. Bird spikes for the frame above the swing seat had been ordered and delivered to Cllr Mrs Ancliff. It was agreed that Cllr Jones should ask a contact to install them.

14-181 McDonalds Appeal (14-162)

Some details had been received about the hearing at Long Eaton Town Hall on 26 February, and explanatory booklets were distributed to Councillors. It was agreed to leave further discussion about representation to the next meeting.

14-182 Carols Round the Tree (14-168)

The collection had raised £87.13 (£92.46 last year, £87.76 year before), and following regular practice it was agreed to make a donation of £150 to the Salvation Army (Section 137). About 120 carol sheets had been used (150 printed), but many were shared. 10 dozen mince pies had been bought and only 6 were left. The Church had materials for 70 christingles and 63 were made by the children. It was agreed to hold the event on Monday 14 December. The donation in lieu of payment for the tree had been made to a breast cancer support charity. Arrangements had been made to remove the tree.

14-183 HMRC (14-163-A)

The Clerk was certain that everything required by HMRC had now been done. He had written to his named contact, seeking confirmation, but had not yet had a reply.

14-184 Correspondence

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. EBC – Borough & Parishes Forum, Ilkeston Town Hall, 2:30pm Wednesday 14 January – the agenda includes ‘Parish Councils’ Concurrent Functions Budget and Council Tax Support Grant 2015/16’, and ‘EBC Matters’ East Midlands in Bloom, Flooding briefing, Section 106 funding briefing and reviewing strategies for green space, play strategy and playing pitch strategy’.
- B. Treetops Hospice – Notice of work being done affecting traffic and parking in Risley, commencing Monday 26 January for 4 weeks. Derby Road car park is being levelled and the drive to the staff car park surfaced, so it is anticipated that staff, volunteers and visitors will be parking on Derby Road for the duration of the work. The School has been informed to warn parents. It was agreed to write, reminding Treetops of bulbs in the verges so please do not park on them. As stub telegraph poles have been installed to deter parking on a green area in Wilsthorpe Road, it was agreed to ask DCC for permission to do the same in Risley.
- C. Clerks & Councils Direct – This monthly newspaper contained an article about the newly introduced Neighbourhood Plans. It was agreed that the Clerk should distribute copies for consideration at the next meeting.
- D. Ling Phipp – Quoted £150+VAT to undertake the RPC payroll and make all the necessary monthly and annual returns to HMRC. April was the obvious time to make any change, by which the new Clerk should have been appointed and their opinion noted.
- E. EBC – Consultation on Draft Developer Conditions (Section 106) Supplementary Planning Document ie contributions from the developer of a residential site towards its infrastructure needs.
- F. Police – Apologies, and one reported crime, ‘damage to motor vehicle by known offender, First Avenue’.

14-185 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the following be paid:

A.	SutcliffePlay – Swing seats	146.40
B.	Risley Educational Foundation – City street light	35.00
C.	Risley PCC – Churchyard maintenance (Section 137)	250.00
D.	Salvation Army – Carol collection & donation	150.00
E.	Post Office – Clerk’s tax	188.20
F.	S.A.Leleux – Clerk salary & expenses	219.44
G.	P.Ancliff – Bird spikes for swings	31.26

There is a credit balance of £5.32 with Southern Electric, for the telephone box.

14-186 Planning Applications

Previous Applications

- A. 109 Derby Road – Extension to outbuilding (1014/0045): Approved
- B. 66 Derby Road – Rear and side extensions (0914/0025): Approved
- C. 52 Derby Road – Wooden shed for personal use as craft room (0514/0031): Approved
- D. 38 Bostocks Lane – Two storey rear extension (0414/0032): Refused
- E. 23 Derby Road – Crown reduction of silver birch (0314/1441): Approved
- F. Village Hall – Work to 17 trees (0314/1440): Approved

New Applications

- G. Latin House – Pollarding sycamore & yew tree (1214/1502): No objection.
- H. Latin Cottage – Pollarding oak tree (1214/1503): No objection.
- I. 19A Derby Road – EBC recommended approval, and verbal assurances had been received to revert to the original boundary and reduce the height of the proposed building.

14-187 Replacement Clerk (14-166)

The advertisement had been published earlier in the week by DALC, and three people had already expressed an interest. It was agreed that the appointment committee should meet again to determine criteria for selection, interview panel and date, etc.

14-188 Budget 2015-16 (14-167)

In the absence of any information about Concurrent Functions (see 14-184-A above), and the likelihood that once this information was available, EBC would require a rapid response, it was proposed by Cllr Fogg, seconded by Cllr Mrs Hobbs, that the draft budget presented at the previous meeting, with a Precept of £7010, be accepted. All were in favour.

Observations from Councillors

14-189 Car Parking on Verges (14-170)

It was reported that cars still parked on the verge at Rising Lea, despite the Clerk's letters to the agents, Littlewoods. It was agreed he should write to the owner. The verge at 10 Derby Road is being damaged by workmen relaying the drive, and representations for repair of damage may be made when the work is complete. It was agreed that provision should be made to plant replacement bulbs in affected areas.

14-190 Hole at Rising Lea

It was reported that a large hole had been discovered in the northern verge about 20 yards west of the Old Rectory's gates. It was agreed to bring it to the notice of DCC.

14-191 Dog Mess

It was reported that dog mess was becoming a nuisance in the village, particularly on the playing fields and outside the gate of 32 Derby Road, where it usually appeared before 8:40am.

14-192 Commemorative Tree (14-172)

Cllr Mrs Hobbs reported that a group of pupils had helped to plant a copper beech to commemorate the centenary of the Christmas Truce in the First Avenue field. Photographs had been taken and Cllr Hobbs plans to send a short article and photos for inclusion in the next issue of the EBC magazine. The British Legion wants to be involved when the commemorative plaque is installed.

14-193 Traffic Lights

Councillors reported continued problems with the timing of the traffic lights, and in particular the operation of the arrow for traffic turning from Derby Road (eastbound) into Bostocks Lane, which was often green when there were no cars in the vicinity at all.

14-194 Grit

Cllr Fogg reported that he had used a lot of grit on No Mans Lane during the recent snowfall. At the end of the cold period DCC had sent a grit lorry along this road. Despite enquiries, there was no trace of the grit bin installed on the hill near The Hewarths, and it was agreed to report its loss to DCC.

14-195 Path near Golf Course

It was reported that sections of the path from The City across the golf course was badly rutted, and it was suggested broken stone should be laid, using the DCC Footpath Grant. It was agreed that Councillors should inspect the site before the next meeting, and the Clerk will enquire about the possibility of a grant from DCC. In addition, a path near The Nook was said to be impassable due to mud.

The meeting closed at 8:15pm.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RISLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Harrison's Cottage on Thursday 12 February 2015 at 7:00pm.

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

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

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

14-196 Public Session

Mr S.Jarratt (Peat Meadow) enquired about the current position regarding redevelopment of the Stanton Works site. The application, which is only amendments to the previous application, not a complete new application, will be determined by the EBC Planning Committee on 25 February. A few days ago DCC Highways responded to the application, and while acknowledging that not all the trips on local roads would arise from the development, the increase would generate 'severe harm potential' (which is a valid planning objection). A Section 106 agreement of £2.1m has been requested for improvements to public transport, but only £3.8m for mitigation work on local roads within Derbyshire. Also, there is no sign of how any mitigation would be achieved. Mr J.Platt (Old Rectory) enquired whether RPC would be represented at the planning meeting. Any development would increase peak pressure on Bostocks Lane. He also enquired whether any decision had been made regarding the station for HS2, Breaston or Toton. The Clerk replied that a knowledgeable person at a local railway enthusiasts meeting he had attended had said that it was 99.9% certain it would be Toton. In view of the Clerk's impending retirement, Mr Platt thanked him for his work for RPC over the years.

Cllr O'Neill arrived at 7:20pm during this item, and took the chair when it had finished.

14-197 DCC Report

Cllr Major reported on the DCC budget, which will cause its council tax to rise by 1.98%. Cuts totalling £36m have been made covering many areas, including community transport, B-line bus passes for students, school crossing patrols, and winter road maintenance. However, in absolute terms, spending will be more than last year. There is some talk that Derbyshire receives a poor deal from central government grants, obtaining £378.20 per head of population, but this compares favourably with Leicestershire £270, Northamptonshire £342 and Nottinghamshire £360 so the treatment is fair. DCC recently approved a proposal to create a combined authority for Derbyshire, comprising all the county's district and borough councils, and Derby city. Every council needs to approve it, which is the reason for the absence of the two EBC Councillors as they are at a special meeting to discuss this issue. The combined authority would determine economic policy, housing needs, and would set business rates, so EBC would give up a lot of autonomy.

14-198 EBC Report

No report due to the absence of both EBC Councillors.

14-199 Declaration of Interests

None.

14-200 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 8 January 2015 were agreed and signed. (Proposed Cllr Jones, seconded Cllr Mrs Hobbs, all in favour).

Matters Arising

14-201 Hopwell (14-179)

Application had been made to DCC & EBC to erect a green or brown notice board beside the eastern layby near the bus stop, but nothing had been heard since.

14-202 Playground Repairs (14-180)

Bird spikes had been installed above the swings. The play area gate had not yet been replaced. Cllr Mrs Ancliff agreed to fill a depression noted on the inspection reports. It was agreed she could purchase some large diameter tree guards for use there.

14-203 McDonalds Appeal (14-181)

Cllrs Fogg, Mrs Hobbs & O'Neill each plan to attend for some of the hearing, assuming it is in order for representatives to change during the day. The Clerk was instructed to confirm this point. He will also send Councillors a copy of RPC's objections.

14-204 HMRC (14-183)

The Clerk had recovered emails confirming a successful submission of payroll data for every month from April 2013, when the scheme started, to the present, except for August 2013 & 2014. He has since submitted 'No payment made' for both Augusts, and has made the end of year 2013-14 submission. As far as he can see, that is everything required, and any remaining alleged omissions are within HMRC's system. However, his correspondence with HMRC continues!

14-205 Budget (14-188)

As approved at the last meeting, the Clerk sent EBC a precept request for £7010. Some days later EBC told him that the inclusion of 15 houses from Hopwell increased the council tax base for the parish with the result that Risley residents would pay about 7% less. Alternatively, he was offered the opportunity to increase the precept so that Risley residents would actually pay the same as the previous year. He contacted the Chairman and Cllr Fogg, who both agreed with him that the precept should remain at £7010, as determined by the January meeting. EBC was then informed. The question was raised whether the self-contained flat at 19A and the former holiday lets at Keys Farm were assessed for council tax. The Clerk will make enquiries.

14-206 Path Repairs (14-195)

Following the comments about the path on the golf course some other paths were examined. Mud was a problem near the steps in the Nature Reserve, and also at several stiles near the Nook. It was reported that the DCC Footpaths Officer stated that the landowner's permission was not required before doing paths repairs, although it was always desirable to obtain it and to work with the landowner. In addition, he understood the situation regarding the bridleway to the Nook. While it was suitable for horses, and for walkers in appropriate footwear, people from Second Avenue in 'ordinary' shoes could well find it totally unsuitable. It was proposed by Cllr Jones, seconded by Cllr Mrs Hobbs, that quotes should be obtained to lay

stone at three gateways near the Nook, and on low lying areas in the Nature Reserve. All were in favour. Cllr Mrs Ancliff agreed to meet any contractor on site.

14-207 Report of Borough & Parishes Forum

The meeting on 14-1-2015 had been held at Ilkeston Town Hall: The main item was Concurrent Functions, which Members are expected to approve at the same level as last year. Parish representatives were told to assume no change. In addition, if a council has an underspend one year it will not be reclaimed, but carried forward to cover any overspend in later years. Other items were Erewash (and East Midlands) in Bloom, for which RPC's verges could be entered. Both DCC & EBC have a Flood Duty Officer on call 24/7. As for filming in council meetings, which is now legal, there is nothing about having faces hidden while filming.

14-208 Correspondence

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. Ms Woodward (owner of Rising Lea): 'I will do my very best to address this on going problem' [of cars parking on the verge]. She sent 3 25kg sacks of bulbs, and a cheque for £50 to pay a gardener to plant them in the verge near Rising Lea. The Clerk was instructed to thank her for his generous response. It was agreed to ask Mr Ainsworth to plant them at Rising Lea on the northern verge, working westwards.

Cllr O'Neill had to leave at this point, so Cllr Mrs Ancliff resumed the chair.

- B. Littlewoods (Rising Lea estate agents) have again written to tenants, pointing out the reasons for not parking on verge.
- C. Risley PCC – Thanks for the contribution towards churchyard maintenance.
- D. Risley School – The date Monday 14 December for Carols is in the School diary.
- E. Dirty Wellies – Inspection reports – Usual defects noted. The uneven surface in the grass, especially 'a large depression near cradle swings', with recommendation 'level off where practical' will be filled by Cllr Mrs Ancliff.
- F. DCC Highways – Posts on the verge: Posts in Long Eaton are believed to have been installed to prevent access for Travellers. In general DCC does not permit their installation, due to possible liability if a car hit one. It was suggested 'you could plant evergreen low plants/shrubs in the grass verge instead. They would be a more visible and permanent way of deterring parking all year round.' RPC would need a new cultivation licence. DCC Cllr Major agreed to clarify whether this was necessary, as RPC had one already for the bulbs.
- G. DCC Highways – Traffic lights: The resurfacing works will include new lining and new loop sensors. Investigation of the right turning arrow (from Risley) coming on found that 'cars parked on the approach to the signals are causing through traffic to travel along the right turn lane causing the detector to call the right turn arrow'. Letters have been distributed to local residents asking them not to park in this area. Although notice had been given of work here on Sundays 8 & 15 February, and workmen were seen for a time on the morning of the 8th, nothing appeared to have been done on that occasion.
- H. DALC Newsletters – Index of most important items, internal audit service, Belper winner of Great British High Street Awards 2014 (market towns), abolition of Public Works Loan Board – but a replacement facility is proposed. Two subscription rates are proposed, the lower one covering the present range of support and services, and the higher one including any group 1 training with up to three participants from any one council at any event. The rates have not yet been published.
- I. National Savings – RPC balance at 31 December 2014 was £9200.96

- J. A request from a disabled resident at Risley Hall for permission to park at the Village Hall when going to catch the bus was forwarded to the Village Hall Secretary.
- K. Peter Edwards - Neighbourhood Plans consultancy. As Neighbourhood Plans can only specify a level of development equal to or greater than the present agreed level, and with minimal development possible in Risley, it was agreed to ignore this.
- L. Police: No recorded crimes in Risley since 8 January.

14-209 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the following be paid:

A.	Southern Electricity – Telephone box	21.00
	(The present credit balance being only £2.80.)	
B.	M.O’Neill – Chairman’s expenses	37.45
C.	Risley PCC – Room hire (Harrison’s Cottage – up to & including March)	200.00
D.	Dirty Wellies – Inspections (3)	60.00
E.	T.M.A.Gardening – Bird spike installation	27.00
F.	S.A.Leleux – Clerk salary & expenses	224.51

14-210 Planning Applications

Previous Applications

It was reported that the Planning Inspector had recently visited Park Farm during the appeal for the proposed wind turbine there. The result ‘should’ be known within five weeks.

New Applications

- A. 48 Second Avenue – First floor side extension (ERE/0215/0013): Having no measurements the plans provided were hard to assess, but Councillors had no objection to the proposed extension built on the flat roof of the existing garage.
- B. 90 Derby Road – First floor rear extension (ERE/0115/0024): No objection.

Both visitors left at this point.

14-211 Replacement Clerk (14-187)

The Appointment Committee had met. There had been seven applicants, and three had been short listed for interview of 24 February. References have been requested. Unfortunately one had since had to withdraw. It was agreed that if there was a successful candidate she should be invited to attend the March meeting to meet Members.

14-212 Stanton Regeneration

EBC had held a special briefing for parish councillors on 27-1-15, attended by Cllr Mrs Ancliff and the Clerk. Some of the issues previously raised with the applicant have been addressed, hence the current application dealt only with the changes proposed. Housing and sports pitches have been exchanged, to put housing further away from the Merlin Way industrial estate. There is a proposal to fill in part of the existing Nutbrook Canal and excavate a new cut, to release about 1.8ha for housing. However, bunds to prevent noise from Ward’s scrapyard and planting to screen Stanton Bonna’s concrete plant are unchanged. Crucially, the applicant has said that no more changes are forthcoming. There are no plans to mitigate the traffic arising from the development. A new Junction 25A is not possible, due to cost and Highways Agency opposition. It is unlikely any of the coal present will be recovered by opencast, due to ownership difficulties and fears of pollution, and ‘its extraction is hardly worth the effort’. The application will be considered at a Planning Committee meeting at Long Eaton Town Hall on Wednesday 25 February. As DCC is waiting for the applicant to suggest road improvements, and the applicant is waiting for DCC to make

suggestions, it is likely that after the planning meeting, whether or not it is approved, EBC will approach local councils about highway issues and ask for their suggestions. It was agreed that Cllr Mrs Ancliff would represent RPC at the Planning Committee meeting.

14-213 Footpath Walk

It was agreed that the best date was Sunday 20 September, but this needed to be confirmed by Cllr Hardy.

Observations from Councillors

14-214 No Mans Lane

It was reported that during a recent cold spell a car hit ice along the top of No Mans Lane, had skidded and rolled over, becoming a total loss. Fortunately the driver was only shaken. DCC has erected ice warning signs on this road.

14-215 Damage to Verges

It was reported that the skip at 10 Derby Road appeared to have been placed carefully on the verge, and was there for only a short time, so although the daffodils were flattened it was thought likely they would recover and flower next year. Work at 60 Derby Road appears to be nearing completion at last. The nearby verges are in a very bad state, and so the Clerk was instructed to write, asking the owners to make complete restoration. There is also a lot of mud on the pavement there. Marks of large tyres have appeared on the verge on the south side of Derby Road, opposite the Old Rectory.

14-216 Nature Reserve Gate

It was reported that the 5-bar gate at the Nature Reserve was broken. Cllr Mrs Ancliff replied that EBC Cllr Orchard had given the Risley Conservation Group £75 for its replacement, and the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust had agreed to fit it.

14-217 Commemorative Plaque at Woodhall

It was reported that the Heritage Lottery had provided a grant for a commemorative plaque about the site at Woodhall and the Risley Lanx which had been discovered there.

14-218 Work at Treetops

It was reported that resurfacing work was proceeding well at Treetops, and the front car park is back in use. Parking had not proved too much of a problem during the work.

14-219 Items for Next Meeting

The following items were raised for discussion at the next meeting:

- A. Painting the Information Point (telephone box) and three mileposts – once joined with Hopwell there will be three in the parish, by the A52 bridge, near Lindley House, and at the School playing field.
- B. The hedge bordering the pavement at Rush Meadow. It is in very poor condition with large gaps. Cllr Fogg agreed to find the cost of post and rail fencing to form a barrier while any young plants, for example holly, grew to maturity in the gaps.
- C. The hedge around the RPC 'new land' behind the Village Hall needs laying.

The meeting closed at 9:07pm.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RISLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Held at Harrison's Cottage on Thursday 12 March 2015 at 7:00pm.

Present: Cllrs Mrs P.Ancliff, A.Fogg, Mrs R.Hobbs, Mrs B.Housley, F.Jones, M.O'Neill (in the chair), D.Rhodes. In attendance: DCC Cllr W.Major, EBC Cllrs Mrs V.Clare, D.Orchard, Clerk Mr S.A.Leleux, Replacement Clerk (observing) Mrs L.Ghent, one resident.

Apologies: Police. The Chairman announced the Cllr R.Hardy has resigned, at the request of his employer, due to 'potential conflict of interest'.

The new Clerk, Mrs Lynne Ghent, who is employed by EBC, was introduced.

14-220 Public Session

None.

The Chairman noted that EBC Cllr Derek Orchard was not seeking re-election in May, and wished to thank him for the help, support, advice and guidance he had given to RPC over the past 24 years. 'He will be missed.' Cllr Mrs Hobbs then gave him a token of the Council's thanks for his efforts. At the end of the meeting Derek said that this had been a complete surprise.

14-221 DCC Report

Cllr Major reported that little was currently happening in view of the forthcoming election. Consultation is taking place on the future of the B-line pass, at present giving students under-16 one third discount on bus and train fares. It is proposed to increase the age to under 19, to remove concessions from rail travel (not least because the rail operators give deals to young people which are at least as good), and reduce the bus concession to 25%. Overall this would save £34m. The consultation began on 26 January and will finish on 29 March.

14-222 EBC Report

It was reported that the recent meeting of EBC had agreed not to increase the domestic rate, for the sixth consecutive year. It has managed this without major cutbacks or redundancies. After some consideration, on the assumption that other larger authorities would not swamp it, the Executive decided to join the Derbyshire Combined Authority comprising all the borough and district councils in the county. However, once in the council cannot later leave. The 1-hour free parking provision implemented in many EBC car parks has proved very popular, with 114,000 users in the first month. The Borough's Licensing Dept. is checking scrap metal dealers, and has uncovered several who are not registered. An impending temporary overnight road closure at the level crossing in Sawley Lane, Breaston was mentioned. Garden waste collections have recommenced. All the sports centres are working to support smokers wanting to give up the habit. Councillors were asked to be observant, as rat poison had been discovered in dog chews left in Stanley Common.

14-223 Declaration of Interests

None.

14-224 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 12 February 2015 were agreed and signed, having altered 'his' to 'her' in line 4 of item 14-208. (Proposed Cllr Jones, seconded Cllr Mrs Housley, all in favour).

Matters Arising

14-225 Hopwell (14-201)

DCC said that the site of the proposed board was in Hopwell, and had needed to be convinced that RPC was justified in seeking to erect a board there. A copy of the September minutes had been sent, which appeared to satisfy them. Details of the application are to be displayed locally. It was agreed to order a brown notice board, for erection as soon as permission had been received.

14-226 McDonalds Appeal (14-203)

Cllrs Fogg, Mrs Hobbs & Jones, and the Clerk, had attended the hearing. Cllr Mrs Hobbs said that she felt the Inspector had been very fair to everyone: McDonald's team, EBC, Residents, Friesland Head and to any members of the public who had wanted to speak. In his subsequent report the Inspector had dismissed the appeal on the grounds of noise, traffic, parking and loss of amenity.

14-227 HMRC (14-207)

The Clerk's HMRC contact had telephoned to say that the problems experienced appeared to be due to their IT system, and so long as the 2013-14 & 2014-15 year-end figures in the RPC cash book agreed with corresponding figures in HMRC records (and they do) then the matter was closed. A letter to this effect had been promised but not yet received.

14-228 Path Repairs (14-206)

Enquiry had discovered two local firms willing to supply crushed concrete or broken stone, and possibly to lay it. After some discussion, Cllr Jones proposed, seconded by Cllr Mrs Hobbs, that Cllrs Mrs Ancliff, Fogg and Rhodes should assess the possible locations, including their accessibility, with the possible contractors, and then be authorised to put the work in hand. All were in favour.

14-229 Footpath Walk (14-213)

Mr Hardy thought 20 September was the most suitable date.

14-230 Correspondence

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. EBC – Stanton Regeneration Planning Committee meeting was postponed, and no new date has yet been received.
- B. EBC – Keys Farm former holiday lets are now 'domestic assessments' for Council Tax. The status of the self-contained flat at 19A is being investigated as it does not seem to appear on the current valuation list.
- C. NatWest – Changes to account terms, which do not appear to affect RPC.
- D. Police – Locating community or public access defibrillators in the area. 'If you do not have one, would you give consideration to applying for one?' It seems the British Heart Foundation will meet the remainder of the cost if the community finds £400. It was stated that a health care professional thought that provision of a defibrillator in the west end of Risley would be a good idea. Councillors agreed in principle, but its location was a problem, although a locked box inside the Information Point was a possibility.

- E. EBC Friesland Sports Centre – ‘Unfortunately we are not running a play scheme like the old one. It will now be sports camps. West Park will be running the conventional one if that is of help.’ It was agreed to approach Sandiacre Parish Council which is believed to be running its own play scheme at Cloudside School, in the hope there is spare capacity there.
- F. EBC – Agenda for the meeting on 5 March included details of the Council Tax Base for the parishes. Risley with Hopwell is 305.4 being ‘the full year equivalent number of Band D chargeable dwellings in each Parish after allowing for disabled reductions, discounts, reductions under the local scheme for Council Tax Support plus an allowance for non-collection.’ The Band D amount to be charged, including the Parish Precept element, in Risley with Hopwell is £188.65. (Fourth highest, exceeded by Draycott £194.36, Breadsall £192.68, Stanton-by-Dale £190.05. Lowest are Sawley £172.59 and Breaston £174.53).
- G. DALC newsletters – Electronic summons to meetings became lawful on 30 January – providing Members consent to this, and their consent can be withdrawn at any time, Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities is initially ‘recommended practice’ but may become mandatory by the start of the 2015/16 financial year – see www.gov.uk/government/publications/transparency-code-for-smaller-authorities for details. DALC has several named auditors for doing internal audits, together with a check list of points to be covered in the audit. The latter will be given to Mrs Gregory when she does the audit. An audit training session will be held at Bakewell on the afternoon of 19 March, £25. The rates for 2015-16 subscription are £195.91 (1% increase on this year) but all training has to be paid for, or £265.91 which permits a council to send up to three people, ‘free’, to any Group 1 training sessions (which otherwise cost £25 per person per event). It was agreed that Risley should have the higher subscription, at least for the next year, bearing in mind the probable need for new Councillors and the new Clerk to require training. CiLCA training for the new Clerk will be £200 DALC County Training Partnership fee plus £175 Society of Local Council Clerks for administration and marking the portfolio.
- H. Road Safety Campaign, sponsored by Unipart and being held at Hulland Ward on 17 March. ‘The innovative speed indicator device has been proven to have a positive impact on driver behavior ... [and has] a data capture and logging facility that provides accurate traffic and speed data ... which can often be vital in securing funding for traffic calming measures.’
- I. Risley Conservation Group requested a donation to help cover running costs. It was agreed to consider this alongside other donations at the next meeting.
- J. Pensions Regulator required a contact on RPC by 30 April 2015 for automatic enrolment in a workplace pension scheme, in readiness for the staging date 1 April 2017.
- K. EBC Election notices for both borough and parish council. Nomination forms, available from EBC, must be returned by 4pm on Thursday 9 April.
- L. Police – Apologies, and details of three crimes, two in Derby Road: common assault, theft from motor vehicle, and theft of two concrete statues from Risley Hall.
- M. CPRE – New membership card, and agreed to maintain the present fee of £36, paid by direct debit.

14-231 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the following be paid:

A.	Stanton-by-Dale PCC - Photocopying	13.20
B.	Park Hall Designs – Website	130.00
C.	T.M.A.Gardening – Planting bulbs at Rising Lea	52.00
D.	Post Office – Clerk’s tax	134.20
E.	S.A.Leleux – Clerk salary (including overtime) & expenses	392.81

The possibility of using an accountant to handle the payroll had been mentioned in the recent past (see December 2014 14-163-A and January 2015 14-184-D), and April was the obvious time to make any change. However, the new Clerk, Mrs Ghent, said that she was familiar with payroll, having done it for her former husband's business, and the problems with HMRC having been resolved (see 14-227 above) it was agreed to continue doing payroll ourselves. Southern Electric credit balance is £21.54. A VAT repayment claim for £218.27 has been made.

14-232 Planning Applications

Previous Applications

- A. 90 Derby Road – 1st floor rear extension (ERE/0115/0024) Approved
- B. Latin House & Cottage – Tree works (ERE/1214/1502 & 1503) Approved
- C. Land south west of 19A Derby Road – Variation of conditions (ERE/1014/0026) Approved
- D. Land west of 90 Derby Road – Erection of 3-storey dwelling (ERE/1213/0035) Refused

New Applications

- E. 38 Bostocks Lane – 2 storey and part single storey rear extension (resubmission of ERE/0414/0032) (ERE/0215/0019). See May 2014 minutes, item 14-43-C.: No objection.
- F. Risley Hall – Work to 18 protected trees and felling 2 protected trees (ERE/0215/1519): A number of errors and inconsistencies had been noted in the application, and brought to the attention of the EBC Tree Officer. It was agreed to make no comment, but to rely on the opinion of the Tree Officer.

14-233 April Meeting

In view of the fact that the meeting scheduled for 9 April fell in Easter Week, when many schools would be on holiday and some Councillors were known to be away, it was proposed by Cllr Mrs Ancliff, seconded by Cllr Mrs Hobbs, that the meeting be postponed to 16 April. All were in favour. This will be the last meeting of the present council, and will include the Annual Meetings for both Risley and Hopwell parishes.

14-234 Painting

It was agreed that Cllr Mrs Hobbs should ask her contact to paint the Information Point, and Steven Smith should be asked to quote for painting the three cast iron mileposts along Derby Road: at the School, near Lindley House, and just west of the A52 bridge.

14-235 Hedges

A quote for £275 had been received from Christopher Dean to lay the hedge on the 'new' land behind the Village Hall. He quoted for £450 to construct a post and rail fence (two rails) at gaps in the hedge at Rush Meadow bordering the pavement, together with planting some holly in the gaps. It was proposed by Cllr Jones, seconded by Cllr Mrs Ancliff, that both quotes be accepted and the work put in hand. All were in favour.

Observations from Councillors

14-236 Traffic Lights

It was reported that a new surface had been laid, but as it appeared to have used the wrong material arrangements were being made to replace it. The defective work had been done a week later than the advertised dates, which had caused unforeseen difficulties.

14-237 Risley in Bloom

It was reported that photographs of the verges had already been taken. It was agreed that

Cllr Fogg could investigate using them as the RPC entry to the competition. It was also agreed that he could send a selection for display on the website.

14-238 No Mans Lane Grit Bin

The Clerk had received no reply concerning the replacement grit bin which had been put in the wrong place. Instead of being half way up the hill, close to a road sign, the bin was on level ground at the crossroads, where it was beside roads that were regularly gritted and was a long way from where it was needed. The possibility of emptying the bin, moving it and then refilling it was discussed. It was agreed to remind DCC of the problem.

14-239 Village Hall Patio

It was reported that the Village Hall Committee wanted to extend the patio, including a lean-to roof, as the recent building work had incorporated most of the previous patio into the building. It was agreed that planning consent would be required, and that the Village Hall Committee should also seek permission from RPC who owned the actual ground.

14-240 Moles

It was reported that moles are a problem throughout the village. Cllr Fogg has a contact who could trap them, and would probably do it at minimal cost (£20 was mentioned), provided RPC agreed to replace any traps if they were stolen. It was agreed Cllr Fogg should have the work put in hand.

14-241 Carols

It was reported that the WI had already booked the Village Hall for 14 December, their regular meeting on the second Monday. Postponing the carols to 21 December was after the end of term, and bringing the date forward to 7 December could interfere with the School's Christmas concerts. It was therefore agreed that Cllr Mrs Hobbs should ask the WI to bring their event forward and so permit the carols to be held on 14 December.

14-242 Village Hall Car Park

The Village Hall Committee received many complaints about the state of the car park and the way mud was walked into the building. The cost of replacing it with tarmac was around £50K and the Committee was looking into sources of grants or other funding.

Cllr Jones left at this point (8:40pm).

14-243 Verges

It was reported that parking on the verge at Rising Lea had ceased, and small No Parking signs placed there by Ms Woodhouse were still in place. Slabs had been let into the verge at 46 Derby Road, and the Clerk was instructed to write, pointing out that a DCC cultivation license was required. It was stated that the owners of 3A Second Avenue had laid a membrane over the verge, and covered it with stones, as there was no dropped kerb there. The Clerk was instructed to bring this to the attention of DCC.

14-244 Commemorative Tree Plaque

The Clerk was instructed to hasten the delivery of the plaque to go at the Christmas Truce commemorative tree in the First Avenue field.

The meeting closed at 8:45pm.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RISLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Held at Harrison's Cottage on Thursday 16 April 2015 at 7:05pm.

Present: Cllrs Mrs P.Ancliff, A.Fogg, Mrs R.Hobbs, Mrs B.Housley, F.Jones, M.O'Neill (in the chair), D.Rhodes. In attendance: DCC Cllr W.Major, EBC Cllr Mrs V.Clare, PCSO 4539 Mrs K.Pykett, Clerk Mr S.A.Leleux.

Apologies: EBC Cllr D.Orchard.

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

15-1 Public Session

Although the Chair of Risley School Governors was unable to be present, Councillors put her concerns about parking issues and speeding vehicles to the Police. Apparently recently there had been a near miss with a fast car outside the School. Installation of data strips to record vehicle speeds had been agreed, and Mrs Pykett emphasised that any future incident should be reported to her immediately.

The recent event at Treetops Hospice had caused parking problems, not least because flooding and sodden ground prevented some areas from being used. A resident in Breaston Lane had complained about vehicles on the verge. A photograph showed a pushchair going down the middle the road as the pavement was impassable. Following the complaints received, the Police had given advice to the Hospice regarding parking, including the possibility of parking on Rush Meadow and an outdoor PA system so that drivers of specific vehicles can be reached if necessary. The Community Events organiser has already been in touch with the Chairman concerning this situation.

One crime was reported, the theft of number plates from vehicles in First Avenue.

Cllr O'Neill arrived at 7:10 and took the chair at the end of this item.

15-2 DCC Report

Cllr Major said there was nothing to report.

15-3 EBC Report

Cllr Mrs Clare said there was nothing to report, apart from Cllr Orchard's regret at being unable to attend this final RPC meeting before the election.

15-4 Declaration of Interests

Cllrs Mrs Ancliff & Jones representing the Risley Conservation Group.

15-5 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 12 March 2015 were agreed and signed (Proposed Cllr Jones, seconded Cllr Mrs Housley, all in favour).

PCSO 4539 left at this point (7:15pm).

Matters Arising

15-6 Hopwell (14-225)

Permission to erect a notice board on the verge near the bus stop at Hopwell had just been received, and the quote (£100) from Mr Smith to erect it was accepted.

15-7 Path Repairs (14-228)

The small committee appointed had considered the needs and accessibility of several sites, and the time scale to submit an invoice to DCC. As a result they had laid stone on a muddy but easily accessible stretch of path at Peat Meadow. It was agreed to consider the other locations and lay stone in the summer when ground conditions for access should be better.

15-8 Hedges (14-235)

The hedges around the 'new land' behind the Village Hall had been laid. A fence had been constructed in the hedge against the pavement at Rush Meadow, with holly planted in the gaps. Some additional thorns may be required, but could probably be obtained from the EBC Free Trees scheme in the autumn.

15-9 Risley in Bloom (14-237)

It had not proved possible to proceed, but an entry may be made next year.

15-10 No Mans Lane Grit Bin (14-238)

The Clerk had still not received a reply concerning the replacement grit bin which had been put in the wrong place. It was agreed to remind DCC of the problem, with a copy to Cllr Major.

15-11 Moles (14-240)

It was reported that Mr Thomas had caught about 5 moles, and there may still be 1 or 2 left, which he is pursuing. Although he had presented an invoice for £20 he requested that the sum should be given to a suitable body at RPC's choice.

15-12 Carols (14-241)

It was reported that the WI had agreed to move their December meeting date forward one week, so the RPC Carols could take place on 14 December as previously planned. The WI wants to be involved with it. The Clerk was asked to thank the WI for their co-operation in this matter.

15-13 Summer Play Scheme (14-230-E)

The Clerk had made contact with Sandiacre Parish Council which organised a play scheme at Cloudside School. He had used this as the basis for his grant application to EBC. Although details of a play scheme at West Park had been received it was agreed to work with Sandiacre and obtain more information.

15-14 Correspondence

It was resolved that the following be noted:

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 - A. Owner of 46 Derby Road (14-243) – Explained that the slabs had been laid level with the grass to protect the verge if a vehicle reversing along the approved strip of tarmac accidentally left it.
 - B. 3A Second Avenue – 'The [DCC] Inspector [having visited the site] does not feel that any action is required by the County Council as there is no hazard for highway users.' Councillors were very surprised at this reply.

- C. Derbyshire Law Centre – Invitation to join as organizational member. Agreed to ignore.
- D. Request for donation from Risley Conservation Group – held over from previous meeting. Agreed to consider alongside other donations.
- E. Came & Co Local Council Insurance – Request to quote, having made contact last year too late to affect RPC decision. It was agreed they could quote.
- F. S.Smith quoted for painting three mileposts £100 and erecting the proposed Hopwell notice board £100. Agreed to accept both.
- G. Dirty Wellies – Inspection reports. Usual items. It was noted that some of the plastic bird spikes on the swings had been broken, although the stubs remaining were likely to still be effective. Steelcraft was most apologetic at the delay in installing the new gate, but the premature birth of the owner’s baby had complicated matters.
- H. DALC Newsletters – The new Transparency code and Purdah guidance (pre-election behavior) were both mentioned.
- I. DCC Minerals Local Plan – Consultation. Ignored.
- J. D.Orchard – was very sorry to be unable to be present as it was the last one when he was one of Risley’s Borough Councillors, but his wife had just come home from her most recent spell in hospital and he could not leave her. He thanked Councillors for his retirement gifts, and for all the help they had given him over the past 24 years ‘it has been a pleasure to work with you all’.

15-15 Approval of Accounts 2014-15

The accounts had been circulated previously. Acceptance was proposed by Cllr Mrs Hobbs, seconded by Cllr Jones. All were in favour.

15-16 Annual Return 2015

Acceptance of the Annual Return summary of the accounts, and the list of variances explaining differences between 2015 & 2014 exceeding 15%, was proposed by Cllr Jones, seconded by Cllr Mrs Housley. All were in favour. The annual governance statement was agreed. The Chairman and Clerk then signed the document. The Clerk had received and signed a Declaration of No Accounts for Hopwell Parish.

15-17 Donations

A list of previous donations had been circulated. No request had yet been received from Derbyshire Children’s Holidays, so that was held over. It was agreed to give £50 each to: Risley Toddlers, Brownies, Guides, Cricket Club, Not So Young, £100 to the Conservation Group and £200 to the Village Hall. Cllr Mrs Hobbs proposed, seconded by Cllr Mrs Housley, that these donations be made. All were in favour. Cllr Fogg proposed, seconded by Cllr Rhodes, that the £20 saving from the moles (see 15-11 above) should be given to the Conservation Group, making £120. All were in favour.

15-18 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the following be paid:

A.	Stanton-by-Dale PCC - Photocopying	3.00
B.	E.A.Gregory – Audit	60.00
C.	DALC – Subscription	265.91
D.	DG&A Fogg – Supplying & laying stone	420.00
E.	P.Guyll – Inspection	40.00
F.	C.J.Dean – Hedge work	800.00
G.	Risley Toddlers – Donation (see 15-17 above)	50.00
H.	Risley Brownies – Donation (see 15-17 above)	50.00
I.	Risley Cricket Club – Donation (see 15-17 above)	50.00
J.	Risley Guides – Donation (see 15-17 above)	50.00
K.	Risley Not So Young – Donation (see 15-17 above)	50.00

L.	Risley Village Hall – Donation (see 15-17 above)	200.00
M.	Risley Conservation Group – Donation (see 15-17 above)	120.00
N.	S.A.Leleux – Clerk salary & expenses	223.02

Southern Electric credit balance is £19.15.

A VAT repayment claim for £218.27 had been received before the end of March.

It was agreed that the Clerk could have the next increment due. He reminded Councillors that his contract stated payment was monthly in arrears, so he would still be entitled to a pay cheque in May, although this was his last meeting!

15-19 Planning Applications

Previous Applications

- A. Park Farm – Wind turbine: The appeal was dismissed. Cllr Fogg thanked Councillors for the way RPC had handled his application, fairly and calmly, despite the opposition of some Members to the proposal.

New Applications

- A. Greythorpe, Derby Road (ERE/0315/1530): Fell one decayed willow tree, pollard a second willow tree. Trees not visible from the road, and the report was made by a reputable tree surgeon. No objection.

It was reported that the work at Risley Hall discussed last month (work to 18 protected trees and felling 2 protected trees (ERE/0215/1519)) was in abeyance while the planning officers resolved the several variances between the application and the actual trees (noted last month).

15-20 Clerk’s Office Equipment

The new Clerk was seeking an ‘EBC surplus’ filing cabinet, so it was unlikely she would need the present one (bought in 2005), at present in the Clerk’s study in his home. The Clerk asked that if the new Clerk did not in fact require this filing cabinet could he keep it, to save carrying it down a curved staircase – and then carrying a replacement back up. Councillors said that he could keep it.

Observations from Councillors

15-21 Traffic Lights

A Councillor reported that a replacement for the new surface would be laid on the next two Sundays, with consequent temporary road closures, although the Clerk had heard nothing from DCC.

15-22 Commemorative Tree

It was reported that a photograph of Risley pupils planting the 1914 Christmas Truce commemorative tree in the First Avenue field had been published in Erewash Today, EBC’s free news magazine. Mr Woodhouse had written that the plaque was painted and ready, but he was having problems with his sign machine.

15-23 Bostocks Lane Action Group

Following the rejection of MacDonald’s appeal for a drive thru restaurant at the M1/A52 interchange, the Bostocks Lane Action Group had £180 left over, which had been donated to Treetops Hospice. The Action Group requested that an account of its work should be published in the next Newsletter. It was noted that some work was in progress on the site, but apparently this was a token, sufficient to retain its planning permission for development.

15-24 Grit

Cllr Fogg reported that he had one pallet and some loose bags of grit still in stock. Although he was not standing for re-election he was willing to continue to store them for RPC, at no

charge, and he would continue to refill the bin in No Mans Lane as necessary. Councillors thanked him for this offer, and agreed that he could use a small amount himself if required.

15-25 Pillar Boxes

It was reported that both of the pillar boxes in the village need repainting. The Clerk was instructed to bring them to the attention of Royal Mail, and to ask if RPC could do it.

15-26 Spring Horse

As the seat of the spring horse in the playground was still broken, it was agreed to ask Mr Smith to examine it and quote for a repair if that was possible.

The meeting closed at 8:15pm. It was followed by a presentation to the Clerk, Sydney Leleux, who will retire on 30 April. He had served for 20 years, having commenced in September 1994. Now aged 75, he wanted to hand over duties personally to his successor.