

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RISLEY PARISH COUNCIL
in Risley Village Hall on Thursday 10 May 2007 at 7:00pm.**

Present: Cllrs Mrs P.Ancliff, A.Fogg, M.Grundy, Mrs R.Hobbs, F.Jones, J.Joyce, M.O'Neill in the Chair, E.Woodward. In attendance: EBC Cllr D.Orchard, Mr S.Leleux, Clerk.

Apologies: None.

Councillors signed and witnessed Declarations of Acceptance of Office, and introduced themselves.

07-1 Election of Chairman 2007-8

Cllr Jones proposed, seconded by Cllr Grundy, that Cllr O'Neill be chairman. An the absence of any other nomination he was declared elected and remained in the Chair.

07-2 Election of Vice-chairman 2007-8

Cllrs Fogg and Jones were both proposed and seconded. A vote was taken and Cllr Fogg was elected.

07-3 Public Session

Cllr Orchard, re-elected as one of two EBC Councillors for the Risley area, introduced himself, and promised to bring his new colleague Cllr Mrs Clare to a future meeting. He thanked RPC for the support it gave him, and reported that investigations into traffic problems at the traffic lights continued.

07-4 Representatives etc

The following were agreed:

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| CPRE (formerly Cllr Winfield) | Cllr Jones | |
| Willoughby Trust (formerly Cllrs O'Neill & Winfield) | Cllrs Joyce & O'Neill | |
| Village Hall Committee (formerly Cllr Grundy) | Cllr Grundy | |
| Playing Field (First Avenue) Inspection Rota | | |
| Monday & Tuesday | Cllr Mrs Ancliff, | |
| Wednesday | Cllr Mrs Hobbs, | |
| Thursday | Cllr Woodward, | |
| Friday | Cllr Grundy, | |
| Saturday | Cllr Fogg & Joyce, | |
| Sunday | Cllr O'Neill | |
| Cllr Jones will check litter in the village. | | |
| Newsletter etc Distribution (provisional allocation) | | |
| Cllr Mrs Ancliff | Derby Road 1-55, Bostocks Lane, Cherry Tree Close Sandiacre side) | 55 + 13? (? Houses on |
| Cllr Fogg | No Man's Lane | 8 + 1? |
| Cllr Grundy | Derby Road Park Lodge/Breaston Lane west Manor Court, Hopwell | 38 |
| Cllr Mrs Hobbs | Derby Road 2 - Nook, Rushy Lane (to Maywood) | 58 + 24? |
| Cllr Jones | Risley Hall complex | 40 |
| Cllr Joyce | Derby Road Flats - Treetops, Derby Road 72 - City, Austins Drive | 46 |
| Cllr O'Neill | Derby Road 57 - 73, First Avenue, Second Avenue | 61 |
| Cllr Woodward | Breaston Lane, The Crescent | 13 |

07-5 Minutes

The Minutes of 12 April were accepted (proposed Cllr Fogg, seconded Cllr Grundy) and then signed.

07-6 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Fogg, regarding the Village Hall, Cllr Joyce regarding the School.

Matters Arising

07-7 RPC Noticeboard Repairs (06-240)

Mr Tryner had been reminded.

07-8 Signs (06-241)

The signs for lamp posts and playground had been ordered but not yet delivered.

07-9 Christmas Lights (06-242)

Cllr Jones proposed, seconded by Cllr Grundy, that replacement Christmas lights be ordered, at cost of £710 (tree) and £200 (pealites), plus VAT, less 10% discount. All were in favour.

07-10 Capital Fund (06-246)

A letter was read stating that the kissing gate £1290 and portable stage £2500 had been approved, and the Clerk reported that the roof repairs had been approved as well, omitted from the letter by accident. It was agreed to approach Mr Boddy to obtain and install the kissing gate as he had installed the previous one.

07-11 Website Demonstration (06-247)

It was agreed that Cllr Fogg should arrange with a local company for a demonstration (with no obligation) at the beginning of the next meeting.

07-12 Correspondence

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. Risley School - Request for pelican crossing: Although it was thought the likelihood of DCC installing a crossing was slim, it was agreed to support the request, particularly as the crossing is dangerous and there is a shortage of wardens.
- B. EBC: Notification of precept (£5545.00) and concurrent functions (£9030.00)
- C. Ashley Godfrey Associates - Survey about play facilities for EBC: Telephone questionnaire completed.
- D. Mrs Noskwith - Meadow Court pavement. Suggested RPC writes to EBC as their oversight caused the problem. The Clerk has done so and the reply, while non-committal, could lead to a positive response later.
- E. DCC Footpaths - Retaining wall at The Park is not necessary at present. Signposting on bridleway and nearby footpaths at The Nook is being installed.
- F. Zurich Municipal - Insurance renewal, H&S Seminars £60 + VAT
- G. Customs & Revenue - Confirmation of online PAYE returns submission (Clerk's tax).
- H. Victoria Wallis - Bluebell Wood: No desire to sell the wood at present, but may investigate possibilities later. Cllr Fogg agreed to talk to the farmer who is thought to

- rent it. It was agreed the wood needed attention to prevent it becoming an eyesore, but RPC, while still interested, needed some sort of tenure before spending money on it.
- I. EBC Field at Beech Croft: Once an approved development is started then the time limit for completion (unless included as a condition) is unrestricted. As the bund (embankment) was begun in September 2000 within 5 years of the approval of the landscaping scheme the authorised car park does not infringe the consent although it is of quite recent construction.
 - J. DALC Newsletters: Details of training courses for clerks and councillors. Section 137 limit is now £5.64 per elector ie about £2500 for RPC. A revised model contract for Clerks has no significant changes.
 - K. Appeal from Vitalise: Ignored.
 - L. EBC Emergency response plan - Contact's details requested: To consider at next meeting
 - M. DCC Sandiacre traffic issues: Traffic surveys will be carried out on both parts of Bostocks Lane. A possibility is to direct all M1 southbound traffic from Sandiacre via Longmoor Lane while all northbound M1 traffic would be directed along Derby Road.
 - N. Standards Board - A new code of conduct has been introduced with effect from 3 May 2007. Paragraph 12(2) concerning the public's right to speak is optional (and with it the provision for councillors having an interest in an item to speak about it, but they are still excluded from any discussion or vote). Cllr Jones proposed that this paragraph be adopted, and that the Council should investigate model standing orders (the letter assumed councils had standing orders) which could be adapted and then adopted for RPC. Cllr Hobbs seconded the proposal. All were in favour.
 - P. NALC - Village Hall & VAT: It would be illegal for the Village Hall Committee to give money to RPC to avoid paying VAT. It was not thought worthwhile to investigate possible revised constitutions for the Village Hall, probably bringing it closer to RPC, to permit VAT being reclaimed.
 - Q. EBC Play Scheme: Grants offered. It was proposed by Cllr Jones, seconded by Cllr Woodward, to book six 8-11 year old places daily for two weeks towards the end of the school holidays (the Clerk to negotiate with Friesland Sports Centre). All were in favour.
 - R. Woodland Landscapes - Playground report: All in good order except TotLot 'Frame is loose and unstable requires attention'. Agreed to ask for estimate of cost of work required, Chair to approve if cost reasonable.
 - S. Society of Local Council Clerks - Invitation to join.
 - T. Mr (former Cllr) Winfield - Final playground report.

07-13 Signatories

It was proposed by Cllr Jones, seconded by Cllr Ancliff, that the signatories for all RPC bank accounts, NatWest and Post Office Savings, should be any two Councillors or one Councillor and the Clerk. All were in favour.

07-14 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the following be paid:

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| 1. | Zurich Municipal - Insurance premium | 1314 |
| 2. | S.A.Leleux - Clerk salary & expenses | 165.93 |

Woodland Landscapes, who still owe about £500 due to accidental overcharging last year, asked for VAT to be paid on current invoices. Councillors asked the Clerk to check all invoices and payments made last year, plus any repayments. In the meantime, it was agreed that nothing should be paid, goods or VAT, until the excess had been cleared.

Monies received: VAT refund 2243.03, concurrent functions 9030.00, precept 5545.00

07-15 Planning Applications

Previous Applications

1. The Forge 111 Derby Road - Extension and alteration to existing dwelling house: Approved.
2. 90 Derby Road - Outline application for the erection of one dwelling: Rejected.

New Applications

1. Risley School - Construction of 3 classroom extension and admin/SEN facilities (also Listed Building consent): No objection, architect has done 'a very good job' blending new with the existing buildings.

Cllr Jones left at this point (8:50pm).

Observations from Councillors

07-16 Letters of Thanks

It was agreed to send letters of thanks to all the previous Councillors who either did not stand or were not re-elected. Mr Winfield was first elected in 1968 and Mr Tryner (Chairman from before 1989 until 2003) in 1979. Mr Hardy had served since 2003.

07-17 Smoke

It was reported that smoke from a farm towards Draycott had been a nuisance, and it was agreed that any future complaints should be sent to EBC.

07-18 Knotweed

It was reported that knotweed is in the hedge between Risley Hall and is growing through the 'new' footpath beside Breaston Lane near Beech Croft. Both DCC and Risley Hall will be informed.

07-19 Tree in Manhole

It was reported that a tree was growing out of a manhole near the Old Rectory. Severn Trent will be informed.

07-20 Parking on Verge

It was agreed to write a letter that Councillors could put on the windscreen of any vehicle parked on the verge, to point out both the damage likely to be caused to grass and bulbs and that it was an offence. The Chairman will approve the text before it is duplicated. It was reported that a white van was regularly parked on the verge outside 46 Derby Road.

07-21 Telephone Box

Following the erection of a security fence at The Park the area around the telephone box has been cleared. It was agreed to ask BT to repaint the box now it was clearly visible.

07-22 Bulbs in the Verge

It was agreed to discuss further planting at the next meeting.

07-23 Risley Saddlery

It was reported that the hanging sign on Derby Road was not very secure.

07-24 Skip at 93 Derby Road

It was reported that a skip was on the grass verge at 93 Derby Road. Unless it was removed within days it was agreed to ask for the grass to be reinstated if necessary.

07-25 Pavement near Traffic Lights

It was reported that residents had organised their own petition to DCC about the state of the pavement between First Avenue and the traffic lights. It was agreed to note this but not to do anything unless and until support was requested.

07-26 Newsletter

It was agreed to produce a newsletter, primarily to list the present Councillors. Other items suggested for inclusion were parking on the verge, overhanging vegetation and the play scheme.

07-27 Treetops Car Park

It was reported that some people were using this car park as a meeting place in the evenings. While no complaints had been received, from Treetops or anyone else, Councillors agreed to keep their eyes open.

The meeting closed at 9:30pm.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RISLEY PARISH COUNCIL
in Risley Village Hall on Thursday 14 June 2007 at 7:00pm.**

Present: Cllrs Mrs P.Ancliff, A.Fogg, M.Grundy, Mrs R.Hobbs, J.Joyce, M.O’Neill in the Chair, E.Woodward. In attendance: DCC Cllr Mrs A.Noskwith, EBC Cllrs Mrs V.Clare, D.Orchard, Mr B.Broughton Park Hall Designs Software, Mr S.Leleux, Clerk.

Apologies: Cllr F.Jones, J.Joyce (lateness).

Cllr Orchard introduced his colleague, Cllr Mrs Clare, who is the other EBC Councillor for this ward. Mrs Noskwith was also introduced as the DCC Councillor for this area.

07-28 Sign in The City (06-239)

Mr Wellard, at the Old Post Office, had replied to a letter about the sign from DCC Highways in terms which caused Cllr Mrs Noskwith to ask how RPC wished to proceed. Although long time residents said that there had been a Private Road sign in The City for many years, the records passed by the former Rural District Council to DCC in 1974 stated that this road was adopted as ‘Non Classified’. After some discussion, including reference to the two ‘No Through Road’ signs which both mysteriously disappeared within days of erection last year, Councillors agreed unanimously to accept DCC’s offer to remove the Private Road sign if that was RPC’s desire. Mrs Noskwith thanked RPC Members for clarifying their position and agreed to ask DCC to proceed. It was noted that some overhanging trees were a hazard, and that the owners of neighbouring properties, including the Educational Foundation, had responsibility for them. Cllr Woodward arrived during this discussion at 7:10pm.

07-29 Public Session

It was reported that although the verges are mown regularly in many places grass was spreading across the actual tarmac. Mrs Noskwith agreed to ask DCC about this problem.

07-30 Web Site Demonstration (07-11)

Mr Bruce Broughton gave a demonstration of some possibilities available if RPC decided it wanted its own web site. It could contain information about Risley itself, RPC, and assorted local information, with links to useful sites (so that information would not have to be maintained by RPC). The cost was £160 to set it up and £20 per month to maintain. Cllr Joyce arrived during the demonstration at 7:30pm. The possibility of a RPC web site will be discussed at the next meeting.

07-31 Minutes

The Minutes of 10 May 12 were accepted (proposed Cllr Grundy, seconded Cllr Joyce) and then signed.

07-32 Declarations of Interest

None.

Matters Arising

07-33 Newsletter Distribution (07-4)

The proposed allocations and areas had proved satisfactory. In view of favourable comments received from residents who had received copies of the recent Newsletter, it was agreed to include the Sandiacre side of Bostocks and Rushy Lanes, and The Crescent, in future.

07-34 RPC Noticeboard Repairs (07-7)

Still nothing had been heard from Mr Tryner, although he had been reminded.

07-35 Signs (07-8)

The signs for lamp posts and playground had been delivered. Cllrs Fogg & Grundy agreed to mount the ones about bulbs in the verges, and Cllr O'Neill the ones at the playground.

07-36 Signatories (07-13)

A letter had been received from PO Savings, confirming the new signatories, but several Councillors reported problems with NatWest forms. Cllr Ancliff, a NatWest customer of long standing, agreed to try to resolve the problems.

07-37 Woodland Landscapes (07-14)

A summary of the account had been distributed. It was agreed the Clerk should visit the firm, and also ask for a credit note to formalise the amount of the over payment.

07-38 Knotweed (07-18)

It was reported that DCC Highways and Risley Hall were in communication about knotweed in the Breaston Lane hedge. It was also reported that knotweed is growing in a number of other locations in the area, but spraying was often impeded by a neighbouring hedge.

07-39 Parking on Verge (07-20)

A suitable letter and recording forms had been produced and distributed to Councillors.

07-40 Telephone Box (07-21)

BT had inspected the telephone box at The Park and decided that it did not yet justify repainting.

07-41 Correspondence

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. Mrs Gregory (Auditor): Fee increase to £45 in future. Agreed she should continue.
- B. Erewash in Bloom competition - leaflet
- C. EBC - Ilkeston Town Centre Masterplan Preferred Options
- D. Friesland Sports Centre - Play Scheme booked weeks beginning 30 July and 20 August, 6 places each day (10 days total) for 8-14 age group, 9:30 to 3:30pm, at £8.70 per child per day. A suitable leaflet will be written advertising it. EBC has allocated £500 towards the cost.
- E. DCC Footpaths - Minor Rights of Way Maintenance Scheme: £385 is available. Councillors will consider possible projects.
- F. EBC - Pavement at Meadow Court: Acknowledgment, investigating still
- G. EBC - Green Space Strategy Workshop Report

- H. DALC newsletters. Request for nomination of Parish Council representative and substitute on EBC Standards Committee. Agreed to nominate Cllr O'Neill.
- I. Mrs Noskwith - Crossing outside the School: Under consideration by DCC, suggests RPC writes to School to remind parents of their part in the problem.
- J. Stanton-by-Dale Parish Council had written supporting the application for a crossing. A copy of the letter was given to Mrs Noskwith.
- K. DCC Highways - Proposed 40mph restriction on Breaston Lane: A majority of Councillors supported the proposal and made comments for the enclosed survey.
- L. DCC - Youth work: Offer to discuss possibilities with parish councils
- M. Community Environmental Action Projects - Offer to manage parish projects
- N. EBC Parish Capital Fund: Village Hall replacement roof grant £8,200 approved, as well as portable stage £2,500.
- O. DRCC - Parish Plans: Article copied for Members to consider at the next meeting.
- P. EBC - Community Response Plan Revision: Members given summary of topics to suggest answers for consideration at the next meeting. Agreed to give the Chairman's details as an additional 24 hour contact.
- Q. Boddy - First Avenue kissing gate: Cost will be similar to previous gate. RPC agreed that the new pedestrian gate could be hung from the gatepost of the vehicle gate, to the removal of some bushes and the existing cycle barrier, levelling the site as necessary and laying stone within the new gate for the path.
- R. DCC - No Smoking signs for bus shelters: Bus shelters believed to be EBC responsibility, not ours.
- S. Sundry advertising material

07-42 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the following be paid:

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| 1. | EBC - Replacement Christmas lights | 962. |
| 2. | Mrs Gregory - Audit | |
| 3. | DCC (County Signs) - Playground, bulbs | 155.48 |
| 4. | S.A.Leleux - Clerk salary & expenses | 195.31 |

07-43 Planning Applications

Previous Applications

- 1. 39 Derby Road - Erection of side conservatory: Approved.

New Applications

- 1. Risley Hall - Amendment to existing Section 106 agreements to allow the existing health & beauty spa to be used on a "Day Membership" basis, Monday to Friday 9am to 6pm: Having been assured that residents had been consulted and accepted the proposal, Councillors agreed they had no objection.
- 2. 35 Maple Cottages, Risley Hall - Conservatory to rear: No objection.

07-44 Annual Accounts

It was proposed by Cllr Joyce, seconded by Cllr Ancliff, that the accounts for 2006-7 be accepted. All were in favour. The Chairman then signed a copy, and also the Annual Return.

07-45 Depreciation of Assets

For at least the past twelve years, and probably for a much longer time, RPC has had no policy regarding depreciation of assets, nor had it made provision for their routine

replacement. Following discussion with the auditor, the Clerk approached DALC, who said it was up to RPC to agree a policy. In the light of the state of existing playground equipment and public seats, Cllr Hobbs proposed, seconded by Cllr Fogg, that everything should have an assumed life of ten years, and the Council budget accordingly. All were in favour.

07-46 Standing Orders

Following examination of another council's standing orders, it was agreed to form a committee (Cllrs Mrs Ancliff, Fogg, Jones and O'Neill) to consider a set suitable for RPC.

07-47 Sandiacre Forum

It was reported that issues discussed of particular concern were speeding on Rushy Lane and visibility at the modified junction with No Man's Lane. It was agreed to write to DCC supporting concerns about this junction.

Observations from Councillors

07-48 Bulbs for Verges

Cllr Hobbs proposed, seconded by Cllr Joyce, that Cllr Grundy be authorised to order bulbs to the value of about £250 to continue replanting the verges. All were in favour. Cllr Grundy pointed out that in due course help would be required planting them.

07-49 Kissing Gate at Hopwell Hall

It was reported that a damaged stile behind Hopwell Hall Farm had been replaced by an excellent kissing gate which was far easier to use.

07-50 Street Cleaning

It was reported that First Avenue was not being swept, and that rubbish was a problem in the playground .

07-51 Second Avenue Parking

It was reported that a number of people were parking all day in Second Avenue then catching a bus to Derby or Nottingham, with the result that this road was often passable only with great difficulty. It was agreed that residents there should note dates, times and registration numbers of long term parked vehicles.

07-52 Play Area

It was reported that loose stone used to fill a hole under the remaining seat in the play area was often kicked all over the safety surface. Councillors inspecting the play area frequently had to clear assorted rubbish. The Clerk was asked to investigate the free litter tongs which it was believed had recently been promised to the Council.

07-53 Party at Village Hall

It was reported that there had been a number of complaints about behaviour at and following a recent party at the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9:15pm.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RISLEY PARISH COUNCIL
in Risley Village Hall on Thursday 12 July 2007 at 7:00pm.

Present: Cllrs Mrs P.Ancliff, A.Fogg, M.Grundy, Mrs R.Hobbs, J.Joyce, M.O'Neill in the Chair, E.Woodward. In attendance: PCSO 4491 Miss K.Borsley, Mr S.Leleux, Clerk.

Apologies: DCC Cllr Mrs A.Noskwith, EBC Cllr D.Orchard.

07-54 Public Session

PCSO Miss K.Borsley said that there was little to report about crime in Risley. She was informed of Councillors' concern at the way some pupils from Friesland School jumped the lights and/or rode their bicycles on the pavement to avoid them. It was reported that the Head was supportive. The problem of drink cans in the First Avenue playing field was mentioned, often being present on Fridays, probably as a result of gatherings of youths on Thursdays.

07-55 Minutes

The Minutes of 12 June were accepted and then signed.

Cllr Woodward arrived at 7:10pm.

07-56 Declarations of Interest

None.

Matters Arising

07-57 RPC Noticeboard Repairs (07-34)

Mr Tryner had said that his contact had been ill, but would now do the repairs.

07-58 Bulbs & Signs (07-35, 48)

Mounting signs on lamp posts had been delayed due the need for a special tool - and the supplier at Chesterfield had been flooded in the recent torrential rain. Experience to date suggested that signs were best mounted in pairs, back to back. It was agreed to order 6 more signs. One playground sign had been erected, but bolts (from the same flooded source) were awaited to mount the other. Cllr Grundy reported that he had ordered 4 bags of daffodils and 2000 each crocus and snowdrops.

07-59 Signatories (07-36)

Cllr Ancliff produced a different set of NatWest forms which every Member and the Clerk signed.

07-60 Correspondence

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. Cllr Mrs Noskwith had written, saying that Mr Wellard of the Old Post Office had agreed to remove his 'Private Road' sign, and Councillors confirmed that it had gone (07-28). She also reported that grass spreading across the pavement from the verges had been cut, and weed killer applied where necessary. DCC requests EBC to reopen discussions with the developer of Meadow View Court with a view to reinstating the

footway, or if this is unsuccessful to consider allocating sufficient funds to allow the Highway Authority to do it.

- B. DALC - EBC Standards Committee: It was agreed to vote for Messrs Farmer and O'Neill.
- C. DALC - DALC Executive: It was agreed to vote for Mrs Orchard and Mr Tudbury.
- D. DALC newsletter, including details of NALC course on the new Model Code of Conduct.
- E. EBC Retail Needs Study: Details on EBC web site.
- F. Premier1 (UK) Ltd advertising their services, from litter picking to hanging baskets
- G. Woodland Landscapes: Quote for major service to play equipment - regreasing U-bolts, clear stones under roundabout, replace Totlot roof (RPC to supply) and repaint all equipment. £1800 + VAT. As the last major repaint was done in 2002, at a cost of £590 including the two mileposts it was agreed to seek two more quotes.
- H. Woodland Landscapes: Play Equipment Reports - TotLot frame lose and needs attention and matting is coming up under the roundabout, otherwise everything including the fence and gates is satisfactory.
- I. Woodland Landscapes - Reported that they were unable to trim around the play equipment as children were playing on it and refused to move when asked.
- J. Erewash Heritage Forum: Minutes, agenda for meeting on 13 August.
- K. DCC Highways - Use of the revised layout at the Rushy Lane, No Mans Lane and Stanton Road junction is being monitored. It was agreed it would have been better to have moved some hedges to improve visibility, but that would have caused considerable delay due to 'negotiation with an uncertain outcome'. Councillors considered that replacing the white lines would be helpful, and possibly installing mirrors.
- L. J.W.Boddy - Quote for First Avenue kissing gate and associated works, £1580 + VAT. It was agreed to accept this and proceed with the work.
- M. Sandiacre Town FC - Request that U10 team be allowed to practice during the summer on Thursday evenings, 6:30 to 7:45pm. Agreed to refuse, on grounds of lack of parking in area, especially in First Avenue, congestion, and thus generally unfair to residents.
- N. EBC Long Eaton Conservation Areas Management Plan - Documents available in local libraries and EBC web site.
- O. EBC - Reinstatement of pavement at Meadow Court flats: The land is in private ownership, and is not part of the adopted highway. The actual owners are now being approached 'to seek their co-operation in reinstating the pavement'. Unofficially, the cost is likely to be several thousand pounds, but allowance could perhaps be made in a future budget.
- P. DCC Footpaths: Members were asked to consider possible uses of the £385 grant.
- Q. Erewash Heritage Forum - Minutes, agenda for meeting on 13 August.
- R. Sundry advertising material

07-61 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the following be paid:

- 1. S.A.Leleux - Clerk salary & expenses 168.70
- As there is still a balance in hand from the mowing overpayment, Councillors refused to accede to Woodland Landscapes' request to pay playground inspection invoices, as they were a separate account, but stated that the firm should organise suitable internal transfers.

07-62 Planning Applications

Previous Applications

1. Risley Hall - Amendment to existing Section 106 agreements to allow the existing health & beauty spa to be used on a "Day Membership" basis, Monday to Friday 9am to 6pm: Refused. It was reported that a revised application is being made, to be considered by the Planning Committee, not just the officers. Members were reminded that RPC had long opposed any variation to this Section 106 agreement, and had only consented to the proposed amendment in order to safeguard the residents' interests, in the light of the present situation there.
2. 35 Maple Cottages, Risley Hall - Conservatory to rear: Approved.

New Applications

None.

07-63 Web Site (07-30)

Cllr Mrs Ancliff proposed, seconded by Cllr Mrs Hobbs, that RPC should ask Mr Broughton (who is responsible for the web sites of Dale Abbey, Little Eaton and West Hallam Parish Councils) to create and maintain a web site for RPC, initially for 12 months. All were in favour. It was agreed that while it would be useful to record the number of hits, this number should not be publically available.

07-64 Parish Plan

It was agreed not to proceed with drawing up a parish plan.

07-65 Standing Orders (07-46)

It was agreed the Clerk should adapt the example from Sandiacre Parish Council.

07-66 Footpath Walk

This is scheduled for 2pm at Risley Village Hall on Sunday 16 September. It was reported that Mr (formerly Cllr) Hardy had declined to be involved, and accordingly Cllr Grundy was designated leader and Cllr Mrs Ancliff deputy leader. Cllr Woodward volunteered to organise refreshments afterwards. Cllr Jones proposed, seconded by Cllr Fogg, that Section 137 be used for the refreshments. All were in favour. It was agreed to display posters, but not to distribute a leaflet around the village.

07-67 Urgent Business in August

It was proposed by Cllr Joyce, seconded by Cllr Mrs Hobbs, to use the normal procedure, namely that the Chairman or Vice chairman, plus any two other Councillors, could attend to any urgent business in August. All were in favour.

Observations from Councillors

07-68 Grass Behind Village Hall

It was agreed to ask Woodland Landscapes to strim the grass on the additional land behind the village hall, taking care not to damage the young hedge plants.

07-69 Public Seats

It was agreed to ask Mr S.Smith to treat the various public seats in the village.

07-70 Additional Seat in Playing Field

It was reported there had been a request for an additional metal seat in or near the play area. Cllr Joyce proposed, seconded by Cllr Mrs Hobbs, that the second seat formerly there (removed due to rusting) should be replaced. All were in favour.

07-71 Pavements

It was reported that there was a lot of mud on the pavement by the gate into Rush Meadow, and the surface of the path from Second Avenue to the Nook had given rise to complaints. Overhanging trees and bushy hedges were also becoming a nuisance along Derby Road, so Councillors agreed to inform the Clerk of the addresses where problems existed.

07-72 Tree Pruning

It was reported that apparently healthy cedar trees, the subject of TPOs, at 46 Derby Road had a number of branches removed. The Clerk had already enquired at EBC about this, and was told that the branches were said (by the owner) to be diseased and were therefore a danger (they had been available for inspection), and that the owner had agreed to ask *before* doing any similar work in future. A resident had complained about the action. Councillors were not convinced at the story, and felt that an unfortunate precedent had been set.

07-73 Bluebell Wood

Enquiries had shown that none of the people likely to be renting this wood did in fact do so, so it appears to be no-one's responsibility to maintain. The Clerk was asked to inform Victoria Wallis of this, and say RPC was still interested in taking it on.

07-74 Footpaths

Members were reminded of the need to look at local paths to suggest work to be done using the annual maintenance grant.

07-75 Building Work

Major building works have been done recently at 50 Derby Road, yet at no time were any of the builder's vehicles or equipment seen dumped or parked on the verge. In view of this, the Clerk was asked to write to both the house owner and the builder, thanking them for their care.

07-76 Mowing

It was reported that a quantity of grass cuttings had been left on First Avenue following the recent mowing. The Clerk will mention this to the contractor.

07-77 Village Hall Roof

Due to changes in building regulations, the roof must be insulated when it is replaced. The cost seems likely to be about £5,000 more than the previous quote, used to apply for the grant, and there will be VAT to pay as well. The Village Hall Committee can meet these additional costs, but not in one invoice. EBC seems willing to permit staged invoicing - and payment of the grant, which would alleviate cash flow problems. The Clerk will also investigate to see if existing but unclaimed grants can be diverted to this project.

The meeting closed at 9:15pm.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RISLEY PARISH COUNCIL
in Risley Village Hall on Thursday 13 September 2007 at 7:00pm.**

Present: Cllrs Mrs P.Ancliff, A.Fogg, M.Grundy, F.Jones, M.O'Neill in the Chair, E.Woodward. In attendance: EBC Cllr D.Orchard, Mr S.Leleux, Clerk, one parishioner.

Apologies: Cllr J.Joyce, EBC Cllr Mrs V.Clare.

07-78 Public Session

Mrs D.Paul enquired about the procedure for displaying posters on the RPC boards. As the churchyard was open people could pin posters themselves (and others could as easily remove them). Some asked the Clerk first, others did not. The board by 56 Derby Road was locked. Keys were held by the Chairman and Clerk.

Mrs Paul also commented on the lack of seats in several bus shelters at the western end of the village. It was stated that seats were removed as a safety measure when the glass panel behind was broken, but equally they should be replaced as part of the repair. It was agreed to ask EBC to replace seats in bus shelters where they were now missing.

Cllr Woodward arrived (7:08pm).

07-79 Minutes

The Minutes of 12 July were accepted and then signed.

07-80 Declarations of Interest

None. The Clerk and Cllr Orchard who had both attended training on this topic today reported the changes incorporated in recent legislation.

Matters Arising

07-81 RPC Noticeboard Repairs (07-57)

It was not known whether the repairs had yet been done, although Mr Tryner had asked the Clerk what exactly was required. The Clerk will ask him for a progress report.

07-82 Bulbs & Signs (07-58)

Cllr Grundy reported that bulbs had not yet been delivered. The lamp post signs were stored, awaiting a suitable time for him and Cllr Fogg to install them.

07-83 Signatories (07-59)

The Clerk read a letter from NatWest confirming that all current Councillors and himself were signatories, with any two signatures being sufficient.

07-84 First Avenue Seat (07-70)

A metal seat had been ordered and delivered. It was agreed to ask Mr Boddy to install it, in the First Avenue play area near the gate, facing Derby Road ie at the site of the previous seat.

07-85 Village Hall Roof (07-77)

A grant of £5990 had been received for part of the work, leaving £2210 still to be claimed on this project. It was reported that the Village Hall Committee would not need any additional funding, and could still afford its share of the cost of the stage. In view of this, and a letter from EBC saying that unused grant monies would not be available after the end of the current financial year, it was agreed to inform the Village Hall Committee and to order a wooden seat for the Village Hall or First Avenue field.

07-86 Correspondence

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. F.Smith, quote for cleaning & staining public seats £240 - Told to proceed.
- B. EBC - 2 Litter pickers received
- C. Victim Support, Derbyshire - Request grant/donation
- D. Three Valleys Housing - Acknowledge letter re twitchell Second Avenue to The Nook, investigating
- E. EBC - Tree Warden Scheme: A Tree Officer has been appointed and wants to make contact with local Tree Wardens.
- F. Risley PCC - Overhanging churchyard tree has been cut back
- G. Govt Office for E.Midlands - M1 Widening Junctions 25 to 28: Report of Environmental Impact Assessment - available at EBC Merlin House, also Stapleford Library
- H. DCC Ragwort - Scott (M1 & A52 contractor) will deal with this 'where it grows against pasture, not enough resources to eliminate elsewhere'
- I. Derbyshire Police - Annual Report
- J. DCC Climate change
- K. DALC - Annual Report, Derbyshire Constabulary 'Have Your Say 2007 Report', elections EBC Standards Committee Cllrs Ms Bartlett (Sawley) & Farmer (Dale Abbey) and DALC Executive Cllrs Mrs Orchard (Breaston) & Tudbury (Draycott). Invitation to DALC AGM at County Hall Matlock, 15 Sept, 11am plus agenda,
- L. EBC Monitoring Officer: Not only must the Standards Board be informed that RPC has adopted the new Code of Conduct, it is also necessary to advertise this fact in the press. There is some discussion at present whether EBC can do this for its constituent parishes, or whether each parish must place its own advertisement. It was agreed to use EBC if possible, otherwise for the Clerk to place a suitable advertisement in the Sandiacre & Stapleford News.
- M. Victoria Wallis, Bluebell Wood (07-78): Requested some digital photos of the wood. Cllr O'Neill agreed to take some and send them to the Clerk for her.
- N. Highways Agency - Newsletter: Work at A52 Bardill's Roundabout had finished a week early. Widening the M1 from 3 lanes to 4 between junctions 25 & 28 'is expected to start in the autumn'.
- O. Treetops: Seeking opportunities to rent out their land for local events.
- P. DCC - Revised times for mobile library
- Q. DCC - Highways: A survey conducted on 4 July showed that outside the peaks at the ends of the school day little pedestrian movement took place, so a pedestrian crossing here was not justified.
- R. DCC - Aggregates Preferred Options Consultation: Booklet distributed.
- . Sundry advertising material, including a supplier of badges and insignia of office.

07-87 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the following be paid:

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| 1. | Macemain Amstad Ltd - Metal seat | 329. |
| 2. | DCC - Extra bolts, tool for signs | 15.3 |
| 3. | F.Smith - Seat treatment | 240.00 |
| 4. | Risley Village Hall - Roof grant from EBC | 5990.00 |
| 5. | S.A.Leleux - Clerk salary & expenses (July, Aug) | 353.69 |
| 6. | HM Customs & Revenue - Clerk's tax* | 122.92 |

* No cheque written, waiting for 'encouragement payment' to be received.

It was reported that £5990 had been received from EBC for the Village Hall roof, and £257.25 from HM Revenue & Customs for tax overpaid last year, including £5.06 unused from the 'encouragement payment'. Woodland Landscapes had issued a credit note for £650, so the amount outstanding is probably less than £100.

07-88 Planning Applications

Previous Applications

1. 11 Derby Road - Erection of two-storey and single-storey rear extensions plus construction of ground floor and first floor bay windows: Approved
2. 30 Bostocks Lane - Erection of single storey rear extension and the insertion of Velux windows in the proposed extension: Approved.

New Applications

Discussed during the holiday period by a panel comprising Cllrs Mrs Ancliff, Mrs Hobbs & O'Neill (see 07-67).

1. 11 Derby Road - Erection of two-storey and single-storey rear extensions plus construction of ground floor and first floor bay windows: No objection.
2. 30 Bostocks Lane - Erection of single storey rear extension and the insertion of Velux windows in the proposed extension: No objection.
3. 18 Rushy Lane - Erection of two-storey rear extension & single-storey side extension: No objection.
4. Risley Park - Erection of single storey extension and awning to side elevation: No objection.
5. Hopwell Hall - Erection of building in walled garden to store maintenance machinery: No objection.
6. Risley Hall - Amendment to existig Section 106 agreements to allow the existing Health & Beauty Spa to be used on a "Day Membership" basis Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 6.00pm (Resubmission): No objection.

07-89 Web Site (07-63)

Work is under way. In response to queries raised by Mr Broughton, it was agreed that www.risley-pc.org.uk was acceptable as the domain name (assuming it is available). Councillors agreed to have only their names listed on the site, at least initially, plus a group photograph. The Clerk will have his name, address, phone and e-mail listed, plus a photograph. It was also agreed to include Minutes back to May 2007 ie when the current Councillors first met. Other points raised were how to display notices for other parish organisations, and whether a visitor could e-mail RPC direct from the site.

07-90 Standing Orders (07-65)

A draft had been written and sent to DALC for comment, but no reply had yet been received. It was thought that the Secretary might be in hospital.

07-91 Footpath Walk (07-66)

Final arrangements were made. In view of the foot & mouth disease outbreak in Surrey, it was agreed that Cllr Grundy should contact the two farmers with livestock on possible walk routes, to make sure they had no objection to a party crossing their land. Alternative routes will be used if necessary.

07-92 Footpath Maintenance Grant (07-74)

It was agreed that debris needed to be cleared from under the bridge (concrete slabs) over the Risley Brook at the far end of The City so that the water flowed easily under it, instead of over as often happens now. Chippings could be laid to fill nearby holes. It was agreed that Cllr Fogg should contact Groundwork Erewash for advice.

07-93 Civil Emergencies Plan

Following some discussion, it was agreed the Clerk should make certain enquiries, and then complete the draft document with suggestions so far received, so that Councillors could examine it at the next meeting. It was agreed that RPC ought to have a copy of the Emergency Plan for organisations such as Risley Hall, Risley School and Treetops.

Observations from Councillors

07-94 Parked Car

It was reported that a car was parked regularly for long periods diagonally across the path at Meadow Court flats. It was agreed that it should be reported to the police.

07-95 Road Gullies

It was reported that blocked gullies near 23 & 37 Derby Road had been reported to DCC. Mrs Paul then stated (with the Chairman's permission) that a gully where the carriageway to The City crossed the line of the tarmac pavement along Derby Road, on the east side close to the dimpled disabled surface, had been buried when The City had been resurfaced a couple of years ago. Its loss could have aggravated recent flooding during exceptionally heavy rain.

07-96 Grass behind Village Hall (07-68)

It was reported that Woodland Landscapes had been asked to trim this area. The Clerk's letter appeared to have gone astray, but personal contact had been made by a Councillor.

07-97 Pavements

It was agreed to ask Woodland Landscapes to trim grass spreading across the pavement when they mowed, now that DCC had cut the grass back to its edging.

07-98 Signs at Playing Field

It was reported that 'no dog fouling' signs were still needed at the entrances to the First Avenue field. The Clerk will enquire whether EBC have anything suitable.

07-99 Trees on Verge at Rush Meadow

As the three trees on the verge by Rush Meadow were beginning to overhang the carriageway, it was agreed to ask DCC to deal with this hazard.

07-100 Sign at The Nook

Although DCC had written, saying they were installing suitable 'end of bridleway' signs at The Nook, no signs had yet been erected and horses were still a nuisance when they went too far. It was agreed to remind DCC.

07-101 EBC News

Cllr Orchard gave a summary of major issues. The Victoria Park swimming pool will be restored, after a riotous meeting to discuss it. The Audit Commission is now investigating housing provision in Erewash. A scheme to licence the drivers of taxis and hire cars is to be introduced. The Waverley Street area of Long Eaton is being refurbished, with Derbyshire Economic Partnership and Tesco each providing over £300,000.

The meeting closed at 8:45pm.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RISLEY PARISH COUNCIL
in Risley Village Hall on Thursday 11 October 2007 at 7:00pm.**

Present: Cllrs Mrs P.Ancliff, A.Fogg in the Chair, M.Grundy, Mrs R.Hobbs, F.Jones. In attendance: EBC Cllr Mrs V.Clare, Mr B.Broughton, Mr S.Leleux, Clerk, one parishioner.

Apologies: Cllrs J.Joyce (lateness), M.O'Neill, E.Woodward, DCC Cllr Mrs A.Noskwith.

07-102 Public Session

Mrs D.Paul enquired about progress regarding seats in bus shelters (none so far) and reported DCC had been clearing gullies along Derby Road.

Cllr Mrs Clare reported that she had attended several EBC meetings. It had been agreed to give the Freedom of the Borough to the Mercian Regiment, probably in January. Their predecessors, the Sherwood Foresters, had once had the Freedom of Ilkeston Borough.

07-103 Minutes

The Minutes of 13 September were accepted after the addition of Mrs Hobbs' apologies, and then signed.

07-104 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Fogg in relation to the Village Hall.

Matters Arising

07-105 RPC Noticeboard Repairs (07-81)

As close investigation showed the board in the churchyard was beyond repair a new one had been made, treated with preservative, and erected. A quote from Premier Landscaping (some of Boddy's former staff) for painting it was £230.00, but it was agreed to obtain a second quote and then take the cheaper.

07-106 Bulbs & Signs (07-82)

Cllr Grundy reported that four bags of daffodils and 2000 crocus & snowdrops had been delivered. He intended to plant them shortly, and sought volunteers to assist. The lamp post signs had not yet been installed.

07-107 Public Seats (07-84, 85)

The metal seat had not yet been installed. As the Council already had several seats at the Village Hall it was agreed to ask EBC if a picnic table could be substituted for the proposed additional seat, the price being very similar.

07-108 Village Hall (07-85)

A letter had been received from the Village Hall Committee thanking RPC for the Borough's grant of £5990. A grant of £2210 had been received from EBC for remainder of the work. A request had been received from the Village Hall Committee towards assistance with the portable stage. The estimated cost was £4500, and a grant of £2500 had been approved by EBC leaving Risley sources to find £2000. Cllr Fogg declared an interest and left the meeting

for the remainder of the discussion on this item, Cllr Jones taking the Chair in his absence. After some discussion it was agreed to give £1000 towards the cost, with the possibility of more if necessary.

07-109 Bluebell Wood (07-86-M)

A dozen pictures had just been sent to the owner in USA.

07-110 Footpath Walk (07-91)

About 14 walkers had participated, including some from Nottingham and Hucknall, although few Councillors had supported it. The publicity had been good and the weather ideal. A 17-page risk assessment had to be completed beforehand!

07-111 Footpath Maintenance Grant (07-92)

No advice about the bridge in The City had been received from Groundwork as the person concerned was on compassionate leave, so it was agreed to defer the matter to the next meeting. As the task is likely to be expensive, the possibility of using next year's grant as well was raised.

It was agreed to deviate from the published order for two items.

07-112 Web Site (07-79)

Mr Broughton reported that the website www.risley-pc.org.uk had been operational for about 3 weeks, and had recorded 24 hits to date. Some work remained to do. It was agreed people could send material direct to Mr Broughton for display on the site, but if he was uncertain about an item he would refer it to the Council. A list of Risley businesses was suggested, with links if they had their own sites. The basic aim was to promote Risley. It was agreed that the fee for maintenance should be paid quarterly in arrears.

07-113 Correspondence

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. EBC Play Scheme report: Attendance was 75% overall, better than recent years, and the figures suggested it was better to provide the facility towards the end of the holiday period (96% places used) rather than the beginning (53%).
- B. Three Valleys Housing - The twitchell from Second Avenue to The Nook does not need attention
- C. DCC Waste sites allocation development plan - possibility at Stanton Works site see www.derbyshire.gov.uk/wastesites for details
- D. EBC Tree warden: Cllr Mrs Ancliff volunteered.
- E. DCC Young Achievers Awards
- F. DCC Highways - Visibility at No Mans Lane crossroads: Road markings had been replaced, and DCC was investigating land ownership so owners can be asked to cut hedges back as necessary
- G. Standards Board newsletter
- H. EBC Heritage Forum - Minutes, next meeting 19 November.
- I. DEFRA - Booklet *Ways to tackle climate change*

- J. Revenue & Customs - Employers bulleting says RPC should receive £100 for on-line filing the annual return
- K. EBC *Planning towards 2026* newsletter
- L. DCC Flood defence fair, Bakewell, 24 October 10am - 8pm. Posters displayed.
- M. Black & Veatch, commissioned by Environment Agency to appraise risk of flooding in various areas, including Erewash, wanted 'details of any sewer, surface water/highways or groundwater flooding issues which occur in Risley'. Keen to identify locations and suspected causes of problems. Various locations were mentioned to be marked on the accompanying map.
- N. Woodland Landscapes - Play equipment report: All satisfactory except for matting coming up at the roundabout and the frame of the TotLot is loose. Premier Landscaping quoted £250 to repair it, and £440 to repaint all the play equipment. Councillors agreed to accept these quotes.
- O. NatWest: Changes in account operation.
- P. Government Office for East Midlands - Stopping up 100m of former road at Willow Lodge, Rushy Lane. Planning consent had been given in March 2007 to incorporate the former highway land on the outside of the bend to enlarge the paddock and make a private drive. This was to officially close the portion of old road affected. There was no objection, except that the plan provided suggested that the entrance to the golf club was also to be closed. The Clerk will write, pointing this out.
- Q. Sundry advertising material

Cllr Joyce arrived at 8:15pm.

- N. DCC Highways - 4 trees between Village Hall and church have been added to programme to have their crowns lifted to 2.5m, the work to be done probably early next year. The blocked gully at Latin School will be jetted and remedial work undertaken if necessary.
- O. EBC Monitoring Officer: Parish Councils must place their own advertisements about adoption of the new Code of Conduct. Agreed to place an advertisement in the Long Eaton Advertiser, and on the website.

07-114 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the following be paid:

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| A. | Clerk - Salary & expenses | 166.22 |
| B. | DCC - Don't park on verge signs | 113.55 |
| C. | EBC - Play Scheme | 522.00 |
| D. | EBC - Election costs | 1095.00 |
| E. | P.Crannage - Churchyard RPC notice board repairs | 120.00 |
| F. | Cornish Kings - Bulbs for verges | 289.76 |
| G. | J.W.Boddy - Kissing gate | 1856.50 |
| H. | Woodland Landscapes - Mowing, play report* | 419.00 |
| I. | Risley Village Hall - Roof grant | 2210.00 |
| J. | B.Broughton - Web site creation | 156.26 |

PWLB Direct debit (playing field loan) £1122.58.

- * This includes £4 owing from last month, the overcharge having now been cleared. However, there is still £500 of work on which VAT has been paid (ie the actual cash refund), now leaving £81 work with VAT 'in hand'.

It was reported that £2210 had been received from EBC being the remainder of the roof grant.

07-115 Standing Orders (07-90)

A draft had been circulated. Acceptance, with the modification of amounts to £1000 in sections 105 & 108, was proposed by Cllr Jones, seconded by Cllr Mrs Hobbs. All were in favour.

Cllr Jones left at 9:10pm.

07-116 Planning Applications

Previous Applications

- A. 18 Rushy Lane - Erection of two-storey rear extension and single-storey side extension: Approved

New Applications

- A. 18 Bostocks Lane - Erection of conservatory to rear of dwelling: No objection.
B. Near 56 Bostocks Lane - Reserved matters application for the erection of offices, car park and associated works. Concern at several aspects of the proposed development, namely nuisance to nearby residents from noise, lighting and probable parking in their cul de sac; risk of flooding in the area if/when this land is built upon, particularly if its level is raised; no information on the number of people likely to be employed so the provision of about 40 car parking spaces might be inadequate; and particular concern how vehicles will manage to leave the site towards the A52/M1 in peak periods bearing in mind the traffic tailback usually reaches a long way towards Derby Road.

07-117 Civil Emergencies Plan (07-93)

The draft of the complete document had been circulated and its contents considered. Risley Park agreed that its facilities could be used in an emergency. Risley Hall agreed that people could assemble on the grass area beside the drive, it did not feel it could offer more being liable to flooding itself. Various additions and changes were suggested. It was agreed requests for various categories of people for the Plan could be put into the Newsletter. The revised pages will be distributed for further consideration. EBC Cllr Mrs Clare congratulated RPC on its work as some local councils had made not progress.

07-118 Newsletter

Topics to be mentioned are: Welcome to new residents, web site, emergencies plan, new mobile library times, carols round the tree, village hall roof repair, bulb planting/no parking on verge, need for lights when parked in 40mph area, parking permitted across cycle lane, pleasure at current state of play area and its forthcoming painting/new seat. It was agreed it should be distributed before the next meeting.

Observations from Councillors

07-119 Hedges

It was reported the hedge at 109 Derby Road still had not been cut, despite assurances a month ago it was imminent, and was now a major nuisance. The hedge opposite the Risley Park also needed cutting.

07-120 Dog Bin

There had been the request for a dog bin between the traffic lights and School. It was agreed to order one, to be situated at the end of the bridleway to The Nook.

07-121 Sign at The Nook (07-100)

Although DCC had been reminded about installing suitable 'end of bridleway' signs at The Nook, no signs had yet been erected and horses were still a nuisance when they went too far. A rider was reported as saying that Bridleway was written on the sign at Derby Road, and how were they to know where it ended? It was agreed to remind DCC again.

07-122 Pavements (07-97)

It was agreed to remind Woodland Landscapes to trim grass spreading across the pavement when they mowed, now that DCC had cut the grass back to its edging.

07-123 Drain in Derby Road

It was reported that a deep drain appeared to be under construction near the west end of the School's playing field. It was agreed to observe this, to ensure it did not become a hazard.

07-124 Stanton Ironworks Site

Although no public statement has yet been made, it seems likely that some of the Stanton Ironworks site has been sold to a developer. However, full development will require improved road access and Cllr Fogg reported that the building company had approached him regarding the possible road from Stanton, which suggested that the proposed route from Twelve Houses, Stanton, to the A52 west of Risley is still under active consideration, probably because it was the cheapest of the last published set of alternatives. Cllr Mrs Clare said that EBC was 'aware that something was afoot.' She assured Members that she will represent the views of the parishes she represents, and not follow any dictated response, when this matter comes before the Planning Committee.

07-125 Risley School Development

It was reported that English Heritage has objected to the design of the proposed new classroom block at the School, on the grounds that three windows (one in the end of English School and two in School House) were not visible from the far corner of the playing field. A new design has been made and approved by English Heritage, and is now going through the planning procedure. Building, scheduled for September 2007, may begin in February 2008 if there are no other delays.

The meeting closed at 9:45pm.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RISLEY PARISH COUNCIL
in Risley Village Hall on Thursday 8 November 2007 at 7:00pm.**

Present: Cllrs Mrs P.Ancliff, A.Fogg in the Chair (to begin), M.Grundy, Mrs R.Hobbs, F.Jones, J.Joyce, M.O'Neill (in the Chair later), E.Woodward. In attendance: EBC Cllrs Mrs V.Clare, D.Orchard, PCSO 4491 Miss K.Borsley, Mr S.Leleux, Clerk.

Apologies: Cllr M.O'Neill (lateness), DCC Cllr Mrs A.Noskwith.

07-126 Public Session

PCSO Miss Borsley reported that a 'cardboard policeman' had been installed in Risley Hall car park. Members reported problems with heavy lorries using Rushy Lane; and the Clerk suggested that details (registration number, date/time, direction of travel, owner if possible) should be sent to Stanton-by-Dale's Parish Clerk (stantonbydalepc@btconnect.com) who regularly reported such vehicles.

07-127 Minutes

The Minutes of 11 October were accepted and then signed.

07-128 Declarations of Interest

None.

Matters Arising

07-129 RPC Noticeboard Repairs (07-105)

Premier Landscaping apologised, their quote for painting should have been £180, not £230.00, so they had been instructed to proceed.

07-130 Bulbs & Signs (07-106)

Cllr Grundy reported that all the bulbs had been planted, with the assistance of Messrs S.Brown and N.Ancliff. The new planting of daffodils now reached to Second Avenue, so the task should be completed next year. The signs about bulbs and parking on verges had now been mounted on lamp posts, although two more clips were required to finish the job. Cllr Mrs Ancliff had taken some photographs of the work in progress for the web site, and it was agreed the supplier's name could be given.

07-131 Public Seats (07-107)

The metal seat had not yet been installed, although it had been collected in readiness. The picnic table had been delivered, but it was agreed not to assemble and install it until the spring. It was agreed to assume no base will be required, so the claim for the grant will not be delayed.

07-132 Bluebell Wood (07-109)

The owner had replied she did not want to encourage visitors, and was making arrangements to organise maintenance. It was agreed to inform her that people were already roaming in the

wood and leaving rubbish there, hence the Parish Council's interest, and the Parish Council was still interested in caring for it if she should change her mind.

07-133 Footpath Maintenance Grant (07-111)

Enquiries had shown that repairs to the bridge in the City was the responsibility of DCC Highways (as the road was adopted), and a site meeting was to be held. It was reported that the stream was encroaching on the road, and it was agreed to inform Highways of this as well. After some discussion, it was agreed to obtain signs to waymark footpaths heading south from Derby Road.

07-134 Web Site (07-112)

A parishioner had commented very favourably about the site. It was agreed that local poems should not be posted on it. Cllr Mrs Hobbs will supply Church information for display. Links to Risley School and Risley Educational Foundation were suggested.

07-135 Standing Orders (07-115)

The revised contracts page had been circulated. Adoption was proposed by Cllr Fogg, seconded by Cllr Mrs Hobbs. All were in favour.

07-136 Drain in Derby Road (07-123)

It was reported that the deep drain near the west end of the School's playing field had been capped so it was not a hazard.

It was agreed to take the next item out of order.

07-137 Budget 2008-9

In the absence of any correspondence from EBC, it was agreed to increase the concurrent functions claim by 3% for each item, unless an accurate figure was known. While some allowance for eventual replacement was a good idea, 10% of actual cost, some £2000, was thought to be excessive. It was agreed to include £500 for examining the recently purchased land behind the Village Hall, and retain the election cost addition (£500), giving a precept of £6676. Acceptance of this budget was proposed by Cllr Grundy, seconded by Cllr Woodward. It was also agreed that in future Cllr Woodward should assist the Clerk in preparing a budget (proposed Cllr Jones, seconded Cllr Mrs Hobbs). The Clerk will check whether EBC has agreed any 'formula' for the proportion of his salary paid by EBC. As the budget decision was contrary to that taken in June (07-45) to assume a ten year life, it was proposed by Cllr Jones, seconded by Cllr Joyce, that it should be rescinded, and the matter considered later. All were in favour.

07-138 Correspondence

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. Dog bin request (07-120) - Being checked out by EBC
- B. DALC Newsletters - AGM, Nottingham Declaration for Climate Change, Consultation on PO closures, proposed Licencing changes for village halls, Clerks' pay award (not yet agreed), public participation at meetings, smoking ban, Local Strategic Partnerships, Customs & Revenue workshops, free training in dealing with media, subscription next year £172.43.

- C. DCC Bridleway signs (07-121) - Rangers were requested to install them on 9 March, to be done as soon as possible. It was reported that new signs marking footpaths and bridleway had recently been erected here.
- D. Audit Commission - No comment. Copies of the Annual Return were on display.
- E. DCC Bus shelter seating - This is an EBC responsibility, so the letter had been forwarded to them, but nothing had yet been heard.
- F. EBC Monitoring Officer - Offer of training in new Standards, and was willing to attend RPC to give a presentation.
- G. DCC Highways - Hedge by The Park (07-119) will be cut by flail when next in the area. However, it was pointed out that the side needing cutting was the side away from the road, so DCC will be informed again, as it is their hedge.
- H. Three Valleys Housing - No longer under statutory supervision
- I. DCC 'This is me' campaign to 'highlight the contribution that young people from all backgrounds make to life in Derbyshire and to tackle some of the myths and stereotypes which can lead to fear and mistrust from older people': Agreed to join.
- J. Derbyshire Children's Holiday Centre - Request for donation.
- K. EBC Community Forums - Proposal to reduce number of forums and amend areas served by each to enable senior DCC and Police officials to attend. Risley would be in 'Erewash South Rural' along with Ockbrook, Borrowash, Breaston, Draycott and Sandiacre. Councillors thought this was too large an area. Besides, the public could raise issues at parish council meetings, which could take the issue further.
- L. Stiles identified as needing attention on Footpath Walk - Farmers concerned have agreed to do necessary repairs.
- M. Institute of Local Council Management - Possible professional development for the Clerk
- N. Sundry advertising material

Cllr Jones left at 8:25pm.

07-139 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the following be paid:

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| A. | Audit Commission - Audit fee | 334.88 |
| B. | Woodland Landscapes - Mowing* | 140.00 |
| C. | Glasdon Manufacturing - Picnic table | 455.43 |
| D. | S.A.Leleux - Clerk salary & expenses | 173.79 |
| E. | HM Revenue & Customs - Clerk's tax** | 227.82 |

* This is work only. The work for which VAT had already been paid is now cleared, and RPC now owes Woodland the VAT on £59.00 ie £10.33 to be paid next time.

** Tax due for year to date, less £100 'incentive payment', announced in R&C newsletter but not yet formally notified.

It was reported that £1290 had been received from EBC being the grant for the kissing gate.

07-140 Planning Applications

Previous Applications

None

New Applications

- A. 18 Rushy Lane - Erection of two storey rear extension and single storey side extension: No objection.
- B. Willow Lodge, Rushy Lane - Stopping up the former highway on the outside of the bend past this house (revised map). No objection, as the road to be closed no longer included the entrance to the golf club.

07-141 Civil Emergencies Plan (07-117)

No offers of help in an emergency had been received following the request in the recent Newsletter, so it was agreed to complete the plan with the information previously collected. As DCC/EBC recommended that only three or four copies should exist, it was agreed to put a copy on a secure page (accessible only to Councillors) on the web site, so in an emergency any Councillor could access it.

Cllr O'Neill arrived at 8:35pm, and took the Chair.

07-142 Carols Round the Tree

It was agreed to ask representatives from RPC (Cllr Mrs Hobbs volunteered), Risley School and Risley Not So Young to read the lessons, and to ask Mr Tryner to act as MC. Section 137 monies will be used for refreshments as usual, to be organised by Cllr Fogg and O'Neill, with Stacey's mince pies obtained by the Clerk through Stanton-by-Dale Shop. 150 large print service sheets will be provided. It was agreed to ask the School to encourage pupils to attend, as numbers had declined in recent years.

The Clerk was authorised to liaise with the School and Rector to arrange the date for 2008.

07-143 Ash Tree in First Avenue Playing Field

The owner of 22 Rushy Lane is concerned at a large ash tree in the playing field hedge which overhangs her garage, and whose floor is breaking up, presumably due to its roots. Her neighbour at No 20 has similar concerns. She says that the council (RPC presumed) used to reduce the height of the trees in the hedge, but it had not been done of late, and the tree was now large. It was agreed to ask EBC whether this tree had a TPO, and what treatment - pruning, felling - they would recommend. A quote of £380 to prune the tree and reduce its height to five feet had been received.

07-144 Newsletter (07-118)

It was agreed that Councillors should each have a couple of spare copies of newsletters to ensure every house had one. It was reported that residents in No Man's Lane had appreciated receiving it.

Observations from Councillors

07-145 Hedges

It was reported the hedge at 109 Derby Road had now been cut.

07-146 Parking for Events at Treetops

Councillors greatly appreciate the work done by Treetops, but the popularity of events there (car boot sales, fireworks, etc) caused congestion in the village due to the number of vehicles

parked on both sides of the road. It was agreed to ask Treetops to liaise with the Police and put 'No Parking' bollards along parts of Derby Road, including provision for buses to pass. It was also agreed to ask that posters should be removed soon after an event had taken place.

07-147 Signs on Lamp Posts

It was reported that unofficial signs eg for new houses were becoming common and unsightly.

07-148 Publicity

Cllr Mrs Hobbs said that she provided information about Church activities to the Risley News section of the Long Eaton Trader, and her offer to include RPC items as well was accepted.

Cllr Grundy left at 9:00pm

07-149 EBC News

Cllr Orchard reported it seemed very likely that the main contender for the Stanton site had pulled out. As pipe making had ceased more land would be available for redevelopment than had been previously thought. A major concern for EBC and any potential developed was improved access to the site, whether it was to be used for housing or industry, or both. He and Cllr Clare would appreciate RPC's views before any discussions about access took place at EBC, and it was agreed this should be an agenda item next time. It was noted that the Highways Agency was totally opposed to an additional M1 junction at/near Lows Lane.

The meeting closed at 9:15pm.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RISLEY PARISH COUNCIL
in Risley Village Hall on Thursday 13 December 2007 at 7:00pm.**

Present: Cllrs Mrs P.Ancliff, A.Fogg, M.Grundy, Mrs R.Hobbs, F.Jones, J.Joyce, M.O'Neill (in the Chair), E.Woodward. In attendance: DCC Cllr Mrs A.Noskwith, PC2582 Christopher Gray, Mr S.Leleux, Clerk.

Apologies: EBC Cllrs Mrs V.Clare, D.Orchard.

07-150 Public Session

PC Gray introduced himself. He said that the Police followed up reports of heavy lorries using Rushy Lane.

Cllr Mrs Noskwith, although of only marginal interest to Risley residents, reported that agreement had been reached over the school bus for Stanton-by-Dale children attending Risley School. Up to and including the 2009 intake any Stanton child will have free transport, and thereafter any sibling of a Risley pupil would also be eligible. The Educational

Foundation has arranged to fell two trees, one in the garden of School House as it was both unsafe and in the way of the security fence, and the other at the eastern end of the proposed new classroom extension as its branches would overhang the building. Replacements will be planted.

Cllr Jones announced his intention to retire after Christmas.

Cllr E.Woodward arrived (7:10pm).

07-151 Minutes

The Minutes of 8 November were accepted and then signed.

07-152 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Fogg indicated he might have an interest when Stanton redevelopment was discussed. Cllr Fogg also declared an interest in the Village Hall.

Matters Arising

07-153 Bulbs & Signs (07-130)

The additional clamps have been delivered but the signs have not yet been secured.

07-154 Footpath Maintenance Grant (07-133)

Waymarking discs had been delivered, and were given to Cllr Joyce to organise their installation. He was told to purchase suitable posts if necessary. As the signs were free, and posts were unlikely to be very expensive, it was agreed to approach the Golf Club regarding the replacement of stone on a path near a bridge, which had been washed away due to bank erosion in heavy rain. A possibility was for RPC to purchase the stone and for the Golf Club to repair the retaining wall and then lay the stone.

07-155 Budget 2008-9 (07-137)

The Clerk reported that EBC Concurrent Functions forms had been received, and completed following the agreed guidelines. EBC had also been notified of the agreed Precept.

07-156 Bus Shelters (07-138-E)

The EBC official concerned had acknowledged receipt of the letter, and was investigating. Despite several attempts to obtain information, nothing had yet been heard from him.

07-157 Ash Tree in First Avenue Playing Field (07-143)

The EBC Tree Officer had reported that the tree was in good health with no large pieces of dead wood threatening the garage. She suggested a member of RPC should inspect the damage in the garage, alleged due to the roots. She said that reducing the crown by 25% would retain character of tree and reduce growth rate of roots, but reducing to height of 5ft was not possible. A councillor should inspect the garage and report back. The tree is not subject to a TPO. It

Cllr Mrs Noskwith and PC Gray left at this point (7:30pm).

07-158 Correspondence

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. DALC Newsletter - national salary award for Clerks, wef 1-4-07
- B. Local Councils Update - Sample, annual subscription £65, or £100 with library service. Agreed DALC provide all the assistance RPOC needs.
- C. EBC has bought a 'mobile Skateboard/BMX facility' which parish councils can hire. It will be demonstrated on Saturday 15 December at Long Eaton School. It was reported that Sandiacre Parish Council had shown little interest, and RPC was similarly unenthusiastic.
- D. Black & Veatch - Thanks for notes about local areas liable to flooding
- E. EBC Borough & Parish Councils Forum - Agenda items requested.
- F. Northern College, Barnsley - 'Qualifications for Working with Communities A free orientation event'
- G. EBC - Register of Electors 2007/8: Copies distributed
- H. EBC Sandiacre Community Forum 29-11-07: Reports about Stanton Area Action Plan and Highways Issues were held over to a later meeting in the absence of the officials concerned. Next meeting scheduled in Risley Village Hall on Tuesday 19 February.
- I. DCC - Grit Bin filling: As DCC Highways grits Derby Road and Rushy Lane it was thought there were no grit bins in Risley. However, Councillors agreed to investigate any places where a grit supply would be useful for future consideration. In particular, it was thought that parts of No Man's Lane needed them, but probably lay in Sandiacre Parish. The Clerk will investigate boundaries and contact Sandiacre if appropriate.
- J. Volunteer Centre - Newsletter
- K. Derby & Derbyshire Local Access Forum - Introduction, asking for any issues of concern regarding paths, open spaces etc.
- L. RAF Presentation Team - Invitation to a presentation at Derby County Cricket Club. It was agreed to offer the ticket to former Cllr E. Winfield.
- M. EBC Parish Capital Fund - Refused permission to transfer any unspent monies allocated to the seats to the stage.

- N. DCC - All drainage work in Derby Road has been completed and is functioning correctly. Several problems were found and rectified.
- O. DCC/Scott Wilson - B5010 Borrowash to Risley Speed Limit Review: Proposal to reduce this section to 40mph from existing national speed limit (basically Cole Lane to Rising Lea). Councillors were totally opposed to this proposal. Most of this stretch of road is wide with good visibility, and it is not a frequent location for accidents. A better cycle track all the way would be useful.
- P. EBC Draft Green Space Strategy is available on EBC website, with facility for comments.
- Q. DCC - Hedge opposite Risley Park: Site meeting requested by Highway Inspector, being arranged with Cllr Grundy.
- R. EBC Monitoring Officer - Assumes RPC does not want a training session.
- S. HM Revenue & Customs - Promise of £75 incentive payment if next year's Employer Annual Return is sent on-line, although £100 payment for this year's return has not yet been received.
- T. Long Eaton Lions Club - Message in a Bottle scheme, planned to be extended to Risley in the New Year: Basic details were given and the idea was well received. Basic personal and medical information (medication, allergies etc) are written on a simple form which is placed in a small plastic bottle and stored in the door of the fridge, where any trained helper/rescuer would expect to find them. Long Eaton Lions and their sponsors meet all costs incurred.
- U. EBC Corporate Plan 2008-20011
- V. Sundry advertising material.

07-159 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the following be paid:

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| A. | Premier Landscaping | Painting play equipment | 210.00 | |
| | | Painting RPC notice board in churchyard | 180.00 | |
| | | Erection of seat and its base in First Avenue field | 180.00 | 570.00 |
| B. | | DCC County Signs | | Clamps for |
| C. | Woodland Landscapes | Mowing, including rear of Village Hall | | |
| | | | (nothing is now owing) | 261.08 |
| D. | | | Clerk | Salary inclu |
| E. | | | Stanton-by-Dale PCC | Photocopyin |
| F. | | | Risley PCC | Chu |
| G. | | | M.Paul | |
| H. | | | Staceys Bakery | Mince pies |

07-160 Planning Applications

Previous Applications

- A. 18 Bostocks Lane - Conservatory to rear of dwelling: Approved
- B. 56 Bostocks Lane - Erection of offices, car park and associated works: 'The application has been made invalid and as such is not currently being progressed'.

New Applications

- A. 113 Derby Road - Two storey side extension and first floor rear extension over existing utility room: Totally opposed, in the Green Belt and Conservation Area. The

occupiers were told after their previous application that nothing further would be allowed.

07-161 Civil Emergencies Plan (07-141)

Sundry corrections were pointed out to the Clerk. They will be incorporated and the definitive copies distributed to the Chairman, Clerk and EBC. It was agreed to put the final document on a secure web page, only accessible to Councillors.

07-162 Carols Round the Tree (07-142)

It was reported that Mr Tryner will organise the PA system and lead the event, and mince pies had been ordered. Compliments about the tree and new lights had been received.

07-163 Stanton Works Regeneration

It was reported that the developer had withdrawn, allegedly due to problems providing improved road access. As no routes for new/improved roads are currently under consideration, it was agreed to await developments. In the meantime, it was agreed to approach Sandiacre and Stanton Parish Councils with the aim of working together when considering any future proposals.

Observations from Councillors

07-164 Hedges

It was reported the hedge at Risley Hall beside Breaston Lane had been cut.

07-165 Parking for Events at Treetops

It was agreed the Clerk should again write to Treetops, asking that those attending should not park on the verges.

07-166 RPC News in the Trader

Cllr Mrs Hobbs reported that RPC items were being sent to and, usually, published in the Trader. Items were also sent for inclusion on the web site.

07-167 Footpath near Sandborough Fields Farm

It was reported that a sleeper bridge over a ditch close to a stile on the path from Sandborough Fields Farm to Goldenbrook Farm needed replacement. It was agreed to check with DCC as to who was responsible for a bridge over a ditch, and then notify the appropriate person. The Clerk was also asked to enquire about the likelihood of repairs to the bridge in The City.

07-168 Village Hall Stage

Cllr Grundy circulated details of the stage being ordered by the Village Hall Committee, and requested £1000 towards its cost. Councillors agreed to this, and the cheque was signed.

07-169 Additional Dog Bin on Derby Road

The Clerk had requested a bin near the end of the bridleway to The Nook, and EBC was investigating, but nothing more had been heard. He will make enquiries.

The meeting closed at 8:35pm.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RISLEY PARISH COUNCIL
in Risley Village Hall on Thursday 10 January 2008 at 7:00pm.**

Present: Cllrs Mrs P.Ancliff, A.Fogg, M.Grundy, Mrs R.Hobbs, F.Jones, J.Joyce, M.O'Neill (in the Chair), E.Woodward. In attendance: EBC Cllrs Mrs V.Clare, D.Orchard, PCSO 4491 Miss Kate Borsley, Mr S.Leleux, Clerk.

Apologies: DCC Cllr Mrs A.Noskwith

07-170 Public Session

Miss Borsley reported that, despite the recently installed entrance barriers, theft from vehicles parked at bot Risley Hall and Risley Park was on the increase. Thefts were from car boots as well as from the visible interiors of cars. Risley Hall barrier appears to be broken as it is rarely shut, and tends to be open continuously when wedding parties or similar are being held. In addition, part of the car park is close to Treetops in a poorly lit area. Councillors were being made aware of the situation and were asked to be alert when in these areas for any suspicious activity. There was nothing else to report.

Cllr E.Woodward arrived (7:10pm).

07-171 Minutes

The Minutes of 13 December were accepted, after the addition of the Village Hall to Cllr Fogg's declaration of interest, and then signed.

07-172 Declarations of Interest

None.

Matters Arising

07-173 Bulbs & Signs (07-153)

The two remaining signs have not yet been secured.

07-174 Footpath Maintenance Grant (07-154)

Maywood Golf Course is willing for work to be done by the bridge, and the groundsman has given a quote, 'approximately £325 and will not exceed £375 guaranteed'. It was proposed by Cllr Joyce, seconded by Cllr Fogg, that this be accepted. All were in favour. Cllr Joyce reported that local paths had been waymarked, but the path west from the brow of Rushy Lane needed attention. Vegetation obscured the footpath sign beside the road, and a few yards along a dead tree had fallen across the path against a garden fence. DCC and the land owner respectively will be informed.

07-175 Bus Shelters (07-156)

Despite several phone calls, the EBC official concerned had not given any comment about the seats in the bus shelters. EBC Cllr D.Orchard said he would investigate.

07-176 Ash Tree in First Avenue Playing Field (07-157)

Cllr Mrs Ancliff had visited the site and spoken to the owner of the garage. Following her description of the situation, it was agreed to obtain two quotes for the removal of the single large branch which overhangs the garage, leaving the rest of the tree alone. The Clerk will inform the garage owner of the action being taken. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Hobbs, seconded by Cllr Mrs Ancliff, and agreed, that the Chairman and Vice-chairman should decide which quote to accept. The insurance of the successful firm will be checked.

07-177 Grit Bins (07-158-I)

Nothing had yet been heard from Sandiacre Parish Council.

07-178 Carols Around The Tree (07-162)

The collection received was £103.92, a record. (The previous best was £91.37 in 2004). It was proposed by Cllr Grundy, seconded by Cllr Mrs Hobbs, and agreed, that a cheque for £125.00 be sent to the Salvation Army. Although 150 carol sheets were distributed about 50 of the 150 mince pies bought were not eaten and were sold afterwards, so 120 would probably be sufficient next time.

07-179 Additional Dog Bin on Derby Road (07-169)

EBC Cllr D.Orchard was asked to investigate, as nothing more had been heard concerning the proposed additional bin (which RPC expected to pay for) situated near the end of the bridleway to the Nook.

07-180 Correspondence

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. Cllr Jones - Letter of resignation, wef 3 January 2008. A letter of thanks will be sent. The procedure for filling a casual vacancy has been initiated with EBC, and posters have been displayed. After some discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Mrs Ancliff, seconded by Cllr Mrs Hobbs, and agreed, that the procedure for cooption, drawn up by the Clerk after consultation with DALC, should be adopted and form part of Standing Orders.
- B. EBC - Funding to create local breathing spaces, grants of £1,000 to £10,000 'to transform local spaces for the benefit of local communities and wild life
- C. Govt Office for East Midlands - Draft E.Midlands Plan Panel Report available in most local libraries
- D. DCC Rights of Way Improvement Plan 2007-2012: Available on DCC website.
- F. EBC Planning - Land to rear of The City: 'all enclosures of land in this area are unauthorised' and the 'land is regarded as agriculture'. It was agreed to inform the owners of the Old Post Office and Willow Bridge before any changes (apart from fencing and planting a hedge) were made.
- G. EBC Borough Blitz 25 February to 21 March: RPC was asked to 'identify litter hotspots in the area' and 'identify community groups and residents who may wish to participate in a community clean up'. It was suggested that the School and/or FORSA might want to be involved. Known places with lots of litter were: south end of Bostocks Lane by the proposed office development, A52 laybys, path from Rushy Lane behind Friesland School (Sandiacre Parish).
- H. DALC Newsletters - Training for Councillors, Borrowing by Councils, Locum Clerks
- I. DRCC - Questionnaire about training for Quality Councils

- J. M.Paul - Thanks for £30 for City street light.
 - K. Risley PCC - Thanks for £515 for churchyard mowing.
 - L. Stanton-by-Dale Parish Council - Happy to work with RPC and Sandiacre in matters concerning Stanton regeneration.
 - M. DCC receipt of Civil Emergencies Plan, and offer of free empty sand bags. Agreed to ask for 500 initially, to be stored at the Village Hall.
 - N. DCC - SACRE Annual Report
- Sundry advertising

07-181 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the following be paid:

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| A. Premier Landscaping Repair & painting TotLot | 480.00 |
| Erection of seat in First Avenue field | 120.00 |
| B. Park Hall Designs (B.Broughton) - Web site maintenance (3 months) | 60.00 |
| C. Salvation Army - Donation following Carols | 125.00 |
| D. Clerk Salary & expenses | 170.67 |
| E. EBC Christmas tree & lights | 942.16 |

EBC Capital Grant received (seats) 847.60. Erection cost of seat, and Village Hall Stage, will now be claimed as the Clerk has the invoices. These are the final the Capital Grant claims.

07-182 Planning Applications

Previous Applications

- A. 18 Rushy Lane - Two storey rear extension and single storey side extension: Approved

New Applications

None.

Observations from Councillors

07-183 Christmas Dustbin Collections

Several Councillors complained at the lack of information provided by EBC about bin collections over the holiday period. Members agreed that notices in Viewpoint (even assuming it was delivered) were easily overlooked or forgotten, and the EBC website was not the obvious reference point for many people. There was a request to stick clearly-worded labels on bins beforehand, as was done in previous years. It emerged that there have been complaints throughout the Borough. EBC Cllr D.Orchard will take up this matter.

07-184 Pavement by Meadow Court Flats

Some time ago EBC had expressed the hope that the pavement here would be reinstated in the new financial year, although EBC Cllr D.Orchard warned Members that the coming budget was very tight.

07-185 Hedge Opposite The Park

Following discussions with DCC, it was discovered that this hedge is now owned by a firm at Newark. DCC will write to them about the need to cut the hedge.

07-186 Planting Trees on Playing Fields

It was agreed that Cllr Woodward should approach a suitable person to give a quote for preparing a planting plan for trees in the various pieces of ground owned by RPC. It was also agreed that the Clerk should apply for a 'breathing places' grant of £1000 (see 07-180-B above) to cover both the cost of the plan and the necessary trees, and perhaps bulbs as well.

07-187 Communications Cabinet

It was reported that the door of a communications cabinet at the junction of Derby Road and Breaston Lane, probably belonging to a cable company, was open. Cllr Mrs Hobbs agreed to find a contact number so that the owner could be asked to close it securely.

07-188 Maywood Golf Course

It was reported that a legal dispute appeared to be developing over access between the owners of Maywood Golf Course and Willow Lodge (who has received permission to absorb the former road into the grounds of the house). The Clerk said he had no records relating to access rights, but EBC might have some reference in planning records when Hillside Farm was built/extended and/or when the road to the golf course was diverted.

The meeting closed at 8:35pm.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RISLEY PARISH COUNCIL
in Risley Village Hall on Thursday 14 February 2008 at 7:00pm.**

Present: Cllrs Mrs P.Ancliff, M.Grundy, Mrs R.Hobbs, M.O'Neill (in the Chair), E.Woodward. In attendance: EBC Cllr Mrs V.Clare, Mr S.Leleux, Clerk., one parishioner.

Apologies: Cllrs A.Fogg, J.Joyce, EBC Cllr D.Orchard, PCSO 4491 Miss Kate Borsley.

07-189 Public Session

EBC Cllr Mrs Clare gave a brief report about current affairs at the Borough Council, in particular difficulties with its budget as the expected increase in government funding will not cover salary increases so some hard decisions are necessary. Discussions continue about the way to inform people of changes in bin collections at Christmas, to avoid the recent fiasco.

07-190 Minutes

The Minutes of 10 January were accepted, and then signed.

07-191 Declarations of Interest

None.

Matters Arising

07-192 Co-option of Councillor

As there had been no request from residents for an election, Councillors were authorised to co-opt a replacement for Cllr F.Jones who had resigned. Two names were suggested, and when a vote was taken Mr Richard Hardy was elected.

The parishioner now left (7:07pm) and Cllr Woodward arrived.

07-193 Bulbs & Signs (07-173)

The two remaining signs still have not been secured. There was a suggestion to obtain more signs for Derby Road, but it was agreed to see how effective these signs were before making a decision. The papers put on car windscreens appeared to be very effective. The display of daffodils along most of Derby Road had resulted in many favourable comments.

07-194 Footpath Maintenance Grant (07-174)

The groundsman at Maywood Golf Club had repaired the path by the bridge over the brook, and Councillors had agreed it was well done. The elder tree across the path near Rushy Lane had been cut up. However, it was reported that the sleeper bridge near the A52 had not yet been repaired, so the Clerk will remind the landowner.

07-195 Bus Shelters (07-175)

EBC had sent a list of bus shelters in Risley. Most had seats already, and there was a proposal to fit a seat in the shelter opposite Risley Hall. However, there was no mention of the seatless brick shelter opposite the Risley Park, and the EBC report suggested there was insufficient space to fit seats in the shelter by Risley School. As this was probably the shelter which gave rise to the original complaint, and would leave it the only shelter in Risley without

seats, Councillors suggested that the shelter itself could be moved on to the site of the former bus layby. This would give additional space for seats, and would also remove a hazard to pedestrians on a narrow length of pavement. EBC will be asked to consider these two shelters.

07-196 Ash Tree in First Avenue Playing Field (07-176)

A quote of £90 to remove the branch had been accepted and the branch had been cut.

07-197 Grit Bins (07-177)

Sandiacre Parish Council had agreed to investigate the possibility of grit bins on No Man's Lane.

07-198 Carols Around The Tree (07-178)

It was agreed to write a letter of thanks to Mr Tryner for acting as MC. EBC will be reminded that the Christmas tree has not yet been removed.

07-199 Additional Dog Bin on Derby Road (07-179)

Despite enquiries, nothing more had been heard concerning the proposed additional bin situated near the end of the bridleway to the Nook.

07-200 Sandbags (07-180-M)

Cllr Grundy reported that 500 empty sand bags had been delivered and were currently stored at his home. It was agreed to advertise them in the forthcoming Newsletter. As the Village Hall is normally locked, it was suggested that they could be stored in a garden tidy behind the churchyard wall, where they would be out of sight yet accessible. The PCC will be asked to authorise this.

07-201 Correspondence

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. Mr Wellard of the Old Post Office had replied to Clerk's letter about possible extension of his garden into the field.
- B. Mr E. Winfield - Sundry correspondence, minutes etc relating to the Risley Residents Association in 1960s. Agreed to pass it to Cllr Mrs Ancliffe for her local records.
- C. Big Lottery Fund - Breathing Places campaign (trees in playing fields etc): Acknowledgment of grant application, will be told in June 2008 whether or not successful
- D. EBC Borough & Councils Forum meeting planned Monday 17 March.
- E. Erewash Community Transport - Request for grant for a laptop computer for use when training drivers. It was proposed by Cllr Grundy, seconded by Cllr Mrs Ancliff, that a grant of £50 be made. All were in favour.
- F. Springfield Pre-School: request to display poster for March event
- G. EBC Mayor's Award Scheme 2008 - Posters displayed.
- H. Audit Commission - Appointment of new external auditor, Jackie Bellard.
- I. Local Works - Sustainable Communities Bill has become law
- J. EBC Local Development Framework Newsletter
- K. Dept for Communities & Local Government: Consultation document for *Orders & Regulations Relating to the Conduct of Local Authority Members in England*.

- L. EBC Allowances for Councillors: Following consultation with all EBC parishes, recommendation is Basic allowance - Nil, Chairman - max £500, no other special responsibility allowances. Travel & subsistence for attendance at meetings *approved in advance by the Parish Council* at same rate as paid to EBC Officers & Members.
- M. CPRE - Meeting on planning at Findern on Saturday 26 April, 9:30 to 12:15, £5. Agreed to defer consideration, and appointment of CPRE contact, until next meeting.
- N. DALC Newsletters: Calor Derbyshire Village of Year, new newsletter Derbyshire Playing Field coming out - agreed to send RPC copy to Clerk, draft regulations for Freedom of Information Act, Councillors Commission report & survey
- O. EBC Development Services: National changes to the way planning applications are made and validated are proposed.
- P. New website welcome2derbyshire.co.uk formed to publicise local events.
- Q. EBC & DCC Validation of Planning Applications - Consultation
- R. Derbyshire Police - Key Individual Network (KIN) to improve communication
- S. Derbyshire Building Society - Account to benefit Derbyshire Children's Holiday Centre: Agreed not to transfer RPC PO Savings A/c.
- T. EBC Sandiacre Community Forum meeting on 19 February cancelled. Details given of new forum groupings - Risley is in Erewash South along with Ockbrook, Borrowash, Draycott, Breaston and Sandiacre.
- U. DCC Mobile Phone Campaign - Posters displayed

07-202 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the following be paid:

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| A. | D. Wheatley - Path repairs near The Nook | 346.06 |
| B. | Clerk | Salary & ex |
| C. | M.O'Neill - Chairman's expenses | 28.55 |
| D. | HM Revenue & Customs - Clerk's tax | 105.91 |
| E. | Risley Village Hall - EBC grant for stage | 2500.00 |
| F. | Premier Landscaping - Removing branch at 22 Rushy Lane | 90.00 |
| G. | Erewash Community Transport - Grant | 50.00 |

EBC Capital Grant received (Village Hall stage, seat erection) £2620.

07-203 Planning Applications

Previous Applications

- A. Stopping up highway at Willow Lodge, Rushy Lane: Draft order received, objections permitted up to 29 February - Official notices posted. Agreed to inform all properties in that neighbourhood.

New Applications

- A. 61 Derby Road - Proposed loft conversion with the formation of a rear dormer. No objection.
- B. Risley School - Erection of 2.4m high security fence, to fill the gaps left when the existing security fence was erected. No objection.
- C. Risley School - Proposed erection of temporary two classroom block to be retained on site during construction of a permanent extension. No objection.
- D. Risley School - Proposed three classroom extension with administrative accommodation to replace existing temporary buildings. No objection.

E. Risley School - Ditto, listed building consent. No objection.

07-204 Newsletter

It was agreed to produce a Newsletter, and sundry topics were suggested for inclusion. The Chairman was authorised to approve the text so it could be printed and distributed without delay.

Observations from Councillors

07-205 Communications Cabinet (07-187)

Although the defect had been reported to BT, the door of the cabinet at the junction of Breaston Lane and Derby Road was still not secure.

07-206 Bio-Diversity in East Midlands

Cllr Mrs Ancliff gave a brief report of a meeting she had attended. RPC had a responsibility, under an Act of 2006, to be aware of and to encourage bio-diversity on any land it owned. The Clerk was instructed to write to Derbyshire Wildlife to obtain information about any special species resident in Risley.

07-207 Brown Bin Collection

The date when brown bin compost collections begin again have been posted on RPC boards and the website.

07-208 Over-60s Playground

Councillors were informed that some councils now make provision for older people to obtain beneficial exercise in Over-60s Playgrounds, and this could perhaps be considered for Risley.

07-209 Planting Trees on Playing Fields (07-186)

Cllr Woodward reported that his consultant contact was willing to inspect RPC land and suggest a tree planting programme, for £45 if done in a light evening. Smaller trees tended to survive better than larger ones, although vandalism could be a problem. After some discussion, Cllr Woodward proposed, seconded by Cllr Mrs Hobbs, that the matter should be pursued, looking at all the sites. Most Councillors were in favour. It was agreed to leave possible planting of trees on verges for the time being.

07-210 Trees Beside Highway in Rushy Lane

The Clerk had received a complaint of overhanging trees on the outside of the bend at Willow Lodge, forcing road users (particularly cyclists) to move away from the kerb. A letter had been written asking for these branches to be cut back.

The meeting closed at 8:55pm.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RISLEY PARISH COUNCIL
in Risley Village Hall on Thursday 13 March 2008 at 7:00pm.**

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

Apologies: Cllr R.Hardy, DCC Cllr Mrs A.Noskwith, EBC Cllr D.Orchard.

07-211 Public Session

EBC Cllr Mrs Clare gave a brief report about current affairs at the Borough Council, much time being spent determining how to set a balanced budget bearing in mind the limited finance available. Government money allocated represents only a 1% increase in real terms, while the changes to the Derbyshire Gold Card will cost Erewash around £300K. The Albion Leisure Centre is to be closed, the popular new centre at Rutland Rec requires repairs, and consideration is being given to closing some public conveniences. On a happier note, the Mercian Regiment was recently awarded the Freedom of Erewash outside Ilkeston Town Hall and this was a superb event. Even the rain did not start until 10 minutes after the ceremony!

07-212 Minutes

The Minutes of 14 February were amended slightly (item 209) then accepted and signed.

07-213 Declarations of Interest

None.

Matters Arising

07-214 Bus Shelters (07-195)

EBC had acknowledged RPC's comments about the lack of seats in shelters at the Park and School. These were being considered but despite enquiries no more had been heard.

07-215 Footpath Maintenance Grant (07-194)

The cheque for the DCC grant (£336.86) had been received for the work at a bridge on Maywood Golf Club. The rotten sleeper bridge near the A52 had been replaced by a pipe covered with hardcore which was a vast improvement. Although DCC had erected footpath signs at the Nook, the existing signs did not explicitly note the end of the bridleway in so some horses continued to be ridden in areas where they should not go.

07-216 Ash Tree in First Avenue Playing Field (07-196)

Mrs Chambers was very pleased at the way the contractors had removed the overhanging branch from above her garage, and had left everything neat and tidy.

07-217 Additional Dog Bin on Derby Road (07-199)

EBC had quoted £191 for the bin itself, £115.15 for installation, and £4.06 for each occasion it is emptied for the proposed additional bin situated near the end of the bridleway to the Nook. Cllr Mrs Hobbs proposed, seconded by Cllr Joyce, that the bin be ordered, installed and added to the weekly emptying rota. All were in favour.

07-218 Sandbags (07-200)

The PCC has approved RPC request to put a suitable container for sandbags near the notice boards in the churchyard. The Clerk was instructed to investigate containers and report to the next meeting. Permission will also be sought to store additional bags at the Village Hall.

07-219 Correspondence

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. CPRE Planning Conference - 26 April, Findern 9:30 to 12:15, £5 CPRE members
- B. DCC Victim support - leaflet distributed
- C. Erewash Community Transport - Thank you for donation
- D. EBC Borough & Parish Councils' Forum, 17 March, Ilkeston Town Hall, 6:30 to approx 7:45. Brian Wood DALC Secretary, Police safer neighbourhoods are speakers.
- E. DALC Newsletters: Consultation regarding conduct of Members report, Report of annual meeting with Police at Butterley, DRCC Playing Field newsletter - advocate shelters for teenagers. After some discussion it was agreed to discover the cost of a shelter. While Members had reservations about this sort of facility, it was reported that shelters had proved very successful in both Draycott and Sandiacre.
- F. EBC - Civic Dinner, 18 April, £26 per person. RPC Members invited
- G. Mr Oates, Willow Lodge - Clarification of position regarding the land in front, and it remained DCC's responsibility (at present) for dealing with the overhanging branches. DCC Highways had been informed, and had reported that the area has been flailed and some branches cut back.
- H. HM Revenue & Customs - Employer Pack 2008 (Clerk's tax)
- I. Derbyshire Wildlife Trust - Copy distributed. There are several sites of special wildlife interest in Risley.
- J. James Farmer - Request to be added to approved supplier list.
- K. WRVS - Request for donation 'in support of Derbyshire Emergency Services which covers the area'. Agreed to consider at the next meeting.
- L. EBC - There are no bylaws relating to horse riding or parking on verges, and further enquiries showed DCC had none either.
- M. Stanton Bonna: Request the opportunity to give a presentation about proposed extensions to their plant making concrete railway sleepers in Stanton-by-Dale. Agreed they could come, maximum length including questions 30 minutes.
- N. Salvation Army - Thank you for donation, and confirming 15 December for the Carols
- O. Mencap - Request for donation for their local work. Agreed to consider at the next meeting.
- P. EBC Culture & Leisure - Literature distributed.
- Q. Sundry advertising

07-220 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the following be paid:

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| A. | Risley Village Hall - Room hire | 170.00 |
| B. | Stanton-by-Dale PCC - Printing & photocopying | 32.94 |
| C. | S.A. Leleux - Clerk, salary & expenses | 211.51 |
| D. | HM Revenue & Customs - Clerk's tax | 72.04 |

DCC Footpath Maintenance Grant received £336.86.

07-221 Inventory

A draft had been circulated for comment. It was agreed it included all known items, and that three wooden seats at the Village Hall belonged to the Village Hall, not RPC, although RPC often arranged for their maintenance alongside its own seats. It was suggested the current value could be calculated at 10%pa on the reducing balance.

07-222 Change of Signatories

It was proposed by Cllr Grundy, seconded by Cllr Joyce, that Cllr Jones be removed from the list of signatories and Cllr Hardy added. All were in favour.

07-223 Planning Applications

Previous Applications

- A. Risley Hall Health & Beauty Spa - Amendment of Section 106 agreement to allow Day Membership basis (Monday to Friday, 9am to 6pm): Approved
- B. Land to the east of 56 Bostocks Lane (ie the small field at the bottom of the slip road, opposite the new complex) was considered by EBC 5 March, with a recommendation to approve. Cllr Clare will ask why RPC was not asked to comment, although it had been consulted previously.
- C. Risley School - Security Fence: Approved (by DCC)
- D. 61 Derby Road - Proposed loft conversion with the formation of a rear dormer. Approved

New Applications

- A. Brook Cottage, Derby Road - Single storey garden room extension and erection of a detached garage. Planning & Listed Building application: Object, due to development in the heart of the conservation area, extension outside the existing curtilage, and the size and position of the garage made it obtrusive.

07-224 Dates

It was agreed to hold the annual Footpath Walk on Sunday 21 September. Due to the Clerk being on holiday for the second Thursday, it was agreed to bring the September meeting forward a week to *Wednesday* 3 September.

Cllr Joyce left at 8:20pm.

07-225 CPRE Representative

Agreed to defer.

07-226 Old Minute Books

Minute books for 1989-93 and 2002-7 (1993-2002 is held there already) can be deposited with County Records Office.

07-227 Play Scheme

It was agreed to book places for 3 8 to 11 and 3 11 to 14 children for two weeks at the end of the summer holiday, the actual dates depending on Friesland's availability.

Observations from Councillors

07-228 Gaps in Hedges

It was reported there was a gap in the boundary hedge beside the ditch at Rush Meadow, which children were using, and also a gap between the gatepost and a resident's hedge at the First Avenue field gate which was large enough to pass through. It was agreed that Cllr Fogg should erect suitable fencing at each gap, and possibly plant quicks as well.

07-229 Improper Access to Playing Field

It was reported that some people were climbing a gate at the Nook, and using it as a route to the playing field. It was known that people climbed the fence into the field at the north east (Rushy Lane) corner. Cllr Fogg agreed to inspect the boundary and report. It was suggested that this problem could be mentioned in the next Newsletter.

07-230 KINS Panel Report

The quarterly KINS (Police) panel had mentioned three priorities: graffiti and nuisance motor bikes in Sandiacre, and cars parking in No Man's Lane which often left behind aerosol cans.

07-231 EBC Litter Blitz

There had been no evidence of this in Risley, but Councillors were told that it seems to have been expected that each community would organise its own blitz. The large amount of litter around the interchange roundabout was noted.

07-232 Picnic Table

It was agreed to consider the site of the new picnic table, probably on the recently purchased land, in daylight at the beginning of the next meeting.

07-233 Rubbish near Nature Reserve

It was reported that a large quantity of assorted rubbish was in a clearing by the Nature Reserve. Cllr Fogg agreed to investigate.

07-234 Stanton Site Access

Cllr Fogg reported that he had heard no more about a proposed new road from the A52 to Stanton Works, but some of his neighbours had, so he assumed the proposal was still under consideration by the new firm which intends to develop the site. He emphasised possible conflicts of interest if this proposal was pursued, as the road would cut his farm in half yet his opposition could be completely overruled if Authority used compulsory purchase.

07-235 Willoughby Trust

It was reported that the other trustees thought that one of the RPC representatives (at present Messrs Joyce & O'Neill) should be an older person, to be more aware of other older people in the village when discussing the annual distribution of a tin of biscuits. It was agreed to consider this when representatives are appointed at the May meeting.

The meeting closed at 9:05pm.

Cllrs Mesdames Ancliff and Hobbs both gave apologies for the May meeting, and playground inspections would need covering.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RISLEY PARISH COUNCIL
in Risley Village Hall on Thursday 10 April 2008 at 7:25pm.**

Present: Cllrs Mrs P.Ancliff, A.Fogg (in the Chair), M.Grundy, Mrs R.Hobbs, J.Joyce, E.Woodward. In attendance: DCC Cllr Mrs A.Noskwith, EBC Cllr Mrs V.Clare, Mr S.Leleux, Clerk..

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

08-01 Public Session

DCC Cllr Mrs Noskwith said that the fire service was installing dusk to dawn lights in the homes of vulnerable people. EBC Cllr Mrs Clare said the EBC was in the process of being reassessed (at its own request) after making a number of changes, in order to remove its present rating of 'very low'.

08-02 Minutes

The Minutes of 13 March accepted and signed.

08-03 Declarations of Interest

None.

Matters Arising

08-04 Picnic Table (07-232)

Having inspected the site, it was agreed to put it on the small lawn behind the Village Hall, on paving slabs. Cllr Grundy proposed, seconded by Cllr Joyce, that Premier Landscaping be asked to lay the slabs and erect the table, without fixing it down. All were in favour.

08-05 Bus Shelters (07-214)

Despite telephone calls and e-mails there was still no comments from EBC about the lack of seats in shelters at the Park and School.

08-06 Additional Dog Bin on Derby Road (07-217)

The new bin had been erected just by the bridleway sign leading to The Nook, but the invoice had not yet been received.

08-07 Sandbags (07-218)

The Clerk was instructed to try to find a smaller bin than the one he suggested, to hold only about half of the stock, and preferably in dull colours, although it could be painted if necessary.

08-08 Inventory (07-221)

Another draft had been circulated, including depreciated values. It was agreed to also include typical current prices of items costing more than the insurance excess, to obtain a realistic insurance value.

08-09 Play Scheme (07-227)

Friesland confirmed that 3 places had been booked for 8 to 11 year old children, and 3 for 11 to 14 year old children, for the weeks beginning Monday 18 and Tuesday 26 August (Bank Holiday week). EBC had offered a grant.

08-10 Signs at The Nook

It was reported that the post of one of the signs there was loose and could be rotated in its hole. There was still no indication that the bridleway actually finished there. DCC will be informed.

08-11 Correspondence

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. Mr & Mrs Roper, Rushy Lane - Thanks for information about the proposed stopping up at Willow Lodge
- B. EBC matters arising from last meeting of existing Parish Forum - Nothing directly affecting Risley.
- C. EBC New Community Forum - Cllr Joyce reported on the first meeting of the new Community Forum, which lasted 1 1/4 hours and included a useful presentation, as well as surgeries with EBC officials.
- D. Big Lottery - Meeting + discussion groups Nottingham Ice Stadium, 7 May.
- E. Big Lottery - Breathing Places grant application: Refused, because application was made for two places, Village Hall area and First Avenue. It was agreed to try again, with two separate applications.
- F. EBC 'Local List Revision 2008': Letter enclosed, also proposal form. It was agreed to consider Councillors' suggestions at the next meeting.
- G. DCC b-line magazine
- H. DRCC - Annual Review, magazine, village hall insurance - details on communitylinks.com web site.
- I. Audit Commission - Jackie Bellard has been appointed our external auditor for years 2007/8 to 2011/12.
- J. EBC Driving for success - self assessment document
- K. DALC: Training courses for Clerks & Councillors 17 May, 9:30 to 3:30pm, £20, Pleasley. General newsletter, Crime & Disorder Act notes.
- L. CPRE: Meeting about planning at Findern on 26 April, local AGM at Cromford on 7 May. *Voice* magazine has a number of letters advocating a CPRE policy on population numbers as one way to reduce pressure from land required for house building. Other topics included planning reform, litter, and green initiatives by whole communities.
- M. DCC *Safer Derbyshire* magazine.
- N. Requests to hire Rush Meadow for weddings, from Miss Simpkin (9-8-2008) in addition to the Village Hall, and Oliver Izzard 6-6-2009 without the Village Hall so a toilet trailer would be on site as well as a marquee with floor. It was agreed to grant both requests, at a fee of £150. Vehicles could enter the site while it was being set up, but it could not be used for car parking. Fireworks were not allowed, and the field should be left litter free.
- O. Zurich Insurance now included Corporate Homicide & Manslaughter.

P. Annual Risley Service - Invitation for 20-4-2008.

08-12 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the following be paid:

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| A. | DALC - Subscription 2008/9 | 172.43 |
| B. | EBC - Playground inspection | 90.93 |
| C. | Park Hall Designs - Website maintenance | 60.00 |
| D. | S.A.Leleux - Clerk Salary & Expenses | 168.21 |

The direct debit for PWLB £1122.58 was due soon.

It was agreed that the accounts should show last year's figures for comparison.

08- 13 Donations

After some discussion it was agreed to ignore the requests for donations from WRVS and Mencap, and to consider organisations more directly involved with Risley for any possible future donations.

08-14 Planning Applications

Previous Applications

None

New Applications

- A. Risley School (DCC) - One temporary classroom and relocation of school office, mentioned when temporary classrooms were considered at an earlier meeting. No objection. It was reported that a change in the English Heritage staff dealing with this application may cause delays. It was agreed, subject to the Head's approval, to put some explanation of the situation on the website.
- B. Stanton Bonna concrete sleeper plant: Councillors expressed concern at any increase in traffic to or from the M1, and this also applied to the application said to be coming for an extension to West's facility in Lows Lane.

08-15 Shelters

The Clerk reported that youth shelters for play areas cost £5 to £6,000. Although Draycott had engaged with the local young people and the shelter had proved very beneficial, other areas had nothing but trouble and expense arising from their shelter, not least by encouraging use by those from outside the community. It was agreed to leave this suggestion for a while.

08-16 Borough & Parish Councils' Forum

The Clerk reported on the Borough & Parish Councils' Forum of 17-3-2008. One topic was Comprehensive Performance Assessment by EBC, which was basically continuous assessment of EBC to ensure improvement is seen, and maintained, in 'areas seen as important by the public'. EBC had made the request for reassessment as wants to become a 'good' council instead of a 'weak' one. Some parish representatives asked the Police not to abstract officers for more than 10% of their time from their neighbourhood duties, and also requested that neighbourhood policing areas needed to be agreed with parish councils. The DALC Secretary said that at his council (Ripley), Members were asked to sign the attendance sheet, and a sheet declaring any interests, before the meeting. RPC Councillors did not think

such a procedure was necessary at Risley, neither did they it was necessary to impose any time limit to Public Sessions.

Observations from Councillors

08-17 Tree Report

Cllr Woodward reported that he was in touch with his tree expert.

08-18 Village Events

It was reported there had been comment on the lack of any village events, and a church plus village fete had been suggested, possibly for 2009. It was pointed out that several functions had been organised for the Millennium, and support had been mediocre. Organising such events required a lot of effort, and while RPC liked the idea the practicalities were against it. Besides which, both the School and Treetops already regularly held large events.

08-19 Gaps in Hedges

It was agreed that the contractors who cut off the branch in Rushy Lane should deal with the gaps previously mentioned.

08-20 Knotweed

Several knotweed sites were identified, and Cllr Mrs Noskwith agreed to speak to DCC Highways about treating those along roads, and to the Educational Foundation about some on its land in The City.

08-21 Bulbs

A letter of appreciation for the roadside display was read. It was noted that when the verges were mown the mower sometimes went too close to the bulbs and cut them too. It was agreed that Cllr Grundy could purchase suitable fertilizer for the bulbs and arrange for its application, RPC refunding the cost.

08-22 Footpath Walk

Although he was absent, it was agreed that Cllr Mrs Ancliff should state Mr Hardy as the organiser in any requests she received regarding publicity etc.

The meeting closed at 9:05pm.

Cllrs Mesdames Ancliff and Hobbs again both gave apologies for the May meeting, and playground inspections would need covering.