

# Risley with Hopwell Parish News

Welcome to the latest edition of the Parish Council's newsletter. If you need to get in touch for any reason, please contact Sue, the Clerk on the mobile – **07541 737496**. If she is unable to answer, please leave a message and she will get back to you as soon as she can or drop her an email on [clerk@risleywithhopwellpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@risleywithhopwellpc.org.uk)



## **2019/2020 Budget**

The Parish Council met in January to discuss the budget for 2019/2020. Councillors were very keen to keep the precept (the amount of money which is taken from the council tax) at the same rate as last year with no increase on the

previous year. It is delighted that it finds itself in a position to do so and can confirm that there will be no increase to its precept this year.

## **Benches**

Residents will have seen that a new bench has been installed at the junction of Breaston Lane and Derby Road following the incident which occurred last year. A new bench has also been installed on the play area off First Avenue (the original had to be removed due to health and safety).

## **Defibrillators**

The Parish Council recently applied for a grant from the British Heart Foundation in order to provide a defibrillator in the centre of the parish and is pleased to confirm that the bid was successful. This vital piece of equipment is very easy to use and is to be installed at the Village Hall (thanks to the Management Committee for agreeing to this). It is hoped that this will be up and running by the end of February. It will

be registered with the East Midlands Ambulance Service and training is to be arranged for all who are interested. The Parish Council would like to thank County Councillor Wayne Major for offering to donate an amount of money towards the cost of the cabinet.

### **Collection of bulky waste**

Following the very successful collection day in December (over half a tonne of waste was left by Risley residents for the Borough Council to dispose of), a second collection is to be held at **THE VILLAGE HALL** on **SATURDAY, 16 FEBRUARY 2019** from 8.00am until 11.30am. It is hoped that residents will use the service and that this pilot scheme will continue thorough out the year. Such things as small items electrical equipment, garden and domestic waste can be disposed of.

### **Speed watch**

Several residents have reported their concerns to the Parish Council over the speed at which vehicles are coming through the village. As residents will know, an appeal went out early last year for volunteers to assist the police with speed watch sessions which are held every other month. The initial sessions were very successful with the police being able to stop speeding vehicles and warn drivers of the dangers of speeding. However, the number of volunteers has declined and the Police are only able to carry out these sessions if there are enough volunteers to help them. If you are concerned with the speeding problem and have an hour to spare once a month (usually at the weekend) please let the Clerk know. Consent forms need to be completed and returned to the Police for insurance purposes. The next session is to be held on **14 April 2019** at 2.00pm and registered volunteers are asked to meet outside of the Risley Park Public House.

Our PCSO gives the Parish Council a monthly report on incidents which occur within the Parish. There have been several reports of criminal damage to property of late and in most cases these are reported to the Police. The Parish Council urges residents to report crimes to the Police as soon as possible by ringing 101 or even 999 if

they see a crime taking place as it is very difficult for the Police to profile incidents and follow them up if they are not reported.

Residents are also asked to sign up to receive police alerts by registering at [www.derbyshirealert.co.uk](http://www.derbyshirealert.co.uk). It is a free two way messaging service that allows Derbyshire Constabulary to send out messages of local crimes, good news and community events.

### **New Play Equipment**

The Parish Council is awaiting the decision on its application for a Big Lottery Grant in order to improve the facilities on the open space at First Avenue. It is hoped to install a basket swing and a trim trail for the 6-14 year olds.



### **Hanging Baskets**



At the budget meeting it was agreed to continue with the hanging baskets as they bring a lot of colour and pleasure to residents during the summer months. The Parish Council will sponsor some of the displays but would be delighted if individuals or businesses would consider sponsoring too. They can be sponsored on a yearly basis or on a three-year contract and the personalised sponsorship board is included. More information is available from the clerk.

## **Borough and Parish elections**

Would you like to play an active part in your community? Thursday, 2 May 2019 will see borough and parish elections taking place and there will be eight vacancies on Risley with Hopwell Parish Council.

Parish Councils are the first tier of local government, the nearest elected body to the electors and today there is a trend for more and more decisions to be taken at a local level. As a result of this, the role of the local councillor is becoming increasingly important. Whilst there are broad similarities between one local authority and another, each has its own way of doing things. This depends upon history, tradition, and the statutory powers and responsibilities they possess.

The duties are not onerous with councillors attending one meeting per month (none in August). The Parish Council is responsible for grounds maintenance, play areas and events which are arranged for the benefit of its residents and is also a consultee on local planning applications. At the moment, the Parish Council meets on the second Thursday of each month (in the evening) but this may change when the new council is formed. Residents of the parish (or those who live within a three mile radius) who are over the age of 18 years and are registered on the parish electoral roll are eligible to stand as a parish councillor. If anyone would like to discuss the position, please get in touch with Sue, the Clerk on the telephone number or email address given at the beginning of this newsletter or coming along to a meeting – you would be very welcome (next meeting is **Thursday, 14 February at 7.00pm** in the Vine Room of the Risley Hall Hotel).

## **Your Parish Councillors**

Councillor Pat Ancliff (chairman); Councillor Mark O'Neill (vice-chairman); Councillor James Hitchcock; Councillor Rachel Hobbs; Councillor Barbara Housley; Councillor Stephen Jarratt; Councillor Frank Jones and Councillor Duncan Rhodes