

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RISLEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**in Risley Village Hall on Thursday 8 May 2008 at 7:25pm.**

**Present:** Cllrs A.Fogg, M.Grundy, J.Joyce, M.O'Neill (in the Chair), E.Woodward. In attendance: PC2582 C.Gray, PCSO4491 Miss K.Borsley, Mr S.Leleux, Clerk.

**Apologies:** Cllrs Mrs P.Ancliff, Mrs R.Hobbs, DCC Cllr Mrs A.Noskwith, EBC Cllrs Mrs V.Clare, D.Orchard.

**08-23 Public Session**

The Police distributed KINS questionnaires to Councillors. One Sunday in early July (6?) There will be a police cricket match at Treetops. Monthly surgeries are now being held at Sandiacre Library, and quarterly ones are proposed for Risley, possibly in Harrison's Cottage. The barrier has reduced crime at The Park. Any incidents should be reported to the Police as soon as they occur. Unauthorised parking in the cul de sac forming the extreme southern end of Bostocks Lane before the interchange roundabout is a constant nuisance to residents. Situations like this are difficult to handle, since although parking on a prohibited road is liable to a £30 fine, only full PCs can issue tickets, not PCSOs. After some discussion it was agreed that the best solution would be for residents to record registration numbers of unauthorised vehicles parking, together with date and time. This would show both the extent of the problem and identify any persistent offenders, against whom action might then be possible. Any other reports should be made as soon as the parked vehicle is noticed, so the Police have the opportunity to respond before it is driven away. Both Police officers then left.

**08-24 Election of Chairman 2008-9**

Cllr Joyce proposed, seconded by Cllr Grundy, that Cllr O'Neill be Chairman for the coming year. In the absence of any other nominations Cllr O'Neill was declared elected, and he signed his declaration of acceptance of office.

**08-25 Election of Vice-chairman 2008-9**

Cllr Joyce proposed, seconded by Cllr Grundy, that Cllr Fogg be Vice-chairman for the coming year. In the absence of any other nominations Cllr Fogg was declared elected.

**08-26 Representatives**

- A. Willoughby Trust: It had been reported that the other representatives thought that at least one of the RPC representatives should be an older person, so as to be more likely to be aware of 'needy' old people in the area. In view of this, it was agreed that the RPC representatives for the coming year should be Cllrs Grundy and Joyce.
- B. CPRE: Held over to the next meeting, with the Clerk acting as necessary.

**08-27 Minutes**

The Minutes of 10 April were accepted and signed, after inserting the word 'think' in 08-16.

**08-28 Declarations of Interest**

None.

## **Matters Arising**

### **08-29 Bus Shelters (08-05)**

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.

### **08-30 Sandbags (08-07)**

The Clerk gave measurements and prices of two sizes of plastic garden containers and of a custom made wooden container which was of comparable price to the smaller plastic one. It was agreed to order the wooden container, mounted on a base of 4in square beams.

### **08-31 Inventory (008-08)**

Another draft with the addition of estimated replacement costs was circulated at the meeting, for acceptance at the next meeting once Councillors had time to study it. Several minute numbers are missing and will require a visit to the County Record Office to obtain. The Clerk was asked to find the amount of any insurance excess.

### **08-32 Correspondence**

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. EBC Electronic consultations on planning applications: Questionnaire. While the concept was sound, it was noted that some members did not have internet access. Furthermore, reservations were expressed about the quality and ease of use of drawings restricted to A4 size.
- B. NALC Conference 20-22 May, Eastbourne, £248, NALC magazine bimonthly £13.50
- C. DCC Footpaths: Two signs have been ordered, 'End of Bridleway - footpaths only beyond this point' and 'Bridleway terminates at The Nook'. They will be erected as soon as possible.
- D. EBC Erewash culture & leisure strategy consultation at West Park, 14 May.
- E. DALC Newsletters - Nothing of particular relevance to Risley
- F. Zurich - Annual Health & Safety Seminars £60, at Nottingham Donington Manor Hotel on 9 July 2008
- G. Mr & Mrs Hexter, 48 Bostocks Lane - Parking problems in the cul de sac. This letter was discussed with the Police in the Public Session (08-23).
- H. Zurich Playground Inspection report: Three items had no apparent defects, but four had defects, namely: General play area - main gate hinge bolts loose & need to be secured, also gate should open outwards, Juniors swings - top bar needs repainting, Totlot - roof starting to rot so needs repair & repainting, Spring horse - smooth edges of seat where damaged to prevent splintering. It was agreed to seek quotes for repairing the Totlot and repainting the swing. The Clerk was instructed to check the dates of inspection and when recent repairs were done.
- I. CPRE Stop the drop campaign (litter)
- J. Stanton-by-Dale Parish Council - Invitation to public meeting on 20 May with Spring about Stanton Regeneration: Agreed Cllr Woodward should attend, and possibly Cllrs Fogg & Grundy.
- K. Spring - Stanton Regeneration: Invitation to speak at public consultation on 10 June: The Clerk had accepted the invitation, although Cllr O'Neill may actually speak. Cllr Fogg said that the proposed new road would cut his Park Farm in half, and that Spring had been very embarrassed when he had mentioned the lack of any consultation. It was the obvious preferred route, as only 8-10 landowners were involved, although the actual route had not yet been decided. It was thought desirable to have a public

meeting to raise awareness and engage the village residents, probably to take place after the public hearing in June. The Clerk was instructed to obtain possible dates.

- L. NatWest Bank: Details of new business accounts.
- M. Sundry advertising.

### **08-33 Accounts for Payment**

It was resolved that the following be paid:

A.	Woodland Landscapes - Mowing (and point out the need to trim the edges)	329.00
B.	EBC - Provision of additional Dog bin, emptying charge for year	607.79
C.	S.A.Leleux - Clerk Salary & Expenses	168.32

The precept £6676 and concurrent functions £9057 for 2008-9 had been received. A claim had been made for a VAT refund of £849.

The accounts for 2007-8 were approved.

### **08-34 Annual Return**

Having approved the accounts, the financial and governance sections of the Annual Return were approved and signed.

### **08-35 Planning Applications**

#### *Previous Applications*

- A. Brook Cottage, The City - Single storey garden room extension and erection of detached garage: Planning consent and Listed Building Consent both granted. Councillors were very annoyed that their comments had apparently been ignored, and wondered at the EBC definition of 'Conservation Area' if a building was allowed to greatly exceed its existing footprint. This principle had been used in previous years to limit developments at Risley Hall. The Clerk was instructed to write to EBC about these concerns, with a copy to Cllr Clare.

#### *New Applications*

- A. 12 Bostocks Lane: Erection of a double garage: No objection.

### **08-36 EBC Local List**

Structures considered worthy of inclusion on the EBC local list are: telephone box at The Park, the cast iron mileposts by the School and Golden Valley Farm, the Woodhall site, and 1 to 100 Derby Road as a good example of ribbon development.

### **Observations from Councillors**

#### **08-37 Verges**

Cllr Grundy reported that he had spent £28.73 on fertilizer recommended for daffodils.

#### **08-38 Road Surface**

It was reported that a number of potholes needed attention at the traffic lights, particularly at the entrance to Rushy Lane.

#### **08-39 EBC Standards Committee**

Cllr O'Neill reported that he was no longer a reserve but a full member of the EBC Standards Committee.

#### **08-40 Knotweed**

A map showing knotweed sites had been requested by DCC, as they had failed to find any.

The meeting closed at 9:30pm.

# **MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF RISLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

**in Risley Village Hall on Friday 6 June 2008 at 8:25pm.**

**Present:** Cllrs P.Ancliff, A.Fogg, R.Hardy, J.Joyce, M.O'Neill (in the Chair), E.Woodward.  
In attendance: Mr S.Leleux, Clerk.

**Apologies:** Cllrs Mrs R.Hobbs, M.Grundy

## **08-41 Stanton Site Regeneration**

The special meeting had been called to consider content of the short (5 minute) RPC presentation at the forthcoming public enquiry, organised by the developer, into plans to regenerate the site of Stanton Ironworks. This meeting had been preceded by a well attended (70+ people) public meeting at which residents aired their comments and suggestions.

Cllr Fogg declared an interest and left the meeting.

Councillors discussed the points and issues raised, and drafted their response. It was agreed that the Clerk should make it presentable and circulate the draft to Councillors for comment. In the light of these comments the Chairman, assisted as necessary, would then put it into a form suitable for the enquiry.

The meeting closed at 9:15pm.

Below is the draft as circulated.

## **Stanton Site Regeneration – Access Routes**

### **Submission by Risley Parish Council**

Following a public meeting attended by a large number of residents, Risley Parish Council wishes to make the following points.

- 1 There is the need to know timescales and milestones for the whole regeneration project. Claims by Spring that plans are still fluid are inherently suspect, as no-one will invest millions of pounds in a project without a detailed business plan showing likely returns by various dates.
- 2 While the immediate need is to improve access to the Stanton Works site, roads are permanent structures, therefore any proposed access route should be judged by its long term potential and not by its short term convenience.
- 3 Assuming the Highways Agency has guidelines discouraging junctions on major trunk roads as well as on motorways, they must apply equally to the A52 as well as the M1. Therefore, if a new junction is allowed on the A52 one should be allowed

- on the M1, and conversely if a new junction is not permitted on the M1 then one should not be permitted on the A52 either.
- 4 Concern was expressed that computer modelling of likely traffic flows would have been inaccurate in the absence of any detailed knowledge of Spring's desires for the site as a whole (see 1 above). Residential development and industrial would generate different traffic flows. There was also concern that the data used may itself have been out of date.
- 5 Regular users of the existing M1/A52 interchange at Junction 25 consider that it is already operating at capacity in peak periods. Congestion on the interchange is likely to increase once the motorway has four lanes in operation, so any proposed M1 access route (direct or via the A52) involving this interchange will aggravate congestion problems.
- 6 The meeting was convinced that the only real solution to improving access to the Stanton site is by constructing a new junction 25A at or near Stanton Gate. With much of the new traffic generated by the site being to or from the M1 it can hardly be called 'local traffic'. Such a junction would give good site access from both north and south. It would be used by many others, particularly from the Ilkeston area, and help solve a number of other problems, not least congestion at junction 25 interchange (see 5 above). The presence of railway, river, canal and the community of Stanton Gate make the site awkward but not impossible. Space exists. The often quoted reason for refusal, that this junction would be too close to junction 25, is invalid, as elsewhere motorway junctions occur in close proximity, not least M1 junction 23A, 24, 24A. Some junctions are even close enough to virtually share slip roads eg M1 junctions 23A & 24.
- 7 The meeting was utterly opposed to the proposed western route to the A52. Cutting straight through the Green Belt it would actively encourage other development, no matter what restrictions were imposed, and before long Derby and Nottingham would coalesce. Even considering such a route destroys the credibility of Spring's environmental concerns. Furthermore, the route does not lend itself readily to any future extension north or south so it no more than a cheap solution to immediate needs.
- 8 If a new motorway junction 25A is really not possible, then the preferred route is the one beside the railway to a junction with the A52 near Toton Sidings. This route uses an existing transport corridor so there is much less environmental impact. It also has the potential for extension northwards to the A6096 at Awsworth, and southwards to the A6005 near Long Eaton, and thus become part of an Erewash Valley trunk road. Indeed, if this road is built instead of M1 junction 25A, the northwards extension to Awsworth should be an integral part of the scheme, to accommodate traffic to and from the north as well as to and from the south.
- 9 In view of the impact and potential benefits of any new road or motorway junction on the entire area, not just the Stanton site, it is essential that both Derbyshire and Nottingham County Councils, as well as regional government funds, be used if necessary to ensure that any such new road or junction is the one which will confer the greatest benefit, and is not merely the one which appears to have the lowest financial cost.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RISLEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**in Risley Village Hall on Thursday 12 June 2008 at 7:25pm.**

**Present:** Cllrs Mrs P.Ancliff, M.Grundy, Mrs R.Hobbs, M.O'Neill (in the Chair), E.Woodward. In attendance: DCC Cllr Mrs A.Noskwith, EBC Cllrs Mrs V.Clare, D.Orchard, Mr S.Leleux, Clerk, and seven parishioners.

**Apologies:** Cllrs A.Fogg, J.Joyce.

**08-42            Public Session**

The parishioners all lived on the western edge of Risley. They had attended the public meeting at Stanton arranged by Spring, the developer which had purchased the Stanton Ironworks site, and expressed great concern at proposals for new roads through the Green Belt. Cllr O'Neill said that he had presented the concerns of Risley residents, as expressed at the public meeting the previous Friday, at the enquiry on Tuesday. He had specifically mentioned the lack of clarity and timescales in the overall scheme, the need for a new M1 junction, the total opposition to any road through the Green Belt, and the potential benefit of a road from the site to the A52 near Toton sidings. Other routes had appeared on the displayed map during the course of the meeting. The representatives from Broxtowe council were reported to be opposed to *any* proposal which passed through their area. The 'results' of the Spring meetings will be announced at the public meeting tomorrow, and will be published in a booklet 'to be distributed.' About 180 people had attended the meeting on Monday and all condemned any Green Belt route. Cllr O'Neill's conclusion following the meeting on Tuesday when various official bodies, including RPC, had made presentations, was that Spring had budgeted for the cheapest route ie through the Green Belt, and would expect assistance with the cost of any alternative more expensive route. However, Junction 29A near Chesterfield had set a precedent, although it had been funded by Coalfields Regeneration money. Perhaps DCC & EBC could exert similar influence. One official was reported to have said that a new M1 junction was as likely as a private aircraft obtaining a landing slot at Heathrow! It was said that the 'Western Bypass' would cost £20m while Toton Sidings route cost £80m. Furthermore, it was not stated whether the road would be built before development started.

There was concern that EBC Planners were not free from suspicion, and a request was made that a senior person should come to Risley and answer questions. The application from Stanton Bonna for a new concrete sleeper factory along much of the eastern edge of the site was due to be considered by EBC next week, and West's haulage (which already occupied the rest of the eastern edge) had an application for extension pending. These piecemeal developments if allowed could restrict the scope for any access to the east.

In the course of discussion, it emerged that Nottingham City needed to construct many new houses to meet government targets, although Erewash did not. However, for many purposes official thinking now links Erewash with Nottingham. Those present felt that this aspect of the proposed housing development should be made more widely known, and used to bring pressure on Broxtowe and Nottinghamshire to co-operate on any new access route. An additional complication, as far as development was concerned, was the proximity of the county boundary. In Derbyshire only two authorities were involved, DCC & EBC, while going east would involve two more, NCC and Broxtowe, with the complications that would

bring. Furthermore, if an authority did not meet government targets it was then penalised by the government.

The question was also raised as to where all the people who would buy these new houses would come from, particularly in the light of the current downturn in the housing market (15% drop in prices recently, and forecast to continue dropping). One third of the new houses are to be 'affordable' (by ordinary people) but Spring intended they should be integrated with the more expensive parts of the development. EBC challenged Spring several times at Tuesday's meeting. There was a feeling that Spring had begun to realise they had bitten off more than it could chew, although they excused themselves saying they were unaware of access problems, land contamination etc. As for the actual development, Spring subcontracted that to other firms.

It was said that some 40 years ago, when there had been plans to route the A42 to join the M1 at Trowell, geological conditions had been discovered locally making the route impracticable. Mrs Noskwith agreed to investigate DCC records. Many bats lived in Risley and some could well be on the lines of the proposed roads. The parishioners were encouraged to contact Derbyshire Wildlife with this information.

A fear was that even if planning consent was refused the applicant could still go to appeal, when an independent person unfamiliar with the area could well agree it could go ahead. Would development extend beyond the works' site? Who could tell, although a 'green area' was proposed around the development to keep it separate. Section 106 agreements might be imposed, and enforced, to keep the development within permitted guidelines.

At this point (7:45pm) six parishioners left.

#### **08-43 Minutes**

The Minutes of 8 May (with the date corrected in the footer) and 6 June were accepted and signed.

#### **08-44 Declarations of Interest**

None.

#### **Matters Arising**

##### **08-45 Sandbags (08-30)**

The Clerk had ordered a wooden container for the churchyard, and expected delivery at any time. Cllr Grundy reported that the Village Hall Committee had granted permission to store the remaining bags in the hall.

##### **08-46 Inventory (08-31)**

As the insurance excess was £100, it was proposed by Cllr Mrs Hobbs, seconded by Cllr Woodward, that items having a replacement cost less than this should be omitted from the inventory. All were in favour.

##### **08-47 Play Equipment and Other Repairs (08-32-H)**

Quotes had been received from Premier Landscaping as follows:

Levelling the area behind the Village Hall and laying slabs for the new picnic table       £800

The Chairman commented that the site was more steeply graded than was first apparent, so the high price was perhaps justified. It was agreed to obtain a second quote from J.Cresswell.

Fencing beside First Avenue gate  
Fencing where necessary along the ditch at Rush Meadow  
Play equipment repairs (various)  
The contractor noted that much of the TotLot was rotten, and really it was life expired.  
Cllr Mrs Ancliff proposed, seconded by Cllr Mrs Hobbs, that the fencing and repair quotes be accepted. All were in favour.

**08-48 Knotweed (08-40)**

Cllr Grundy reported that he had been unable to draw a map showing where treatment was needed as wherever he looked it was dead, except in Simpkin's hedge. However, he would keep a close watch.

**08-49 Road Surface at the Traffic Lights (08-38)**

The Clerk had received no reply, and it was reported that all the surface here needed attention. Mrs Noskwith will take up the problem with DCC Highways.

**08-50 Brook Cottage (08-35-A)**

The Clerk had received no letter explaining EBC policy in Conservation Areas. Mrs Clare will investigate.

**08-51 Correspondence**

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. Victim Support Derbyshire - Request for donation
- B. Mrs Roan, Second Avenue - Requested that the dog bin on First Avenue field be moved further along the path away from her house due to the smell. Premier Landscaping quoted £50, so Cllr Grundy proposed, seconded by Cllr Mrs Hobbs, that it should be moved to the passing place on the new path. All were in favour. Councillors reported that several bins were smelly, although the weather had not been hot, and the Clerk was instructed to enquire whether EBC actually emptied them regularly.
- C. Miss Oates, Willow Lodge, Rushy Lane: Concerned at the speed of vehicles on Rushy Lane, especially when she is riding a horse. Speed was a problem on many roads, and there was no effective answer. Some Councillors said that many people did slow down for horses. An associated problem was caused by riders travelling abreast rather than in single file which gave rise to a lot of aggravation. Beware of horses signs could be erected. The poor state of the footpath on the south side of Derby Road, from the Park to the A52 bridge near Borrowash was mentioned, as it could be used by riders. Mrs Noskwith will request its overhaul.
- D. NHS East Midlands - Apology for distress caused by illegal parking in Bostocks Lane. 'I will make all staff and visitors aware of the actions being taken with the police and the potential penalties ... if parked illegally... do not hesitate to contact me in the future.'
- E. Vitalise - Request for donation (provides holidays for the disabled, giving their carers a break)
- F. DALC Newsletters
- G. DCC South East Derbyshire Local Accessibility Strategy - Issues & Options Consultation
- H. HM Revenue & Customs: Acknowledgment of Clerks PAYE sent on-line (eligible for £100 'bonus'). Also a letter demanding £100 penalty payment for late completion of said return, and an appeal has been sent.

- I. EBC Monitoring Officer - Details of training 3 & 4 June
- J. EBC - Play Scheme grant of £500 awarded, and now received. The second week booked had included the bank holiday, and the Clerk had just received a message from Friesland Sports Centre that it was closed on both the Monday and Tuesday of that week. It was agreed to book the week after the bank holiday for the second week. A leaflet advertising this will be prepared and distributed in the near future, combined with an issue of the Parish Newsletter if the final meeting at Stanton on Friday has any useful information to disseminate.
- H. DRCC Newsletter - with articles about managing risk in play provision, making playing fields more biodiverse and provision for teenagers.
- I. Erewash Heritage Forum - next meeting 21 July, 7:30pm in Erewash Museum.
- J. EBC Borough & Parish Councils' orum - meeting 17 June, Long Eaton Town Hall.
- K. CPRE Newsletter - including how to campaign against development
- L. Sundry advertising

#### **08-52 Accounts for Payment**

It was resolved that the following be paid:

A.	Mrs A.Gregory - Audit	45.00
B.	M.Grundy - Fertilizer for daffodils	28.73
C.	Zurich Insurance	1284.29
D.	S.A.Leleux - Clerk Salary & Expenses	181.75
E.	HM Revenue & Customs - Clerk's tax	114.95

#### **08-53 Planning Applications**

##### *Previous Applications*

- A. Risley School: Planning consent for three classroom extension with administration accommodation to replace existing temporary buildings: Granted (DCC).
- B. 12 Bostocks Lane - Erection of double garage: Approved.

##### *New Applications*

None.

It was noted that the proposed plant for Stanton Bonna to manufacture concrete railway sleepers on the eastern edge of the Stanton Works site was scheduled for discussion by EBC during the next week, with a recommendation to approve it.

#### **08-54 Stanton Regeneration**

Many aspects had already been discussed in the Public Session (08-42 above). It was agreed to prepare a list of those who had attended the public meeting and had indicated a willingness to become members of an action group. It was agreed that Risley, Sandiacre and Stanton-by-Dale Parish Councils needed to put up a united front to make common cause, and to involve as many people as possible. Some kind of joint meeting soon after Friday's meeting at Stanton seems desirable, with DCC & EBC Councillors invited.

#### **Observations from Councillors**

##### **08-55 Mowing**

Councillors were dissatisfied with the standard of the latest mowing on verges etc. Tufts had been missed, and the level of the cut was inconsistent. The contractor said that it was both difficult and risky to strim the grass growing across the tarmac surface of pavements, but Councillors were positive this had been done regularly in the past.

**08-56 Car on Verge**

It was reported that a car had been parked on the verge outside 71A Derby Road for several weeks. As it made mowing impossible the Clerk will ask the owner to move it on to his drive.

**08-57 Bulbs for Verges**

It was agreed that Cllr Grundy could spend around £250 on early daffodil and crocus bulbs, to continue planting along Derby Road towards the traffic lights, and in other suitable places as well.

**08-58 School Hedge**

This hedge had grown across the pavement reducing it to a single person width. It needed urgent attention to remove a hazard to pedestrians.

**08-59 Cedar Trees**

It was reported that the cedar trees at 46 Derby Road, pruned unofficially some months ago, were now showing signs of dying. EBC Tree Officer will be asked to inspect them and give a report.

The meeting closed at 8:55pm.

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

**Present:** Cllrs Mrs P.Ancliff, A.Fogg (in the Chair), M.Grundy, R.Hardy, Mrs R.Hobbs, E.Woodward. In attendance: DCC Cllr Mrs A.Noskwith, Mr S.Leleux, Clerk, and four parishioners.

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

**08-60            Public Session**

The parishioners all lived on the western edge of Risley and wished to speak about proposed access routes to Stanton Works in the area. Accordingly, Cllr Fogg declared an interest and Cllr Woodward agreed to take the Chair.

Dr Hedley (Hopwell House) asked for and received a resume of the situation, beginning with an outline of Spring's intentions. Recent developments mentioned included a well attended meeting in Stanton-by-Dale arranged by the Dale Abbey, Risley & Stanton-by-Dale Action Group, which was totally opposed to any route across the green belt, and a proposed joint committee of representatives of local parish councils.

Several statements were made. Ecologists have been appointed by Spring to walk the proposed routes. Spring has allocated an amount of money for access improvements, and any extra required will have to come from other sources, and/or by building more, 'nastier' houses. Compulsory purchase at present can only be done by council, but regulations are being changed to make it easier. In the view of the Highways Agency, additional access to the M1 is not necessary as there is only a 'local transport problem'. A speaker from the floor at one of Spring's meetings had felt that DCC should contribute to the cost of any improved access to the Stanton site, as it was hardly fair to expect the developer to meet the full cost of resolving a long standing problem.

The original plans for the M42 (c1970) when it was proposed that it should join the M1 at Stoney Cloud, plus associated correspondence, had been discovered. Boreholes had shown that beneath 12ft of rock there was 60ft of water-bearing soil in the area west of Risley. The plans' owner had informed Spring of this in June, who so far had made no response. It was agreed that the Action Group should be made aware of this information.

At this point (7:55pm) the four parishioners left. Cllr Fogg resumed the Chair.

**08-61            Minutes**

The Minutes of 12 June were accepted and signed, having added Cllr Hardy to those present..

**08-62            Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Fogg concerning Stanton Regeneration.

**Matters Arising**

**08-63            Sandbags (08-45)**

Due to various problems work had not yet started on the sand bag box for the churchyard, but delivery was now promised for the following week.

**08-64 Play Equipment and Other Repairs (08-47)**

Despite a reminder, no quotes had been received from J.Cresswell for levelling the area behind the Village Hall and laying slabs for the new picnic table. Site inspection confirmed that little soil need be removed. A second quote, and/or revised quote will be sought.

**08-65 Road Surface at the Traffic Lights (08-49)**

DCC Highways had replied, saying it was 'due to be resurfaced in the next couple of months'

**08-66 Brook Cottage (08-50)**

The Clerk had received a letter of explanation from EBC, assuring members that their comments were considered before making any decision. Councillors asked for clarification of certain phrases.

**08-67 Mowing (08-55)**

Two Councillors had met the contractor. The quality of mowing had improved on recent occasions. The contractor mentioned the possibility of flying stones causing damage if the pavement edges were strimmed, and doubted whether his insurance covered it. He would prefer to spray the edges, although Councillors did not like this option. It was noted that this is the second year of a 3-year contract.

**08-68 Car on Verge (08-56)**

Although the owner of the car had moved it for mowing, he had been most indignant when asked to remove it altogether, and in fact the car was still on the verge, unsold. It was agreed to ask the PSCO to speak to the owner.

**08-69 Cedar Trees at 46 Derby Road (08-59)**

EBC was aware of the state of these trees, and had received an application to fell them, but no decision had yet been made.

**08-70 Correspondence**

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. Zurich - Impending changes to claims procedure
- B. Erewash in Bloom gardening competition - Advertised in Newsletter
- C. Friesland Sports Centre - Confirmation of changed Play Scheme dates, 18-22 August & 1-5 September
- D. Inland Revenue - Appeal against penalty for late return of forms. Accepted.
- E. Sustainable Communities Act - Cllr Hardy proposed, seconded by Cllr Hobbs, that 'EBC be asked to opt into the Sustainable Communities Act process when invited to do so by the Government in October'. All were in favour.
- F. EBC - Dog bins are emptied every Tuesday.
- G. Dale Abbey & Staton-by-Dale both have new Clerks
- H. EBC - Annual Accounts
- I. EBC Borough & Parish Councils' Forum meeting: Reports from Police, complaints procedure from Elaine Minnighan, and EBC Planning applications using electronic notification. The aim is to increase speed, rather than save money, although it does. Ockbrook & Borrowwash and West Hallam agreed to trial the procedure, which is already used in Amber Valley. The small size of a computer screen and cost of a printer to produce large plans could be overcome by projecting the image on to a convenient wall. It was suggested that if the scheme goes ahead (as is likely, under

government pressure) then EBC should provide the necessary portable equipment, although EBC has no budget for this. Concern was expressed at the small attendance, only about a dozen PC representatives. Next meeting 8 October, Ilkeston Town Hall.

- J. DCC - Encouraging recruitment of Foster Carers
- K. Clerks & Councils Direct paper
- L. DCC Excellence in the Community Awards
- M. DCC Minor Maintenance Scheme - £385 awarded, so local footpaths need to be inspected for suitable projects.
- N. DCC/EBC - Local flood fairs.
- O. DALC Newsletters, including training on Standards and DRCC Magazine.
- P. Local Works - Newsletter
- Q. Sundry advertising

#### **08-71 Accounts for Payment**

It was resolved that the following be paid:

A.	Park Hall Designs - Website	60.00
B.	Woodland Landscapes - Mowing	658.00
C.	S.A.Leleux - Clerk Salary & Expenses	199.07

#### **08-72 Planning Applications**

*Previous Applications*

A. None.

*New Applications*

None.

#### **Observations from Councillors**

##### **08-73 Footpath Walk**

It was agreed to advertise the walk on 21 September in both Stanton-by-Dale and Dale Abbey as the walks included areas affected by some of the proposed new roads. It was suggested that the media should be invited to attend.

##### **08-74 Bulbs for Verge**

Cllr Grundy had received a quote of £276.69 for bulbs. Cllr Hardy proposed, seconded by Cllr Hobbs, that it be accepted and the bulbs be ordered. All were in favour.

##### **08-75 Stanton Regeneration (08-54)**

By agreement, this item was moved to the end of the meeting. Cllr Fogg declared an interest and left. Cllr Woodward then took the Chair.

The proposed Parish Councils Joint Action Committee had been discussed with Cllr O'Neill and an initial meeting held. So far there had been no official feedback from the councils involved, although it was reported that Sandiacre thought it was a very good idea. In view of the formation of the independent Action Group, and the limitations imposed by conflict of interest, it was agreed that the Joint Committee was potentially useful, particularly to co-ordinate parish council responses. However, the word 'Action' should be replaced by 'Co-ordination'. It was agreed that Risley's representatives should be any two from the Chair (Cllr O'Neill), Cllr Mrs Hobbs and Cllr Woodward - Cllr Fogg (Vice-chair) having an interest therefore being ineligible. The next meeting will be on 21 July, 7:30pm in Stanton-by-Dale Old School. The possibility of inviting Ockbrook & Borrowash to join was raised. Cllr Mrs

Ancliff agreed to keep CPRE informed of the situation. Councillors were agreed that the Joint Committee should be for co-ordination and not for anything that could be construed as action. The meeting closed at 9:15pm.

**INFORMAL MEETING OF SPRING WITH  
MEMBERS OF RISLEY PARISH COUNCIL  
in Risley Village Hall on Monday 1 September 2008 at 6:30pm.**

**Present:** Cllrs Mrs P.Ancliff, A.Fogg (in the Chair), M.Grundy, R.Hardy, J.Joyce, E.Woodward. In attendance: DCC Cllr Mrs A.Noskwith and Mr W.Major (the candidate selected to replace Mrs Noskwith who will not seek re-election in May 2009), EBC Cllr D.Orchard, Mr S.Leleux, Clerk, Mr K.Fenwick and Miss R.Paczek (both Spring).

**Apologies:** Cllr Mrs R.Hobbs, M.O'Neill, EBC Cllr Mrs V.Clare.

**Presentation by Mr Fenwick**

He began by thanking RPC for the opportunity to speak about progress since the design enquiry three months ago. Similar presentations will be made to other local parish councils. He answered questions as the presentation proceeded.

*Access:* Due to delays in obtaining access to a more accurate computer model (Ptolomy?) Than the one used by the Highways Agency it is likely that results of the access study will not be available until the end of November or early December, although it is hoped that this will not delay the planning application more than 2/3 months. Despite allegations to the contrary, Mr Fenwick assured Members that there were no hidden deals with EBC and that no decisions had yet been taken on the route. Later, when asked if any routes had been ruled out, he said that the Minister was still opposed to a new M1 junction, and personally he thought the Red (SbD Western Bypass) and Green (Toton Sidings) were the most likely. In any case, the routes shown on the maps were to be considered as corridors, not the actual proposed alignment. Estimated costings were £20m Red and £80m Green, plus land plus the cost of delays. The first thing was to get the direction agreed. The fact that most transport in this area was east (to Nottingham) or west (to Derby) worked against a new M1 junction. Mr Fenwick said that it was desirable to provide good public transport links right from the beginning. Provision was being made in the widths of roads to permit future use by the Nottingham tram, if it should ever be extended from Bardill's Island, although tram access itself was not part of Spring's plans. It was pointed out that any increase in traffic on the A52 as the result of new access to Stanton would also require major capacity increases on the A52 itself. However, in future with rising oil prices car use may decline, so reducing some problems. The proposed new station for Ilkeston could also make a significant difference, assuming it could be accessed easily from Stanton. Ecological studies had been done with Derbyshire Wildlife Trust and showed that the Erewash meadows were as rich in wildlife as the fields west of Risley. Motorway access via a link to Trowell Services had been a recent suggestion but was no longer being considered. The New Approach to Transport Assessments (NATA) was being used (see its website). Regarding Transport, Spring was at present talking to: Highways Authority, Derbyshire & Nottinghamshire County Councils, Erewash & Broxtowe Borough Councils, the latter because the Green route offered the possibility of access to future developments at Toton Sidings. Mr Fenwick pointed out that travel patterns had changed considerably over the past 50 years, and were likely to change again in the next 50. Indeed, there were reports that road use during the summer holidays was 2 to 3% less than last year, due to the increase in fuel costs. When a route has been chosen there will be public meetings, but no application has yet been made.

*Other Aspects:* The surveys for provision of utilities envisaged a central heating and power station on the site. It was stated that Spring would *probably* put a single specialist management company in overall control of the site and its services. It was still the intention to design the development so that most daily needs were within walking distance. The reason for increasing the size of the development to include land adjacent to but outside the works site, and land currently occupied by Stanton Bonna's pipe plant (with that firm's knowledge and agreement), was to raise the size of the development from 1.5 'sustainable neighbourhoods' (which would not be economically viable for many businesses like small shops, or services like schools) to 2 balanced neighbourhoods. It was stated that none of the additional land was Green Belt. The names for different areas of housing, for example Canalside, Rural Edge, Urban Centre were simply convenient descriptive labels. Members were urged to visit Upton, a village on the western outskirts of Northampton on a link to the M1, so see a good example of a modern development with 45 dwellings to the hectare, as proposed for Stanton. The estimated size of the Stanton development was around 4000 dwellings.

The presentation finished at 7:40pm. The Chairman thanked the speakers.

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RISLEY PARISH COUNCIL in Risley Village Hall on Monday 1 September 2008 at 6:30pm.**

**Present:** Cllrs Mrs P.Ancliff, A.Fogg (in the Chair), M.Grundy, R.Hardy, J.Joyce, E.Woodward. In attendance: DCC Cllr Mrs A.Noskwith and Mr W.Major (the candidate selected to replace Mrs Noskwith who will not seek re-election in May 2009), EBC Cllr D.Orchard, Mr S.Leleux, Clerk.

**Apologies:** Cllr Mrs R.Hobbs, M.O'Neill, EBC Cllr Mrs V.Clare.

**08-76            Public Session**

None.

**08-77            Minutes**

The Minutes of 10 July were accepted and signed.

**08-78            Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Fogg concerning Stanton Regeneration.

**Matters Arising**

**08-79            Sandbags (08-63)**

Despite several reminders and promises of 'delivery next week' there was still no sign of the box.

**08-80            Paved Area at Village Hall (08-65)**

Two quotes had been received, but since the first one was made most of the slabs to be used had been removed. It was therefore agreed to request a revised quote, including the supply of

slabs. It was proposed by Cllr Grundy, seconded by Cllr Woodward, that the cheaper person be asked to do the job. All were in favour.

**08-81 Brook Cottage (08-66)**

The Clerk had received a letter from EBC explaining terms and their interpretation. It was agreed to invite a Planning Officer to speak at the next meeting.

**08-82 Car on Verge (08-68)**

The car has now disappeared. However, DCC Highways are now doing work in the village, including laying some tactile crossings and resurfacing at the traffic lights. Their plant is parked on the grass verge near the RPC notice board.

**08-83 Cedar Trees at 46 Derby Road (08-69)**

The trees had been felled, and also a car port. It was agreed to ask EBC for reasons why the trees died and what replacements, if any, are to be planted.

**08-84 Correspondence**

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. Recresco recycling system - Multi-Materials Recycling Bank 'for as little as £2.50 per day'
- B. EBC - Suggestions for new street names for Risley. It was agreed to ignore this in view of experience elsewhere in Erewash where suggested names had been ignored.
- C. Mrs Barker, 2 Derby Road - Complaint about cars being parked on grass at the traffic lights, which are often left all day, several people then continuing in one vehicle. In response to a letter about the procedure for bollards, DCC suggested either having a cultivation licence to permit bulbs and shrubs to be planted, or to extend the double yellow lines in Rushy Lane to the full length of the grass. As bulbs do not deter parking, it was agreed to ask for the double yellow lines to be extended, and to inform the police of the problem here.
- D. Reports of dead dog/fox in brook by golf course. The groundsman was informed and the body removed.
- E. DALC Newsletters: Election dates - Members favoured all elections being on the same day, promotion of well being, Corporate Manslaughter Act 2007, DALC President 2008-9 nominations (by 29 August), Communities in Control (EBC notified after last meeting, DALC briefing paper promised), AGM Matlock 6 September 11 am, training, annual report
- F. EBC Volunteer News
- G. EBC Borough & Parish Councils' Forum - Minutes
- H. East Midlands Airport - Community & Environment Investment Report 2007/8
- I. EBC - Tree Wardens meeting, York 19 October
- J. East Midlands (new) Fire & Rescue Control Centre at Castle Donnington
- K. The Playing Field magazine - DRCC
- L. Sherwood Foresters Western Front Memorial Committee: Request for £30 towards cost of a WW1 Memorial to Foresters, to be erected near Ypres. Agreed to contribute (Section 137), three Risley men (at least) having been Foresters when they were killed.
- M. Govt Office for East Midlands - Regional Plan consultation over proposed changes**
- N. Spring - Stanton Works Site Design Enquiry Newsletter**
- O. Friends of Elvaston - Request that RPC joins the group to bring additional pressure on DCC regarding its future use.**

**P. DCC Highways - Horse riding signs in Rushy Lane (see 08-51-C, June 2008) are not necessary as visibility is good and drivers expect to encounter horses in a rural area.**

**Q. Sundry advertising**

#### **08-85 Accounts for Payment**

It was resolved that the following be paid:

A.	Premier Landscaping - Work at First Avenue field	330.00
B.	Woodland Landscapes - Mowing	822.50
C.	S.A.Leleux - Clerk Salary & Expenses (2 months)	341.27
D.	Inland Revenue - Clerk's tax (allows for £100 incentive payment)	14.95
E.	Sherwood Foresters Western Front Memorial Committee	30.00

#### **08-86 Planning Applications**

##### ***Previous Applications***

A. None.

##### ***New Applications***

1. 80 Derby Road - Erection of a two-storey detached dwelling: Concern was expressed at the probable loss of trees, some being covered by TPOs, on the site if this development was allowed. In addition, it was believed that there was a right of way across the site to the field behind.

#### **08-87 Footpath Walk (08-73)**

Although posters have been distributed to nearby parishes 'Walk through areas threatened by proposed new roads' it was agreed not to invite the media to the event, but instead to organise another walk and invite them when the route was known. Refreshments will be organised by Cllr Hardy. It was proposed by Cllr Joyce, seconded by Cllr Ancliff, that Section 137 be used for the refreshments etc. All were in favour.

#### **08-88 Budget Proposals**

Councillors had been asked to consider items for inclusion in next year's budget. The only items suggested were provision for continued bulb planting and provision for donations.

#### **Observations from Councillors**

##### **08-89 Obstruction in First Avenue**

It was reported that Sandiacre youths had sometimes parked their motor scooters beside the field gate in First Avenue, obstructing the drives to nearby residences. It was agreed to inform the police of the potential problem.

##### **08-90 Bulbs for Verge**

It was announced that volunteers would soon be needed to plant the new season's bulbs in the verges. Additional signs on lamp posts may be necessary.

##### **08-91 Tree Planting on Playing Fields**

The Clerk said that he had applied for a grant for this work from Awards for All, and it was also stated that the Woodland Trust gave grants for work of this kind.

##### **08-92 EBC Report**

Cllr Orchard reported that EBC was no longer under government intervention, in other words the Audit Commission was satisfied that it now managed its finances appropriately.

**08-93 DCC Report**

Cllr Mrs Noskwith reported that research had shown that the transport cost per head of pupils to denominational schools was considerably more than to non-denominational schools, and at some future date parents would be charged about £300pa per child (for a maximum of two children) for transport to a denominational school.

**08-94 Vice-chairman**

Cllr Fogg said that his interest in Stanton Regeneration access routes meant that he would often have to retire from meetings, and consequently could not properly act as Vice-chairman. He therefore offered to resign from this office if other Councillors thought that RPC's interests would be served better if he did so. At present there was no real problem, but this might not always be the case. No-one agreed that he should cease to be Vice-chairman, so he will continue to hold that office.

**08-95 Stanton Regeneration (08-75)**

By agreement, this item was moved to the end of the meeting. Cllr Fogg declared an interest and left. Cllr Woodward then took the Chair. Councillors agreed that Spring's presentation had given very little new information.

The Parish Councils Joint Co-ordinating & Advisory Committee had met with Councillors from Risley, Sandiacre, and Trowell, and the Clerk from Dale Abbey. Stanton-by-Dale Parish Council did not seem to be very interested but wanted to be kept informed. The group determined its terms of reference, which included a change of name deleting any reference to action. So far there was a lack of information about the activities of the main Action Group. The proposed density of buildings was an expressed concern. Its next meeting will be on 22 September.

The meeting closed at 8:55pm.

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RISLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

in Risley Village Hall on Thursday 8 October 2008 at 7:00pm.

Present: Cllrs Mrs P.Ancliff, A.Fogg, M.Grundy, Mrs R.Hobbs, J.Joyce, M.O'Neill. In attendance: Mr W.Major (the candidate selected to replace DCC Cllr Mrs Noskwith in 2009 elections), EBC Cllr Mrs V.Clare, Mr S.Leleux, Clerk.

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

### **08-96 Public Session**

None.

### **08-97 Minutes**

The Minutes of 1 September were accepted and signed.

### **08-98 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Fogg concerning Stanton Regeneration.

### **Matters Arising**

#### **08-99 Sandbags (08-79)**

The box had been delivered and placed close to the wall in the churchyard near the gate. All the stock of sandbags had been put in it. It was noted that the box itself needed leveling and both ends put on bricks. Provision of sand or other filling is the users' responsibility.

#### **08-100 Paved Area at Village Hall (08-80)**

Mr Ainsworth quoted £210 to include purchase of slabs, so he had been asked to do the work. He has also been asked to assemble the picnic table on the slabs. The Chairman will meet him to discuss the exact location of the slabbed area.

#### **08-101 Cedar Trees at 46 Derby Road (08-69)**

EBC reported that there was no obvious reason for the cedar trees to have died, although there was a strong suspicion it was due to the unauthorised pruning. Suitable replacements, approved by EBC, must be planted this season. Councillors reported that the front garden here had recently been landscaped and no replacement trees were obvious. It was therefore agreed to ask EBC to investigate and remind the owner of his obligations.

#### **08-102 Footpath Walk (08-87)**

About 40 people had participated, on a lovely day. It had been the best walk for years! There had even been a request for a second annual walk! The Clerk was instructed to thank Mrs Hardy for providing her home made cakes for the refreshments. A number of the walkers had come from elsewhere in Erewash and Amber Valley. There did not appear to be anyone present just because of the threat of a new road in the area, although all were interested in it. It was noted that some stiles were too high for comfort.

#### **08-103 Tree Planting on Playing Fields (08-91)**

Cllr Ancliff reported on the site meeting with Cllr Woodward and a consultant. He recommended either a group of six trees in each of the eastern corners of the field, or an

avenue with two rows of six trees parallel to and near the southern boundary hedge. Problems would be hedge cutting and mowing, and when the trees were young watering as there was no supply on the field. It was pointed out that the views of nearby residents should be obtained. It was noted that the avenue could be planted parallel to the northern boundary if the football goal posts were moved. Protective frames cost about £115 each, and trees around £70 depending on species. The Clerk reported that the grant application had been returned but he was reapplying.

#### **08-104 Correspondence**

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. DALC Newsletters: Code of Conduct (Chairman reported further changes are in progress), Elections to English National Parks
- B. Community Environmental Action Projects: Disabled access surveys
- C. EBC: Draft Greenprint for Biodiversity in Erewash, public consultation (to 3 Nov) - forms available from Town Halls, libraries or EBC website.
- D. Standards Board newsletter
- E. EBC: Derbyshire Place Survey of 4000 random residents -posters displayed
- F. Tessa Oates - Horse riding on Rushy Lane
- G. DCC Young Achievers Award 2008
- H. EBC Borough & Parish Councils' Forum: Agenda for meeting on Wednesday 8 October, Ilkeston Town Hall, 6:30pm
- I. EBC Local Development Framework newsletter
- J. Dept for Communities & Local Government: Consultation on making and enforcing bylaws. No objection to proposals.
- K. Erewash Community Safety Partnership: Consultation about making Erewash Borough Designated Public Place Order. Councillors thought this was a good idea, and should help reduce the nuisance and litter caused by young drinkers. EBC Cllr reported that it was hoped to have the order in place before Christmas. There were major problems with under age drinkers in several areas: Breaston, Draycott, Ockbrook & Borrowash, West Hallam.

#### **08-105 Accounts for Payment**

It was resolved that the following be paid:

A.	Cornish King - Bulbs for verges	325.11
B.	Woodland Landscapes - Mowing	599.25
C.	S.A.Leleux - Clerk Salary & Expenses	193.84
D.	Park Hall Designs - Website maintenance	130.36
E.	EBC - Play Scheme	465.00
F.	BlueBell Arboretum & Nursery: Tree report	55.7

The direct debit of £1122.56 for the PWLB loan is due shortly.

#### **08-106 Planning Applications**

##### ***Previous Applications***

- A. 80 Derby Road - Erection of a two-storey detached dwelling: Approved.

##### ***New Applications***

- 1. White House, Derby Road: Conservation Area & Planning Consents required for demolition of outbuilding and erection of a conservatory to the rear elevation. Cllr Mrs Hobbs declared an interest and took no part in the discussion. No objection.

**08-107 Budget Proposals**

The Chairman gave a report of the Borough & Parish Councils' Forum meeting earlier in the week at which both budgets and concurrent functions had been discussed. EBC policy was to limit concurrent functions to 2.5% except for any involving utility bills. The level of a parish's precept was its concern, and which EBC could make comments if there was a steep increase it acted only as the collection agency for the parish. It was desirable to have regular quarterly reports on expenditure, to check for possible overspending and make suitable provision if it could not be avoided. The Clerk agreed to produce year-to-date figures for the next meeting, and he was due to meet (as previously agreed) Cllr Woodward to discuss the budget. Suggestions for inclusion were provision to respond to 'good causes', and the restoration of the pavement at the Risley Garage site, if DCC Highways permitted. The Clerk will investigate the possibility.

**Observations from Councillors**

**08-109 Nook Bridlepath**

It was reported that potholes in the bridlepath to the Nook were a hazard; a resident had fallen and hurt herself badly. Cllr Fogg & Joyce agreed to make enquiries to discover ownership of the bridleway, as a first step in having repairs put in hand.

**08-110 Flooding a Churchyard Gate**

It was reported that the two drains in the pavement near the churchyard gate were not at the lowest point, so water collected in a very large puddle across the entrance. DCC Highways will be informed.

**08-111 Verges**

Recent mowing, admittedly while the ground was very wet, had caused a lot of damage to the grass, particularly at the eastern end of the village. The standard of work had deteriorated.

**08-112 Risley Signs**

It was reported that the Risley signs on Derby Road (at Rising Lea) and Breaston Lane were green with algae and needed cleaning. DCC Highways will be informed.

**08-113 Risley Pavements**

It was noted that although pavements had often been patched, it was many years since most had been properly resurfaced, and this should be brought to the attention of DCC Highways. It was also noted that some pavement work had been done as part of the recent resurfacing of the road at the traffic lights.

**08-114 Bulb Planting**

Volunteers were required to plant bulbs in the verges.

**08-115 Plastic Bags in Playing Field**

It was reported that small empty plastic bags were frequently found under benches in the play area. It was assumed they had contained drugs. The Police will be informed.

**08-116 Dog Fouling**

It was reported that dog fouling was a problem on a number of footpaths. Dog walkers either failed to clear up after their dog, or cleared up then hung the bag in the hedge. EBC Dog Warden will be asked for suitable signs.

Cllr Fogg left at this point, 8:55pm.

**08-117 Stanton Regeneration (08-95)**

It was announced at the recent Borough & Parishes' Forum that a new committee had been formed, with representatives of DCC, Notts CC, EBC, Broxtowe BC, Highways Agency, and Spring, to consider access to the Stanton site. It was not even certain that a new road was necessary. A letter is being sent to the Minister about the possibility of a new junction 25A at Stanton Gate. The first planning application is not now expected until the autumn of 2009. It was also reported that Spring has not yet legally completed the purchase of the site.

The Parish Councils Joint Committee had been given a presentation by the action group, now known as Green Squeeze. It had advised making concerns known in advance of any planning application, so RPC will consider its response at the next meeting.

EBC Cllr Mrs Clare said that the EBC lead member for planning, Cllr Jeff Smith, was trying hard to obtain the 'best possible development' at Stanton.

The meeting closed at 9:10pm.

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RISLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

in Risley Village Hall on Thursday 11 December 2008 at 7:00pm.

Present: Cllrs Mrs P.Ancliff, A.Fogg, M.Grundy, R.Hardy, Mrs R.Hobbs,M.O'Neill (in the Chair), E.Woodward. In attendance: DCC Cllr Mrs Noskwith, Mr W.Major (chosen to replace Cllr Mrs Noskwith at the next DCC elections), Mr S.Leleux, Clerk.

**Apologies:** Cllr J.Joyce, EBC Cllrs Mrs V.Clare, D.Orchard.

### **08-140 Public Session**

None.

### **08-141 Minutes**

The Minutes of 13 November 2008 were accepted and signed.

### **08-142 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Fogg concerning Stanton Regeneration, and Cllr Mrs Hobbs concerning 16 Derby Road.

### **Matters Arising**

#### **08-143 Missing Breaston Lane Sign (08-133)**

EBC had written saying that a replacement sign will be added to next batch ordered and will be replaced when there are sufficient to do, but no time scale was given.

#### **08-144 Dog Waste**

EBC had written saying that 'dog owners are expected to be responsible and pick up waste from their dogs no matter what location.'

#### **08-145 Rights of Way (08-127, 134 )**

Nothing had been heard from DCC Footpaths Officer regarding maintenance of bridleways, either in general or at The Nook in particular, nor any comment about the bridge in The City. The Clerk will write again.

#### **08-146 Red Telephone Box (08-135)**

No information about costs had yet been received from EBC, despite reminders.

#### **08-147 Traffic Lights (08-136)**

Although there had been some adjustment to the traffic lights, and the right turning arrow for eastbound traffic along Derby Road turning into Bostocks Lane did occasionally operate, observation suggested that it operated only when there was a queue of significant length waiting to turn. DCC will be asked to make it operate if any vehicles are waiting to turn.

#### **08-148 Bulb Planting**

The Clerk had written to several people who had helped to plant bulbs this year, but it was pointed out that those who had helped two years ago had never been thanked officially. The Clerk was therefore instructed to write to Messrs J.Grundy and J.Windley.

#### **08-149 Correspondence**

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. Carols 2009: The Clerk reported that following contact with the School, Village Hall and Salvation Army Band, the evening of Monday 7 December was acceptable.
- B. EBC Saved Policies Document ie basically parts of the Local Plan retained until they are replaced by new versions.
- C. New Register of Electors has been issued.
- D. BCTV Newsletter, asking whether there are any suitable projects in Risley
- E. Green Squeeze (Stanton Redevelopment Action Group), asking whether RPC shared its concerns. It was agreed to reply making no comment, so that RPC could not be accused of prejudging any proposal arising from Stanton redevelopment and thereby be disqualified from making any comment regarding planning applications etc.
- F. EMDA Newsletter
- G. DCC - Request for information about parish newsletters: Agreed to supply it.
- H. Sundry advertising

**08-150 Accounts for Payment**

It was resolved that the following be paid:

A.	Audit Commission - Audit	334.88
B.	Woodland Landscapes - Mowing	164.50
C.	Stanton-by-Dale PCC - Reprographics	86.25
D.	S.A.Leleux - Clerk Salary & Expenses	196.03
E.	Post Office Ltd - Clerk's tax	67.31
F.	Risley PCC - Churchyard maintenance (concurrent functions)	515.00
G.	M.Paul - City streetlight (concurrent functions)	30.00

It was also agreed that a cheque to pay Stacey's invoice for mince pies could be signed at the Carols event.

**08-151 Planning Applications**

*Previous Applications*

1. The Nook - Extension to existing garage: Refused.

*New Applications*

1. 16 Derby Road - Erection of conservatory to rear/side: Cllr Mrs Hobbs declared her interest and took no part in this item. No objection.

**08-151 Carol Arrangements**

Arrangements for the Carols Round the Tree were agreed. The lights have not yet been installed so the Clerk will remind EBC. Lesson readers will be a Risley School pupil, and representatives of Not So Young and WI, and a Councillor. As the carols chosen are the same each year, it was agreed to print 200 carol sheets, but without a date so any surplus could be used next year. The Clerk will order and collect ten dozen mince pies from Stacey's, and Cllr Fogg will organise drinks and biscuits. Expenses will be charged to Section 137 as in previous years. Mr Tryner will be asked to act as MC as usual.

**08-152 Freedom of Information Act (08-132)**

Cllr Fogg proposed, seconded by Cllr Mrs Hobbs, that the new model scheme should be adopted. All were in favour. The Clerk's suggestions for information to be put on the website, or to be available only as hard copy, were accepted. It was agreed that any request involving hard copy should be agreed by the Council at its next meeting before providing it. The cost of hard copies was to be £5 plus the cost of the actual copies.

**08-153 Land at Village Hall (08-137)**

It was agreed that the land, as it was at present, was unsuitable for public use due to being very uneven and with large boulders hidden in the grass. The extent of work necessary to make it safe to use could be assessed once the long grass had been strimmed and raked away. It is likely that grants could be obtained for any work required, but an accurate quotation was necessary before any application could be made. The Clerk was instructed to ask EBC what work could be done without requiring planning consent.

**Observations from Councillors**

**08-154 Gutter Cleaning**

It was reported that the gutters near Rising Lea had been cleared by EBC, and it was agreed EBC should be asked to continue this work as far as the School. It was also reported that the gully on Derby Road at the end of the bridleway to The Nook was so full of silt that the ironwork was obscured. DCC will be asked to clear it.

**08-155 Tree in Manhole**

It was reported that a tree is growing in a manhole situated beside the footpath near the entrance to Rising Lea.

**08-156 Hedge at First Avenue Play Area**

It was reported that the hedge within the fenced-off play area at First Avenue field was excessively high and badly needed cutting back to its former height. Alternatively, it could be laid. It was pointed out that any work done needed to maintain the privacy of the gardens in Second Avenue which backed on to the hedge. Ownership of the hedge also had to be determined.

**08-157 January Meeting**

It was agreed to begin the January meeting at 6:30pm, so that it would finish early.

Cllr Fogg left at this point.

**08-158 Stanton Regeneration (08-139)**

A letter from Liz Blackman MP was read, saying that although Spring had withdrawn from the Stanton project, the site's owners St Gobain wanted to 'take the proposals forward'. She said also that the group investigating transport and access was expected to report its proposals in February, at which time there will be further presentations to parish councils. 'There will also follow a further round of public consultation in the spring prior to the submission of any application'. In view of this, Councillors agreed not to discuss Risley's actual and potential traffic problems, but to wait until there were one or more actual proposals to consider.

The meeting closed at 8:30pm.

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RISLEY PARISH COUNCIL

in Risley Village Hall on Thursday 8 January 2009 at 6:30pm.

Present: Cllrs Mrs P.Ancliff, A.Fogg, M.Grundy, R.Hardy, Mrs R.Hobbs, J.Joyce, M.O'Neill (in the Chair). In attendance: DCC Cllr Mrs Noskwith, EBC Cllrs Mrs V.Clare, D.Orchard, Mr S.Leleux, Clerk, two members of the public.

In the absence of both Chairman and Vicechairman, Cllr Joyce was chosen to take the Chair.

**Apologies:** Cllr E.Woodward.

## **08-159 Public Session**

None.

## **08-160 Minutes**

The Minutes of 11 December 2008 were accepted and signed, after noting that there were two items number 151, so Carol Arrangements was renumbered 151A. It was also noted that Mr Major was just a member of the public.

Cllrs Fogg & O'Neill arrived at 6:35pm. Cllr O'Neill took the Chair.

## **08-161 Declarations of Interest**

None.

## **Matters Arising**

### **08-162 Rights of Way (08-145)**

DCC Rights of Way had written saying that DCC was responsible for maintaining bridleways due to normal usage. It was therefore agreed that they should be asked to inspect all the bridleways in Risley, particularly the one from Derby Road to the Nook, whose surface was now a hazard to pedestrians. The bridge in the City is to be inspected.

### **08-163 Red Telephone Box (08-146)**

Two options were available, to purchase the box without any telephone equipment (price £1) or to sponsor a box with an operable telephone. After some discussion it was proposed by Cllr Grundy, seconded by Cllr Fogg, to purchase the box but without a telephone. All were in favour.

### **08-164 Tree in Manhole (08-155)**

It was reported that Severn Trent had dealt with the tree is growing in a manhole. Cllr Grundy agreed to check the work.

### **08-165 Hedge at First Avenue Play Area (08-156)**

Premier Landscaping quoted £180 to cut the hedge within the play area, and planting quicks as necessary in the gaps. It was agreed to accept the quote.

## **08-166 Correspondence**

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. Erewash Community Volunteers - Newsletter, posters
- B. DCC Minerals & Waste Development Framework - Consultation

- C. Derbyshire Directory - Newsletter
- D. DALC - Derbys Transport Group: Agreed to mention the times displayed electronically on bus stops until the next bus is due are often widely inaccurate.
- E. Risley School - Rumour of new double yellow road markings outside the School. No-one had heard anything, and no such lines had been painted over Christmas.
- F. DCC Highways: Gully at end of Nook bridleway cleared out, traffic lights timing passed to Traffic Control, bridge in The City passed to Structures Section
- G. Green Squeeze - Notice of public meeting in Risley Village Hall, 15 January 7:30pm
- H. Risley Hall Park Residents' Association - Thanks for RPC support of the 'veranda clause'.
- I. Communities & Local Government - Consultation on code of recommended practice on local authority publicity
- J. JPD Sons Ltd - Questions relating to their quote for reinstating the pavement at Meadow Court flats.
- K. Sundry advertising

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

#### **08-165 Accounts for Payment**

It was resolved that the following be paid:

A.	Stacey's - Mince pies (signed at the Carols)	36.72
B.	Park Hall Designs - Website	60.00
C.	Salvation Army - Carols	125.00
D.	S.A.Leleux - Clerk Salary & Expenses	178.01

#### **08-166 Planning Applications**

##### *Previous Applications*

None.

##### *New Applications*

1. Risley Hall - Amendment to Section 106. No objection.

#### **08-167 Carols Around the Tree (08-151)**

Although the lights on the trees had not been turned on until the day of the event, everything went smoothly and only a few mince pies were left over. The collection had raised £90.46, and it was agreed to use Section 137 to make up the donation for the Salvation Army to £125.00. In order to obtain more benefit from the lights, and avoid last minute delays, it was agreed in future to ask for the lights to be turned on for Advent Sunday ie four Sundays before Christmas.

#### **08-168 Freedom of Information Act (08-152)**

A number of drafts for display on the website were examined, amended as necessary, and approved.

#### **08-169 Land at Village Hall (08-153)**

EBC said that the recently purchased land was still classed as agricultural, so planning consent would be required for any change of use. It was agreed to accept a quote from Premier Landscaping of £110 for strim this area, so that the extent of the work could be assessed. Cllr Fogg agreed to obtain a quote to do the necessary levelling to make the area safe to walk on.

## **Observations from Councillors**

### **08-170           Trees**

It was reported that surface roots of a large silver birch at 50 Derby Road (subject to a TPO) had been cut in order to lay a garden kerb nearby, and it was agreed to inform EBC of this apparently unauthorised work. As planting suitable replacements had been a condition of felling the cedar trees at 46 Derby Road, and nothing appeared to be happening, it was agreed to inform EBC of the need to take action (see 08-124, November).

### **08-171           Footpath on Golf Course**

It had been noticed that the section of footpath between two bridges on the golf course near The Nook was extremely muddy, due to regular use by a tractor hauling waste to a tip for burning. It was agreed to report this to DCC Footpaths, to have a suitable surface restored. As doubt was expressed at the legality of burning waste, it was also agreed to inform EBC Environmental Health.

### **08-172           Play Equipment Inspection**

As Woodland Landscapes had made very few inspections, unlike Mr Boddy who had reported regularly every month, the Clerk had asked Premier Landscaping to quote, and had replied £45 per month. Councillors agreed that regular inspection was desirable, but asked for additional quotes before making a decision.

### **08-173           EBC Report**

EBC Cllr D.Orchard gave a brief report on some current matters at the Borough Council. In response to a letter, the Minister had said that a new station at Ilkeston was up to DCC & NCC to discuss, and a new junction 25A was not an option for improving local roads. Although Spring has pulled out, Saint Gobain is actively seeking a developer for the Stanton site. The Borough's budget was difficult, not least because it had to find £700K towards the cost of free travel made by Gold Card holders (mainly over 60s). The lack of a Christmas tree in Bostocks Lane close to the intersection roundabout had caused a lot of adverse comment. It was pointed out by Councillors that this tree had never been the responsibility of RPC, and the opinion was voiced that its loss was an economy cut, followed by the suggestion that any future planning consent for development on the small field nearby should include the requirement to provide and light a Christmas tree on the verge here. RPC Councillors expressed concern that they were unaware of a current application for this site, having had the opportunity to comment in the past.

The meeting closed at 8:00pm.

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RISLEY PARISH COUNCIL

in Risley Village Hall on Thursday 12 February 2009 at 7:00pm.

Present: Cllrs Mrs P.Ancliff, M.Grundy, R.Hardy, Mrs R.Hobbs, E.Wodward. In attendance: EBC Cllrs Mrs V.Clare, D.Orchard, Mr S.Leleux, Clerk, one member of the public.

In the absence of both Chairman and Vicechairman, Cllr Mrs Ancliffe was chosen to take the Chair.

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

## **08-174 Public Session**

None.

## **08-175 Minutes**

The Minutes of 8 January 2009 were signed as a true record.

## **08-176 Declarations of Interest**

None.

## **Matters Arising**

### **08-177 Rights of Way (08-162)**

DCC Rights of Way had written, saying that the Bridleways to The Nook & Risley Lodge Farm will be inspected in February; the one to Peat Meadow Farm was inspected in November 2008, met 'Ease of Use Criteria' and no defects were reported. The problem with the path at the golf course will be investigated. It was agreed that the Clerk should also write.

### **08-178 Tree in Manhole (08-164)**

Cllr Grundy reported that the tree was still growing in the manhole, and showed a photograph of a nearby manhole overflowing after heavy rain. Severn Trent will be asked to return.

### **08-179 Hedge at First Avenue Playing Field (08-165)**

It was reported that this had been cut well.

### **08-180 Play Equipment Inspection (08-172)**

Quotes were obtained from two other firms and it was agreed to use the lowest, from Playground Supplies Ltd, which was used by Sandiacre Parish Council. Woodland Landscapes will be told their contract is cancelled.

Cllrs R.Hardy and E.Woodward arrived at 7:10pm.

## **08-181 Correspondence**

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. HM Revenue & Customs: Query over the Clerk's PAYE.
- B. EBC - Trees at 46 Derby Road: No breach of conditions had yet taken place, but as it was nearing the end of the planting season a reminder will be sent, with the threat of action if the planting requirement is ignored
- C. Lowland Derbyshire Biodiversity Partnership: Questionnaire which was completed at the meeting.

- D. Bruce Broughton - FoI queries for website: It was agreed that Councillors' addresses and phone numbers should not appear, just a link to their names and photographs, with contact via the Clerk.
- E. EBC Borough Blitz 2 to 29 March: Several litter hot spots were identified, in the Nature Reserve, Bluebell Wood, laybys in No Mans Lane, and on the slip road from the A52 to the interchange roundabout.
- F. DALC Newsletters: Includes information on Power to Promote Well Being
- G. DRCC Newsletter & Report
- H. Derbyshire Police - Vision Survey questionnaire.
- I. Calor Village of the Year Competition - Agreed to ignore.
- J. Dale Abbey Parish Council - Traffic problems due to black ice on No Man's Lane. It was agreed to support their request that DCC should grit this road which is used by the Risley School bus from Stanton-by-Dale.
- K. EBC - Training for 'E-Consultations on Planning Applications' 6pm Wednesday 11 March at Long Eaton Town Hall. It was agreed that Cllr Mrs Ancliff and the Clerk should attend. It was reported that Draycott Parish Council had agreed to use electronic methods for considering planning applications only if EBC provided the necessary equipment.
- L. EBC Parish Forum - The next meeting will be on 27 April at 6:30pm in Long Eaton Town Hall.
- M. EBC Local Development Frameworks Newsletter - Included section on the current position regarding redevelopment at Stanton Works. As any proposals for new access routes have not yet been made public it was not considered necessary to call a meeting of the Councils Joint Committee at present.
- N. Sacre Annual Report
- O. EBC - Erewash Canal Access Strategy: Notice of exhibitions at Ilkeston and Long Eaton
- P. Sundry advertising

### **08-182 Accounts for Payment**

It was resolved that the following be paid:

A.	EBC Christmas tree & lights	976.17
B.	Premier Landscaping - Hedge cutting and strimming at Village Hall	290.00
C.	British Telecom - Telephone box at The Park (see 08-184)	1.00
D.	S.A.Leleux - Clerk Salary & Expenses	173.79

### **08-183 Planning Applications**

#### ***Previous Applications***

1. 16 Derby Road - Conservatory: Approved.

#### ***New Applications***

1. Land east of 56 Bostocks Lane - Erection of office building, creation of car park and other associated works: It was agreed that that the proposed 3-storey development is too high, bearing in mind that it will be in view of nearby houses and will not be shielded by trees, unlike the site opposite. The proposed development will be easily visible by nearby residents looking forwards or slightly sideways from their front windows. Councillors also questioned whether the proposed parking provision is adequate, and in particular whether it caters for the anticipated number of visitors as well as for those working on the site. The present access road to the nearby houses should be blocked immediately beyond the site access, and a new connection made to Bostocks Lane at the north end of the cul de sac for use by residents, to reduce the

possibility of unauthorised parking in this road by visitors (as was done by many visitors to the site opposite). Some clearance work is already being done on site and concern was expressed about the safety of trees and hedges protected by TPOs.

Cllr O'Neill arrived at 7:55pm during this item and took the Chair.

**08-184 Red Telephone Box (08-163)**

The agreement to purchase the red telephone box at The Park was signed by the Chairman. It was noted that two panes of glass are currently broken and a supply of spares will be requested. The nearest remaining box is at First Avenue.

**08-185 Land at Village Hall (08-169)**

In the absence of Cllr Fogg this item was held over.

**08-186 Rights of Way Maintenance**

After some discussion, it was agreed that the best use for the annual DCC grant would be to repair the steps near the wooden bridge in the Nature Reserve, and put stone on the path there. Cllr Fogg and Premier Landscaping will be asked to quote for this work.

**Observations from Councillors**

**08-187 Map of Parish**

It was reported that the Derby Evening Telegraph had an offer for large scale maps of Derbyshire parishes on disc, but that for Risley was not yet available.

**08-188 Bulbs**

It was agreed to purchase three bags of bulbs to complete planting the verges in the coming season. Concern was expressed at damage caused by cars parked on the verge and by careless pedestrians, but notices were thought to be ineffective. It was suggested that stout stakes put in the grass would deter casual parking..

**08-189**

**Pavement between Church & Village Hall**

Concern was expressed at the state of this stretch of pavement and the hazard presented by the mud, leaves and snow on it, particularly to the elderly. EBC will be asked to clean it.

**08-190 EBC Report**

EBC Cllr D.Orchard gave a brief report on some current matters at the Borough Council. Following completion of similar work at Ilkeston, the reception and entrance area at Long Eaton Town Hall is being refurbished. The main concern at present was the budget but no figures were available. Current low interest rates had greatly reduced interest received from deposits, and the extensive use of DCC Gold Cards for free bus travel was an additional expense that EBC had to help meet. It was expected DCC rate increase would be 2.9%.

The meeting closed at 8:35pm.

# **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RISLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

in Risley Village Hall on Thursday 12 March 2009 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 Cllr D.Orchard, Mr S.Leleux, Clerk, one member of the public.

**Apologies:** Cllr R.Hardy, EBC Cllr Mrs V.Clare.

## **08-191 Public Session**

None.

## **08-192 Minutes**

The Minutes of 12 February 2009 were signed as a true record.

## **08-193 Declarations of Interest**

None.

## **Matters Arising**

### **08-194 Rights of Way (08-177)**

The Head Groundsman at the Golf Club had invited the Clerk to a site meeting to discuss the path. He agreed to lay broken stone along one side of the path used by a tractor and trailer bringing hedge cutting etc to the bonfire, and continuing to the bridge. Some drainage work would also be done. Councillors reported that this work had been completed and had made a considerable improvement, and the Clerk was instructed to thank the Golf Club.

### **08-195 Tree in Manhole (08-178)**

Although full details of the locations of the affected manholes had been sent to Severn Trent, nothing had been heard from them neither had the necessary work been done. They will be reminded.

### **08-196 Red Telephone Box (08-184)**

Nothing had been heard from BT although the application had been sent.

### **08-197 Land at Village Hall (08-185)**

Cllr Fogg had a contact who had inspected the site and given approximate verbal estimates of likely costs. Lowering the whole area to the level of the car park would require heavy equipment and would cost £3000 - £4000. Scraping the surface to round it and fill the hollows, to make it safe to walk on, then sowing a mixture of grass and wild flowers would cost about £800, plus the cost of any additional soil required. Whether extra soil was necessary depended on the thickness of soil over the known but buried concrete structures there. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Hobbs, seconded by Cllr Woodward, that quotes should be obtained to level and smooth the area sufficiently for it to be safe to walk over. All were in favour.

### **08-198 Rights of Way Maintenance (08-186)**

Premier Landscaping submitted two quotes, for different standards of work to the steps. Cllr Fogg's contact, Mr Salt, also submitted a quote which was both lower and included the path between the steps and bridge. It was proposed by Cllr Woodward, seconded by Cllr Mrs

Hobbs, that Mr Salt's quote be accepted. All were in favour. It was noted that the claim for the grant needed to be made if possible before the end of March and certainly before the end of May.

#### **08-199            Electronic Consultation for Planning Applications (08-181-K)**

Cllr Mrs Ancliff and the Clerk reported on the well attended meeting of parish councillors and clerks to discuss and have demonstrated electronic consultation methods for planning applications. Three parishes - Ockbrook & Borrowash, Sandiacre and West Hallam - have been conducting trials using electronic methods for a year. Information about every planning applications is now loaded on the EBC website, and the clerks are informed by email. Once loaded the details remain available on the site, although financial restrictions mean that applications made before 2005 have not yet been loaded but it is hoped to do this eventually. EBC acknowledge that large applications, such as Bostocks Lane, still need paper documents to be available, but for most routine applications like house extensions and conservatories the electronic methods were quite suitable, provided the plans could be seen at a suitable size. Trial councils reported that viewing plans on a laptop screen was far from easy, but seeing them projected on a suitable screen, with provision to zoom into any feature, was a different matter altogether. The parish representatives were all enthusiastic, but would require EBC to provide suitable equipment (estimated cost £1000 per parish), and EBC said they had no funds to do this, despite the economies which would result if electronic methods were used by every parish. RPC Councillors agreed that the electronic system was a very good idea, although secure storage and insurance for the equipment would be necessary, but EBC would have to provide it. EBC Cllr D.Orchard was asked to take note. RPC comments will be sent to Draycott's Clerk who had asked for comments.

#### **08-200            Correspondence**

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. EBC Community Forums - Parish representatives are wanted. There was reluctance to be involved, as the new forums cover too large an area and many of the issues discussed are of no local relevance.
- B. EBC Concurrent Functions - £9290 provisionally allocated
- C. DCC - Civil parking enforcement, loan of electricity consumption meters, lace & textile celebration day at Clay Cross, Safer Derbyshire magazine
- D. Playground Suplies - Acknowledgment of monthly inspection contract, £35.00 + VAT
- E. Risley Village Hall - Scale of charges wef April2008
- F. Dale Abbey Parish Council - No Mans Lane gritting, and also 'use of the village as a through route in contravention of the 7½ ton weight restriction ... [do we] consider the signage at Rushy Lane is satisfactory or whether this could be improved?' Cllr Fogg thought there could be up to ten large articulated lorries each day using No Man's Lane. He had met one belonging to TDG when driving his tractor, and had subsequently spoken to the TDG Transport Manager. He was very supportive, and wanted to do all he could to reduce this nuisance and hazard. He appreciated that although some of these lorries might not be travelling to or from the TDG depot at West Hallam, he would investigate any reported to him. His direct telephone is 0115 944 6836 and he required the haulier's name and vehicle registration (even if foreign), date and time. (When asked, he told the Clerk that his phone number and willingness to deal with the problem could be publicised in the area.) Cllr Mrs Noskwith said that she would raise this matter at Matlock. As for gritting, Councillors appreciated that DCC could not grit every road. It was suggested that many of those using No Man's Lane as a through route were possibly unaware of the alternative route via Stanton-by-Dale, which was gritted including Dale Road. If suitable signs, stating that No Man's

Lane was not gritted and pointing out an alternative route, were erected near Woodpecker Cottages and in Rushy Lane near the No Man's Lane junction that might reduce the problem. Vehicles using No Man's Lane would then belong mainly to residents who expected to drive on an ungritted road.

- G. Standards Board - Newsletter
- H. DALC - Newsletters - Training, report of Parish Councils' meeting with Police, notification of 2009-10 subscription (£188.29), Conservative Party green paper on local government.
- I. Requests for donations from:
  - 1. Derbyshire Childrens Holiday Centre
  - 2. Erewash Community Transport - uniform replacement.
 It was agreed that the Clerk should prepare a list of all requests for donations received during the year for consideration at the next meeting.
- J. Spinal Injuries Association - Request to display poster for fund raising fish & chip supper (15 May)
- K. EBC - New dog bin at the Nook - Should it be included for weekly emptying? Of course!
- L. EBC - Invitation to speak at the forthcoming Planning Committee meeting about the proposed development at 56 Bostocks Lane. It was agreed that Cllr Fogg should represent RPC. Factors of greatest concern were the height of the building, lack of shielding, insufficient parking space, and access from Bostocks Lane. Concern was expressed at several statements in the Planning Committee agenda which stated that as no objection or adverse comment had been made by an official body eg DCC Highways about an aspect of the proposal this outweighed the objections of the residents and/or RPC relating to that aspect.
- M. Sundry advertising

**08-201 Accounts for Payment**

It was resolved that the following be paid:

A.	M.O'Neil - Chairman's expenses	52.05
B.	Risley Village Hall - Room hire	230.00
	(It was noted that hire for the Footpath Walk had been charged for a full day.)	
C.	Stanton-by-Dale PCC - Photocopying January to March	7.80
D.	Post Office - Clerk's tax	173.86
D.	S.A.Leleux - Clerk Salary & Expenses	201.32

**08-202 Planning Applications**

*Previous Applications*

None received, but see item 08-200-L above.

*New Applications*

None received.

**Observations from Councillors**

**08-203 Daffodils on Verge**

It was reported that many favourable comments had been made, by residents and others, about the display along the verges in Risley. It was noted that some pupils at Friesland School had been seen picking them, then leaving flowers scattered along the pavement. The Clerk will write to the school. (It was also reported that some large boys playing football on the grass has been seen taking care to avoid the daffodils.) Parked vehicles and dumps of building materials are other current hazards for the grass and bulbs.

**08-204 Footpath at Trentham Farm**

Complaints had been received at the excessively muddy state of the footpath from No Man's Lane past Trentham Farm to Park Farm. The Clerk will write to the owner.

Cllr Joyce apologised and left at this point (8:40pm).

**08-205 Trees at 46 Derby Road**

As there was still no sign of any replacement trees being planted here the Clerk was instructed to inform EBC.

**08-206 Pavement past the Risley Park**

It was reported that mulch from the shrubbery fell on to the pavement and created a nuisance. The Clerk was instructed to ask for the pavement to be swept regularly.

**08-207 Village Hall Field**

The Chairman reported a request from the organisers of a charity event at the Village Hall to erect a shelter for a band on the Village Hall field. Permission was granted.

**08-208 EBC Report**

EBC Cllr D.Orchard reported that council rates would increase by 2.5%. Of the money collected by EBC (approximately £51m), £5.8m was for EBC, £37m for DCC, £5.6m for the Police and £2.3m for Fire & Rescue. The current low interest rates had caused a reduction in money received by about £700K. Fewer planning fees were being received as building work had slowed considerably, causing a further drop in income. The Borough's share of travel card costs was about £700K. Overall, 19 EBC jobs were at risk.

The meeting closed at 8:50pm.

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RISLEY PARISH COUNCIL

in Risley Village Hall on Thursday 9 April 2009 at 7:05pm.

Present: Cllrs Mrs P.Ancliff, A.Fogg, M.Grundy, R.Hardy, J.Joyce, M.O'Neill (in the chair), E.Woodward. In attendance: DCC Cllr Mrs A.Noskwith, EBC Cllrs Mrs V.Clare, D.Orchard, one member of the public.

**Apologies:** Cllr Mrs R.Hobbs, Mr S.Leleux, Clerk.

## **08-209 Public Session**

None.

## **08-210 Minutes**

The Minutes of 12 March 2009 were signed as a true record (proposed Cllr Grundy, seconded Cllr Fogg).

## **08-211 Declarations of Interest**

None.

## **Matters Arising**

### **08-212 Tree in Manhole (08-195)**

Neither Severn Trent nor DCC accept ownership of and therefore responsibility for this manhole (about 15ft from the westbound 40mph/national speed limit sign near Rising Lea). However, in view of evidence that some manholes had lifted and released water to run along the pavement at times of heavy rain, Severn Trent promised to rod and jet the drains in this area, which should detect any interference from tree roots at the disputed manhole.

### **08-213 Red Telephone Box (08-196)**

Following communication with BT, and estimates of the costs involved, it was agreed to keep the light in the telephone box (annual cost about £20) instead of disconnecting the supply (typically £260 under tarmac). A notice giving the location of the nearest operational telephone box will be installed when the box is decommissioned.

### **08-214 Land at Village Hall (08-197)**

No comparative quote yet had been received. The Chairman will approach his contact.

### **08-215 No Man's Lane (08-200-F)**

DCC Cllr Mrs Noskwith reported that signs to the effect 'This road is not gritted, use alternative route' were not acceptable to DCC Highways. However, at the Stanton-by-Dale Parish Meeting it was reported that the steep camber near The Hewarths was a hazard, and merited a sign. It was agreed to support Stanton-by-Dale Parish Council in its efforts to obtain a suitable sign. Cllr Fogg reported that several people had contacted the storage depot about HGVs in No Man's Lane.

### **08-216 Planning Application for 56 Bostocks Lane (08-200-L)**

Cllr Fogg had represented RPC at the EBC Planning Committee meeting to consider this application and reported his observations. He was concerned that the consultation had been rushed, and that the period between notification of residents in early March for a meeting on 18 March was too short for them to respond. He was also concerned that site clearance work

had been done before RPC had seen the final plans. Cllr Orchard had raised several points with EBC, and had been told that once the Inspector handling the appeal in Bristol had made his decision that was final. As for the Christmas tree, that was up to the site owners to provide if they wanted to. Mr S.Mott, of EBC, had given permission for the bund to be removed. Cllr Clare had participated in the Planning Committee's site visit, and she had certainly received the impression that those items passed by the Inspector were not open for discussion.

The following issues of concern were identified:

- A. Lack of time for residents to consider the latest plans.
- B. RPC accepted that the site had been approved for development but wanted to amend the proposals to meet local concerns.
- C. There had been no opportunity to make any representations to the Inspectorate.
- D. What could have been done earlier in the process for the residents to have been heard? They did not think they have had any say in this matter.
- E. RPC Councillors feel they have let down their parishioners in this matter.
- F. What notice was given for each stage - when and to whom?

As the result of issues raised by this application, it was proposed by the Chair, seconded by Cllr Fogg, that a senior EBC Planning Officer should be invited to the next RPC meeting to discuss this application, and provide answers to written questions submitted beforehand. All were in favour. It was also agreed that parishioners should be specifically invited to attend.

#### **08-217 Footpath at Trentham Farm (08-204)**

No reply had been received concerning the excessively muddy state of the footpath from No Man's Lane past Trentham Farm to Park Farm.

#### **08-218 Trees at 46 Derby Road (08-205)**

It was reported that two trees had been planted, but it was not known whether EBC had approved them, so EBC will be informed.

#### **08-219 Pavement past the Risley Park (08-206)**

It was reported that the pavement had been swept, but the mulch from the shrubbery had fallen again.

#### **08-220 Correspondence**

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. DCC Minerals & Waste Core Strategy
- B. East Midlands Regional Plan - Partial Review: Results of consultation
- C. EMDA news magazine, any additions to circulation list
- D. Archaeology & Conservation in Derbyshire magazine
- E. DALC Newsletters - Details of Clerk's revised pay scales: Clerk asked to give details of his contract at the next meeting.
- F. Ashfield Council - Results of Nottingham Core Housing Market Area
- G. CPRE - Subscription renewal, increase direct debit by £1 to £29. Agreed to continue.
- H. Audit Commission - Annual Return notification, to be completed by 20 July.
- I. FoI Act - Instructional DVD
- J. EBC Heritage Forum - Next meeting 27 April at Erewash Museum
- K. DCC Highways - Quote for pavement at Risley Garage

- L. EBC Stanton Regeneration newsletter - Planning applications for the site are expected around June 2010. Access plans are expected to be published 'by the beginning of June 2009 at the latest'.
- M. Sundry advertising

**08-221 Accounts for Payment**

It was resolved that the following be paid:

A.	DALC - Subscription 2009-10	188.29
B.	Play-Ground Supplies Ltd - Equipment inspection (2 months)	80.50
C.	Dean Salt - Work in Nature Reserve	350.00
D.	S.A.Leleux - Clerk Salary & Expenses	196.82

Direct debits - CPRE subscription £29.00 and PWLB £1122.56 expected shortly.

**08-222 Draft Accounts 2008-9**

Draft accounts were distributed for information. The EBC booklet accompanying Council Tax demands showed that the parish precept for Risley was the highest in Erewash, and that Hopwell, usually included with Risley, had no parish precept. However, it was agreed not to request that Hopwell should be liable for Risley's precept in future.

**08-223 Planning Applications**

*Previous Applications*

None received, but see 08-216 above.

*New Applications*

None received.

**08-224 Donations**

Having studied details of donations made in the past few years, and recent requests, it was agreed to make a donation (using Section 137) of £50 to each of the following organisations: Erewash Community Transport - for uniforms (see 08-200-I), Risley Parent & Toddler, Brownies, Guides, Cricket Club and Not So Young.

Cllr Hardy apologised and left at this point (8:10pm).

**Observations from Councillors**

**08-225 Nature Reserve**

It was reported that the steps were very good following the recent repairs. It was agreed to request a bench in the Nature Reserve from the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust, to replace one which has long been missing. It was reported that horses from the nearby field were wandering into the Nature Reserve as the stile in the fence was missing. It was agreed that the Wildlife Trust should liaise with Cllr Fogg, who rents the field, to replace it.

**08-226 Christmas Tree**

The Christmas tree has not yet been removed and is an eyesore. It was reported that the Clerk had recently reminded EBC to remove it.

**08-227 Ivy on Bank**

**It was reported phone 939 2515**

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**08-228 Parking in Bostocks Lane**

In view of the existing problem of unauthorised vehicles parking in Bostocks Lane, it was agreed to request that this road should be included in the regular beat of parking wardens.

**08-229 Village Hall Field (08-207)**

The Chairman reported that the charity event at the Village Hall requiring a marquee for a band on the Village Hall field, will be held on 13 June.

**08-230 Rock Festival**

Notice was given of a Rock Festival to be held at Draycott House on 17-19 July.

The meeting closed at 8:55pm.