

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RISLEY PARISH COUNCIL

in Risley Village Hall on Thursday 14 May 2009 at 7:00pm.

Present: Cllrs Mrs P.Ancliff, A.Fogg, M.Grundy, R.Hardy, J.Joyce, M.O'Neill (in the chair), R.Hardy, Mrs R.Hobbs, E.Woodward. In attendance: one member of the public, Mr S.A.Leleux, Clerk.

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

09-23 Public Session

On behalf of Green Squeeze, Mr J.Platt asked the Parish Council to consider making a contribution of £10,000, like Dale Abbey and Stanton-by-Dale Parishes, towards the cost of specialist planning advice when the proposals for the Stanton site were made public. Councillors said it was too late for the current year, but the matter could be considered when next year's budget was planned. He also asked RPC to fund the hire of the Village Hall for public meetings to disseminate information. He said that this was done in Stanton, to save Green Squeeze funds. The Chairman emphasised that RPC could do nothing which would jeopardise its right to comment on any future planning application relating to this project, but he would check with neighbouring parishes and report back. In view of some reports of criticism of RPC's lack of action regarding Stanton Regeneration, it was agreed that an explanation should be included in a future Newsletter.

Mr Platt then left.

09-24 Election of Chairman

Cllr Grundy proposed, seconded by Cllr Hardy, that Cllr O'Neill should continue as Chairman for 2009-10. In the absence of any other nominations Cllr O'Neill was declared elected, and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office before the Councillors.

09-25 Election of Vice-chairman

Cllr Grundy proposed, seconded by Cllr Mrs Hobbs, that Cllr Fogg should continue as Vice-chairman for 2009-10. In the absence of any other nominations Cllr Fogg was declared elected, his comments about possible conflicts of interest regarding Stanton Regeneration being ignored.

09-26 Representatives

The following representatives were agreed:

- A. Willoughby Trust Cllrs Grundy & Joyce (proposed Cllr Mrs Ancliff, seconded Cllr Mrs Hobbs)
- B. CPRE Cllr Mrs Ancliff (proposed Cllr Joyce, seconded Cllr Hardy)
- C. Risley Educational Foundation (Mr Tryner having come to the end of his term of office) Cllr O'Neill (proposed Cllr Grundy, seconded Cllr Fogg)

09-27 Minutes

The Minutes of 9 April 2009 were signed as a true record.

09-28 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Mrs Ancliff (39 Derby Road), Cllrs Fogg & Hardy (Village Hall).

Matters Arising

09-29 Red Telephone Box (09-05)

The process continues, with information being supplied as it is requested.

09-30 Land at Village Hall (09-06)

Dean Salt is willing to quote for the job, but is unable to do it before the autumn. John Cresswell had sent a quote but it could not be found during the meeting. It was agreed that the work should be done sooner rather than later so that the soil could consolidate.

09-31 Planning Application for 56 Bostocks Lane (09-08)

There had been no response to the request for a speaker. It was agreed that a further request should be made.

09-32 Footpath at Trentham Farm (09-09)

The farmer had spoken to Cllr Fogg, who reported that a permission to move the path away from the gates had been refused.

09-33 Trees at 46 Derby Road (09-10)

EBC said that two Sweet Gum trees had been approved for planting, although as it was said that the labels read something else a check will be made.

09-34 Donations (09-16)

Letters of thanks had been received from: Erewash Community Transport, 1st Risley Guides, 2nd Risley Brownies, Risley Not So Young and Risley Baby & Toddler.

09-35 Nature Reserve (09-17)

A letter from the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust gave reasons why the Trust did not want to put a seat into the Nature Reserve. The replacement of the missing stile by a suitable gate, subject to landowner's consent, is being considered by DCC Rights of Way. Cllr Fogg agreed to give relevant information to the Clerk. It was reported that about 50 pupils from Friesland School had camped there recently, but had left a considerable mess behind. The Clerk was instructed to report this to the school.

09-36 Ivy on Bank (09-19)

It was reported that the ivy has now been cut back.

09-37 Parking in Bostocks Lane (09-20)

EBC had replied that the problem had been brought to the attention of the Civil Enforcement Officers who will investigate and report back.

09-38 HGVs on No Man's Lane

Cllr Fogg reported that the number of HGVs using No Man's Lane appeared to have fallen since direct contact had been made with the Transport Manager to report transgressors.

09-39 Correspondence

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. EBC Notification of DCC & European elections on 4 June.
- B. Equality & Human Rights Commission - Public Sector Equality Duties
- C. EBC - Offer of Play Scheme grant: Friesland Sports Centre charges £10.20 for a full day (6 hours) and £5.10 for a half day. Weeks commencing 17 & 24 August are at

present available. It was agreed to book 3 places for 8-10 and 3 for 11-14 for five full days in each of these two weeks, and to apply for the grant.

- D. Local Works: Request to contact MP.
- E. EBC leaflets for Tree Trails in West Park and Victoria Park
- F. EBC Notification of Precept £7010 and Concurrent Functions £9290.
- G. DALC Newsletters: Employment tips, Employment Act 2008, Government response to Matthew Taylor's report on the issues facing rural communities, Action with communities in Rural England including Supervision of Alcohol Sales in Church & Village Halls Order 2009, general news.
- H. Erewash Volunteer Centre newsletter
- I. DALC/Derbyshire County Training Partnership - Power of Well Being , Repton Monday 15 June or Bakewell Wednesday 17 June. £15, max 3 delegates per council
- J. Play Ground Services - Inspection reports. Several minor defects were listed and it was agreed to ask Premier Landscaping to quote for rectifying them.
- K. Erewash Riders Club - Concern over slow progress of making a bridleway from Hopewell to Dale Abbey. Councilors could make no comment, except that they knew the project had been very contentious, they thought it was part of the Midshires Way, and that it had been held back by lack of funding.
- L. Stanton Regeneration - EBC Newsletter & EBC South Community Forum minutes: Outline planning application is likely to be made by St.Gobain in February 2010. 'The technical highway study will now be completed during the summer and that the findings of this study will form part of their public exhibition which will be held on the site in September 2009.'
- M. HM Revenue & Customs - Notification of receipt of annual PAYE submission on line, which will qualify RPC for a small incentive payment in due course.
- N. DCC East Derbyshire Greenway Strategy Review - Consultation, see DCC website
- O. Mencap - Request for donation
- P. Zurich Insurance - Annual Local Council Advisory Service Seminars 2009
- Q. Play-Ground Supplies - Playing field inspection reports. Several small defects were noted, and it was agreed that Premier Landscaping should investigate and rectify them.

Sundry advertising

09-40 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the following be paid:

A.	Play-Ground Supplies Ltd - Inspection	40.25
B.	Park Hall Designs - Website (3 months)	60.00
C.	Woodland Landscapes - Mowing	483.00
D.	Mrs E.A.Gregory - Audit	45.00
D.	S.A.Leleux - Clerk Salary & Expenses	184.18

DCC Minor Rights of Way grant £350.00 had been received.

09-41 Accounts 2008-9

Accounts had been circulated, following audit by Mrs Gregory. Adoption was proposed by Cllr Mrs Hobbs, seconded by Cllr Woodward. All were in favour, so the Chairman signed a copy in the Minute Book. The Clerk drew Councillors' attention to the current balance, over £14,000. It was agreed that it was not excessive, as some playground equipment (particularly the TotLot) needed replacement, there was the possibility of reinstating the pavement at the Risley Garage site, and there was the probable cost of professional planning expertise.

09-42 Annual Return

Sections 1 (summary of accounts), 2 (annual governance statement) & 4 (internal audit report) had been distributed to Councillors. Cllr Hardy proposed, seconded by Cllr Fogg, that section 2 be completed in the affirmative, and the accounts summary be approved. All were in favour. The Chairman and Clerk then signed sections 1 & 2.

09-43 Planning Applications

Previous Applications

The Nook: Notification had been received of an appeal, and the Clerk had sent the Inspector details of Councillors' previous objections (November 2008, 08-130). Also see 09-31 above.

New Applications

1. Risley Village Hall - Replacement windows. Cllr Fogg & Hardy declared an interest and took no part in the discussion, but answered questions as necessary. There were no objections.
2. 39 Derby Road - Demolition of existing garage and erection of two storey side extension with integral garage and porch to front: Cllr Mrs Ancliff declared an interest. She spoke and then took no further part in the discussion. The proposed extension to the front is 1.6m in front of the present building, and some 6m in front of No 37 which is set well back from the road, so would adversely affect the light. Councillors accepted the proposal, provided any new construction on the front of No 39 was in line with the existing porch. Any development should not be in front of the actual building line, particularly in relation to adjoining property.
3. Risley School - Proposed provision of additional hard play surface and two timber storage sheds: No objection.
4. Treetops Hospice - Proposed Annexe extension to south side of existing hospice: Councillors do not object to an extension as such, but any extension must be in keeping with neighbouring old buildings. The proposal was too futuristic and totally out of place in the Conservation Area. It was also noted that any water falling on impervious surfaces would run into the nearby brook, which was already liable to flooding.
5. Treetops Hospice - Outline planning application for two houses on land to the front of Treetops Hospice (the existing emergency car park): This proposal was over development of a restricted site, and was also inappropriate development in the Conservation Area. While Councillors appreciated the desire to build these houses for sale to help fund the proposed annex, if granted the development would set a precedent for others to build in the Conservation Area to alleviate financial problems.

09-44 Insurance

It was agreed to seek additional quotes before renewing the insurance this year (due on 1 June).

Observations from Councillors

09-45 Low Branches at Rush Meadow

It was reported that low branches on trees at Rush Meadow bordering the pavement were a hazard to pedestrians. It was agreed to ask Premier Landscaping to prune them.

09-46 Derby Road Footpath

It had been noticed that DCC was repairing the footpath beside Derby Road east of Borrowash, and the Clerk was instructed to encourage them to continue this work as far as Risley.

09-47 Mowing

1. It was reported that a lady had slipped on wet grass cuttings lying on the pavement, fallen and cut her knee. The contractor will be informed and asked to ensure grass cuttings are cleared up after mowing.
2. It was reported that the verge was not being mown south of the A52 bridge to the Risley boundary at Willowbrook Farm drive. The contractor will be reminded to include this as it is in the contract.
3. Grass behind the Village Hall is not being cut, but it is not in the contract, only Rush Meadow.

09-48 Park Inspection

It was reported that a resident was very favourably impressed to learn that Councillors made regular inspections of the play equipment.

The meeting closed at 9:45pm.

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Present: Cllrs Mrs P.Ancliff, A.Fogg, R.Hardy, J.Joyce, M.O'Neill (in the chair), Mrs R.Hobbs, E.Woodward. In attendance: DCC Cllr W.Major, EBC Cllrs D.Orchard & Mrs V.Clare, four members of the public (three of whom live in Bostocks Lane), Mr R.Snow (EBC Planning), Mr S.A.Leleux, Clerk.

Apologies: Cllr M.Grundy (ill).

09-49 Public Session

Mr Snow had been invited to speak about the process of handling planning applications, with particular reference to the proposed office development near 56 Bostocks Lane. He began with an overview of the site's planning history. In January 2005 application was made for outline permission for office development on the site. It was turned down by EBC in March 2005 but went to appeal and was approved in July 2005. This established the right to build offices on the site, and helped to influence subsequent applications. A application for 'reserved matters' was made in September 2007 (RPC minute 07-116) but was found to be invalid and was withdrawn. A full application for two office buildings was made in December 2007. Mr Snow apologised that RPC had not been given the opportunity to comment on this application due to oversight. As it was very similar to the two building proposal approved on appeal the EBC Planning Committee approved it in March 2008.

Subsequently, in December 2008, there was a second full application for a single three storey office building. This was approved in March 2009 after a number of modifications had been negotiated with the developer. While there is now permission for two different developments on the same site, it seems likely that the later three storey one will be actually built. In response to a question, Mr Snow pointed out that while planning consent lasted for only three years, once construction began the permission was for an indefinite period, and a single trench dug in an appropriate position for drainage or foundations could count as 'construction'. It was not known when construction would begin, although some conditions, for example approval of materials to be used or landscaping, had to be met before much work could be done.

Cllr Woodward arrived at this point (7:15pm).

The earlier application required a bund to help screen the car park, but for some reason this was not a feature of the second application. Although it was not shown on the plans considered by the Planning Committee, and members might have been unaware that one had originally been proposed, the consent given did not require a bund to be constructed and it could not be imposed now.

A planning application following a successful appeal has to be handled carefully. Any facility granted by the appeal, in this case an office development, cannot be refused, but the details of the application still have to be approved. The Clerk pointed out that it would be very helpful if RPC was informed of the outcome of any appeal, as EBC Planning Committee minutes gave no information.

The statement '30% increase in floor space was in line with Planning Policy' *probably* referred to government policies on the effective use of land, even though more floor space would mean more people and more traffic. In general, local policies have to reflect government policies unless there are exception reasons for ignoring them. The only reasons for refusing an application are 'material planning considerations' which include design, local

policy and impact on traffic. Moral considerations, loss of value of property or the effect on nearby businesses are all ignored. Mr Snow then explained that local traffic knowledge had not been ignored. The appeal decision had set a floor space/parking ratio, and the latest design had a better ratio than the one permitted. Neither DCC Highways, nor the Highways Agency (in view of the proximity of the site to the interchange) had raised any objections. The Planning Committee had balanced the lack of any objection from expert official bodies against local knowledge, and had come to the conclusion that refusal on traffic grounds would have been found 'unreasonable' at any subsequent appeal. They had therefore not refused the application on traffic grounds. Although DCC was not represented at the appeal hearing, Councillors were assured that their comments would have been sent to the inspector.

It was confirmed that the hedge was to have a minimum height of 1.5m. It was intended to screen the car park, although it would take time to become effective, and in winter it shed its leaves anyway.

The decision to involve the full Planning Committee or for officers to use delegated powers depends on the following criteria set by EBC.

1. An EBC Councillor requests, with a reason, why the Planning Committee should do it.
2. There are more than 3 objectors (or 3 supporters) and the officers are minded to approve (or refuse).
3. Discretion, if the application is likely to be controversial or important.
4. If officers are minded to go against official policy.

In fact, about 92% of applications are dealt with using delegated powers, and the Planning Committee itself meets every three weeks. The government encourages councils to use delegated powers for at least 90% of applications.

There was always the possibility of negotiating details of an application with the developer, to try to get the best scheme. However, although a bund was part of the first scheme the developer was not now willing to include it, so nothing could be done.

The Chairman thanked Mr Snow for speaking at length and answering many questions.

Mr Snow and three members of the public then left, at 7:55pm.

09-50 Minutes

The Minutes of 14 May 2009 were signed as a true record.

09-51 Declarations of Interest

None.

Matters Arising

09-52 Red Telephone Box (09-29)

The Clerk had considerable difficulty finding an electricity company willing to quote for an unmetered supply, but S&S quoted about pa. Cllr Joyce proposed, seconded by Cllr Mrs Hobbs, that this company be used. All were in favour.

09-53 Land at Village Hall (09-30)

After some discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Joyce, seconded by Cllr Mrs Hobbs, to accept John Cresswell's quote of £540 + VAT to clear and level the site, with the Chairman able to authorise a single 20 tonne load of soil if necessary. All were in favour. Seeding is to be done in the autumn, after the ground has settled.

09-54 Proposed Legal Costs (09-23)

It was confirmed that RPC had no intention of making any donation to Green Squeeze. The £10,000 mentioned was the possible individual share of the cost of joint expert representation for the parish councils concerned.

09-55 Insurance

Enquiry had shown that Zurich offered terms that could not be beaten, so the policy will be renewed.

09-56 Correspondence

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. Lowland Derbyshire Biodiversity Partnership - Thanks for questionnaire, and a membership certificate plus newsletter
- B. Derbyshire Police - 'Have your say' report
- C. DALC Newsletters - Consultation on concessionary travel administration, Derbyshire Police Annual Parish Councils' Evening 15 September 7:00pm, Butterley (2 reps allowed), invitation to join DRCC (£25pa), list of locum clerks and internal auditors
- D. Requests for donations from Vitalise (breaks for disable people and their carers) and Victim Support in Derbyshire
- E. East Midlands Regional Assembly - Regional Plan partial review: workshop invitation
- F. Friesland School _ Reply to damage in Nature Reserve, requesting more information
- G. Society of Local Council Clerks - Notification of 8th Edition of standard local government book (£67) - RPC copy is 4th edition 1994, but DALC gives advice.
- H. Erewash Riders Association - Proposed Hopewell to Dale Abbey bridleway: The proposal to change the existing footpath, which runs almost due north from Derby Road, passing through a farm immediately east of Hopewell Hall, past Keys Farm and thence to No Mans Lane at Sandiacre Lodge has been under consideration for at least ten years and the riders requested RPC support for action. While RPC Councillors were sympathetic to this request, the effect on residents living on the proposed route had to be considered. DCC Cllr Wm Major agreed to make enquiries at County Hall about this project.
- I. Play-Ground Supplies: Inspection report, including photograph of damage to TotLot.
- J. Mr & Mrs O.Izzard: Thank for allowing use of Rush Meadow for their wedding.
- K. Risley Village Hall: Request to hold a barn dance on Rush Meadow on 18 July, proceeds to Building Fund to replace some windows. Permission granted, no fee.
- L. Risley Village Hall: Request for donation towards cost (£1158) of replacing windows. Declined, previous donations to Village Hall were EBC grants not RPC donations.
- M. Sundry publicity & advertising, including Green Squeeze.

09-57 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the following be paid:

A.	Play-Ground Supplies Ltd - Inspection	40.25
B.	EBC Playground inspection	95.33
C.	Zurich Insurance - Renewal	1307.33
D.	S.A.Leleux - Clerk Salary & Expenses	191.18
E.	HM Revenue & Customs - Clerk's tax (less £75 incentive payment)	44.51

VAT refund of £712.61 had been received.

09-58 Planning Applications

Previous Applications

None.

New Applications

None.

09-59 Pavement at Meadow Court

DCC had not yet replied to the suggestion of painting lines to mark the pavement. Cllr Wm Major asked for details of this problem.

09-60 Newsletter

It was agreed to produce a newsletter, several topics being suggested for inclusion. The Chairman was authorised to approve the draft and it should then be printed and distributed as quickly as possible.

09-61 Play Equipment

Cllr Joyce reported that he was dealing with the long dangerous bolts on signs. It was agreed to ask Premier Landscaping to deal immediately with any hazard arising from the damage to the TotLot. It was agreed that it needed to be replaced, and the Clerk was instructed to obtain up to date catalogues and prices, and to learn where Dale Abbey had obtained its new equipment. The possibility of a shelter for teenagers was raised, as there is nothing in the playing field for them, and they have proved useful elsewhere.

Observations from Councillors

09-62 Police KINS

Cllr Fogg asked Councillors to give him any concerns which he could then raise at the Sandiacre & Risley KINS meeting.

09-63 No Man's Lane Junction

It was reported that vegetation on the verges and nearby hedges tended to obscure visibility at the junction of No Man's Lane with Rushy Lane. It was agreed to ask DCC Highways to ensure that both are kept cut back.

09-64 Footpath near Risley Saddlery

It was reported that there used to be a recognised route from Sandborough Fields Farm to Bostocks Lane near the last house before the A52. Was it a recognised footpath or had it been lost? How was RPC informed of the loss of paths, or handle requests for new paths.

09-65 Churchyard Holly

It was reported that the PCC is likely to apply to remove a large holly tree growing close to the rear wall of the church.

09-66 Rushy Lane Trees

Low branches on trees on the outside of the bend at Willow Lodge, Rushy Lane, overhang the road causing a hazard to cyclists. The Clerk was instructed to ask for them to be cut back.

09-67 Playing Field Litter

It was reported that the litter bin was 'full to overflowing'. It needed to be emptied regularly.

09-68 Other Reports

It was reported that the Risley Educational Foundation had made two grants of £200 each to Risley residents at university. Following the recent elections DCC has a new controlling group.

The meeting closed at 9:00pm.

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

Apologies: Cllrs Mrs Ancliff, A.Fogg, M.Grundy (ill), E.Woodward.

09-69 Public Session

None.

09-70 Minutes

The Minutes of 11 June 2009 were signed as a true record after deleting Cllr Hardy from those present.

09-71 Declarations of Interest

None.

Matters Arising

09-72 Red Telephone Box (09-52)

The Clerk reported that he had just received the MPAN for an un-metered electricity supply, so rapid progress was likely. It was agreed that if a contract needed to be signed then the Chairman, or failing him another Councillor, could do so to avoid waiting until the September meeting.

09-73 Land at Village Hall (09-53)

John Cresswell had been asked to do the work but nothing had yet been done. The Clerk was asked to enquire when he was likely to begin.

09-74 Pavement at Meadow Court (09-59)

DCC did not permit painted lines as suggested, so the work must either be done by a contractor or else the project must be abandoned. The possibility was raised of a PWLB loan to cover the cost. No decision about this project was made.

09-75 Playing Field Litter (09-67)

The overflowing bin had later been set on fire. EBC had been asked to supply a replacement. Councillors emphasised that it needed to be emptied every week. A second bin nearby would also help to prevent overflowing.

09-76 Correspondence

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. East Midlands Airport - Community & Environment report 2008-9
- B. DCC Footpath between Sandborough Fields Farm & Bostocks Lane: Following an appeal, DCC has been 'directed to make a legal order' for this path, but no timescale is known. RPC will be kept informed.
- C. EMDA Spring Newsletter

- D. DCC Highways - Vegetation at No Mans Lane junction: Will be investigated once current roadworks there completed.
- E. DCC Bridleway to No Mans Lane: A meeting between DCC, EBC and others is expected before the end of July to try to resolve this issue. If it is agreed to upgrade the path to a bridleway then there is likely to be a delay of up to 18 months while funding is obtained and the necessary work done.
- F. DALC Newsletters: Free energy audits for community buildings (but not in Erewash), VAT workshops, death of Charles Arnold-Baker (author of standard work on local government), E.Midlands regional plan - invitation for meeting at Derby on 1 October
- G. EBC Play Scheme grant: £500 allocated and subsequently received
- H. EBC Borough Parish Forum: Replies to questions raised at last meeting
- I. DCC Footpaths: Minor Works grant this year £430. Councillors were asked to look out for suitable work on local paths.
- J. Victoria County History update
- K. E Midlands Regional Plan: Partial Review
- L. Sherwood Foresters: Thank you for contribution to WW1 memorial near Ypres, and invitation to unveiling
- M. EBC Options & Core strategy: Proposed meetings with parish councils
- N. EBC Borough & Parish Councils' Forum, 15 July Ilkeston Town Hall. Agenda includes update on Stanton Regeneration. The 'Eastern Route' (presumably beside the railway to the A52 near Toton Sidings) appears now to be the most favoured one.
- O. Stanton-by-Dale Parish Council - Reporting poor road surface in Rushy Lane. Agreed to notify DCC Highways, to include also lack of action following request to cut back the trees on the bend at Willow Lodge.
- P. Sundry advertising

09-77 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the following be paid:

A.	Play-Ground Supplies Ltd - Inspection	40.25
B.	Woodland Landscapes - Mowing (Remind to cut from A52 bridge to Willowbrook Farm, omitted last time)	
C.	S.A.Leleux - Clerk Salary & Expenses	191.18

EBC Play Scheme grant of £500 had been received.

09-78 Planning Applications

Previous Applications

None.

New Applications

- A. 2 Second Avenue - Erection of rear conservatory: No objection.
- B. Brook Cottage, The City - Listed Building consent to replace existing concrete roof tiles with slate: No objection, provided all the buildings on site (house, extension, garage, etc) had the same roofing, and that the material used blended with neighbouring properties in the Conservation Area and was generally suitable for a building of that age.

09-79 Annual Return Variances

The Clerk's draft was approved with minor amendments.

09-80 TotLot & Play Equipment (09-61)

Following the announcement in the latest Newsletter that RPC was considering improvements to the play equipment, a parishioner had reported the availability of a climbing frame and activity unit, both about 5 years old, which were available at low cost to a suitable organisation. It was agreed that Cllr O'Neill and Woodward should inspect them for suitability. Dismantling, transport and re-erection would be RPC's responsibility. In view of this potential opportunity the commercial quotes for equipment to replace the TotLot were not considered. DCC Cllr W.Major thought that Risley's share of his 'community fund' could possibly be used to assist in this purchase.

The existing PWLB loan had about 18 months to run. Its repayments had always been met by 'concurrent functions' (ie was paid by EBC) and it could be advantageous to take out a new loan next year. Such a loan could be used to improve the provision of play equipment (most existing items being at least 20 years old), possibly with facilities for older children. Such a project could include installing equipment half way along the northern boundary, to maximise the distance away from neighbouring houses. The Clerk was asked to investigate PWLB loans and Councillors were left to consider the possibilities for future discussion.

Observations from Councillors

09-81 Playground Litter

It was reported that an excessive number of cans and bottles for alcoholic drinks had been collected in the playground. However, the Police will not take any action unless and until complaints are made. It was agreed to write to all houses bordering the playing field about this, and also to the Police at Long Eaton.

09-82 Nook Bridleway Surface

A complaint had been received of the state of the surface of the Nook bridleway. It will be brought to the attention of DCC Footpaths.

09-83 Traffic Lights

It was reported that a red bulb had blown in the traffic lights.

09-84 Derby Road Pavements

It was reported that DCC Highways intended to lay a thin 'skim' on the pavement from Second Avenue towards the School. Preparatory work involved trimming grass back to the line of the tarmac, but in most places the trimming had extended several inches into the grassed area, giving a most unsatisfactory appearance.

09-85 Advertising Boards

Concern was expressed at the number of advertisements along Derby Road. Many were on A-frames placed on the verge and others were notices on convenient walls. It was agreed to ask DCC & EBC about regulations covering such advertisements and the permission required.

09-86 Footpath Signs

It was reported that a footpath signpost near the Nook had been lifted out of the ground and dumped in a nearby field.

09-87 Unofficial Footpath

The owner of the field north of the playing field had complained at the number of people who climbed the playing field fence and walked along the eastern side to reach the path from Rushy Lane to the Nook. It was agreed to ask Premier Landscaping to remove any sign of a stile and to raise the fence to discourage such use.

09-88 Field Drain

It was reported that field drains emptied into a ditch running across the bottom of gardens in Second Avenue. In turn, the ditch led to a concrete culvert in the garden of No 30, and thence into the main sewer. Periodically the culvert became blocked and the water flooded nearby gardens. It was agreed to ask Severn Trent to investigate.

09-89 Village Hall Field

It was agreed to remind Mrs Tivey that people booking the Village Hall needed to book Rush Meadow separately with RPC if they required that as well.

09-90 Other Reports

EBC Cllr D.Orchard reported that there was nothing new to say about the Stanton Redevelopment. Exercise equipment from the closed Albion Centre was available for suitable groups.

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Apologies: Cllr M.Grundy (ill), R.Hardy (lateness).

09-91 Public Session

1. Mr D.Simpson explained that his planning application was intended to restore the original roof levels and pitches of his house in Bostocks Lane.
2. PC Porton introduced himself and PCSO Hill as the newly appointed persons responsible for Risley and Sandiacre. He wanted to know what RPC required from them. He said that there was increased emphasis on 'customer satisfaction' (ie the desire of the victim eg should a young person who has caused him some kind of trouble be subject to a full police response and receive a criminal record, or would a verbal rebuke with appropriate compensation for damage caused be sufficient). This could be summarised as a return to 'common sense policing'. Councillors mentioned various items causing concern for police action. A traffic survey is already planned to assess speeding in Derby Road past the School and caution offenders. The police were asked to be aware that the small car park beside the road at Treetops was sometimes being used by unauthorised people late at night. Under age drinking in the evenings in the playing field, nature reserve and in a field near the Nook was mentioned. Cyclist pupils from Friesland School who rode down Rushy Lane, ignored the traffic lights if against them, and rode down the pavement were a hazard. PC Porton agreed to investigate these items. Any other pressing concerns could be raised at the meeting on 21 October. The Risley and Friesland police surgeries were being combined in future.

The police left at 7:20pm and Cllr Hardy arrived.

09-92 Minutes

The Minutes of 9 July 2009 were signed as a true record.

09-93 Declarations of Interest

None.

Matters Arising

09-94 Red Telephone Box (09-72)

The Clerk reported that he had just received notification that the MPAN was fully registered with Southern Electric, and BT should now send a Notice of Completion.

09-95 Land at Village Hall (09-73)

John Cresswell had not yet done anything, although the Clerk said that he had been ill earlier in the summer. The Clerk was asked to enquire again when he was likely to begin.

09-96 Pavement at Meadow Court (09-74)

Parking on the line of the pavement was again a problem. DCC quoted £7K and another contractor ££2K + 'possibly' £1.5K additional work. However, with replacement and probable additions to the play equipment, together with the possibility of expert legal representation regarding redevelopment at Stanton Works, Cllr Joyce proposed, seconded by Cllr Mrs Hobbs, that restoration of the pavement here should be delayed for the time being. All were in favour.

09-97 Correspondence

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. Park Hall Designs - Renew website hosting, approx £92 for year. Ignoring multiple hits from the same computer on the same day, there have been 564 hits since the launch on 24 September 2007. Assuming the current low level of updating is maintained, he agreed to reduce the monthly maintenance fee to £10, with effect from 1 October. Agreed to renew.
- B. Play-Ground Services - Inspection reports (2): Most items noted had already been dealt with or else were gaps between edging and safety surface.
- C. DCC Rights of Way Minor Maintenance Scheme, £430 max allocation, to claim before 31 May 2010, (although this might be an error and it should be £385 as in previous years). Councillors were asked to note possible work required on the forthcoming Footpath Walk.
- D. EBC Trees at 46 Derby Road: 'The Council is happy to approve Acers as a more acceptable alternative... consider this matter [is] closed.'
- E. Severn-Trent has no culverts at 30 Second Avenue (09-88), only 'a 150mm combined sewer on road at front of the properties. Council may own this [culvert] or a land owner.'
- F. Lowland Derbyshire Biodiversity Partnership: Newsletter, also invitation to (free) Wildlife Recording event at Derby University on Saturday 24 October.
- G. Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service - Focus group meeting, Ilkeston Fire Station, Tuesday 29 September 6:15 to 8:30pm to learn 'views on how we should shape our final budget proposals and in doing so set our priorities for spending over the next three years'
- H. Cornish King - Quote for 3x25kg daffodil bulbs, incl carriage £83.34 excl VAT
- I. DCC Highways - Reporting procedure (posters displayed)
- J. DCC Highways & Rights of Way - Reply to problems notified. Damage at Brook Cottage - occupant asked to rectify damage caused by his contractor. Bridge over brook - Structures Team is 'considering the design of an appropriate replacement structure'. It was reported that the damage to the bank had been repaired and some work had been done to the bridge.
- K. Derek Orchard - Danger to walkers using path across golf course from golf balls driven without warning. DCC Footpaths say suitable notices are the responsibility of the Golf Club. It was agreed that there was really only one place where walkers and golfers were hidden from each other, and it was stated that once there had been a pair of notices there warning walkers to take care, but they had disappeared a long time ago. The Clerk was asked to bring the problem to the attention of the golf club and request signs and/or a bell.
- L. DCC Minor Rights of Way Maintenance - How should grants be calculated in future? A survey form was enclosed.

- M. DALC Newsletters - Various topics including: Strengthening Local Democracy, Annual meeting with Police at Butterley (15 September), DCC/Parish/Town Council forum (initial meeting 22 October, Matlock, 6:00pm for 6:30pm), Swine flu 'Flu Friend' (agreed to add the name to the Community Response Plan)
- N. Zurich Insurance - Report of engineer's inspection of play equipment in May. No defects apparent but top bar of junior swing requires painting and sundry damage noted to TotLot. The entrance gates have loose hinge bolts and 'should open outwards to prevent animals from accessing the play area.'
- O. EBC Parish Forum - Answers to questions raised.
- P. DCC Environmental Services - Request for sites affected by graffiti, litter etc which could be cleared by Community Service teams under 'Operation Relentless'. Several suggestions were made, and others added during the meeting.
- Q. Friesland Sports Centre - Play Scheme: 57 places were used of the 60 available.
- R. Gregor Macgregor - Initial meeting about proposals for village film clubs in Derbyshire
- S. Derbyshire County Primary Care Trust (NHS) - Invitation to AGM.
- T. Long Eaton Police 'Safer Neighbourhood Team' - Details of staff and their duties at Long Eaton, in particular of the team covering Risley
- U. Sundry advertising

09-98 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the following be paid:

A.	Play-Ground Supplies Ltd - Inspection	40.25
B.	Woodland Landscapes - Mowing	644.00
C.	EBC Play Scheme	581.39
D.	Premier Landscaping - Repairs to roundabout and playing field hedge/fence	337.20
E.	Park Hall Designs - Website (3 months)	60.00
F.	S.A.Leleux - Clerk Salary & Expenses (2 months)	353.23
G.	Post Office Ltd - Clerk's tax (3 months)	118.11

09-99 Planning Applications

Previous Applications

1. Risley School - Two timber sheds and additional play area: Approved (by DCC)
2. The Nook - Garage extension: Appeal dismissed.

New Applications

1. 36 Bostocks Lane - Roof extension with new roof lights to west elevation and single storey rear conservatory: No objection.

09-100 Statutory Excuse - Cllr Grundy

It was proposed by Cllr Hardy, seconded by Cllr Fogg, that the absence of Cllr Grundy from Council meetings for the immediate future because of the need for urgent medical treatment be regarded as a statutory excuse in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 s85. All were in favour.

09-101 Tenders for 2010

It was agreed to invite tenders for grounds maintenance (including the grass by the Village Hall picnic table), and for play equipment inspection, for periods of up to three years, for consideration at the next meeting.

09-102 TotLot & Play Equipment (09-80)

Although two Councillors had inspected the equipment and quotes to move it had been received it had been agreed that this issue required further discussion. The climbing frame was in good condition and would provide an activity for older children. Dismantling, transport, re-erection and the provision of a safety surface would cost about £1700. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Hobbs, seconded by Cllr Woodward, that this should be put in hand. However, the wooden 'TotLot' equivalent needed some repair, and one contractor had expressed doubt whether it was strong enough for a public playground (at present it has supervised use in a school), and another contractor questioned the likely state of the underground portions of the legs. It was therefore agreed not to proceed with this item, although the 'TotLot' requires replacement, and instead to consider other alternatives. It was agreed that a survey should be made to discover children's wants before taking any decision about new equipment. The Clerk will investigate PWLB for a loan, and EBC whether such a loan would be allowed for concurrent functions (as is the case at present). DCC Cllr W.Major offered £1000 towards the cost of the climbing frame as Risley's share of his 'personal projects' budget.

09-103 Budget 2010-11

There was little discussion and no decision was taken, as EBC has not yet asked for this information. RPC had achieved a surplus for the past two years, and its precept is one of the highest in Erewash, so there could be a case for no increase. Allowing for the cost of legal advice concerning Stanton Redevelopment was very difficult, although it was said that Stanton-by-Dale PC knew a (presumed cheap) source of expert advice for local councillors.

09-104 Footpath Walk

Final arrangements were made for the Annual Footpaths Walk. It was agreed that the cost of light refreshments could be covered by Section 137.

Observations from Councillors

09-105 Footpath Signs

It was reported that walkers heading south at Park Farm often followed the road to the cottage instead of the path beside the hedge. It was agreed DCC should be asked to erect suitable signs.

09-106 Pavement in Derby Road (09-84)

Many complaints had been received of the state of the pavement between First Avenue and the top of the School's field. DCC had applied a surface dressing but the job appeared only half done. In warm weather it became sticky and formed a hazard to pedestrians. DCC will be asked to rectify the situation.

09-107 Playing Field Path

It was reported that the path from First Avenue gate to Second Avenue gate was badly overgrown. It was suggested that clearing it would be a suitable task for a Community Service team.

09-108 Rush Meadow Hedge

It was reported that parts of the roadside hedge beside Rush Meadow were dead/dying, probably due to being in shade. It was agreed to ask Premier Landscaping for a quote to plant beech or holly in the gaps. Tidying the hedge bottom could also be done by a Community Service team.

09-109 Overhanging Vegetation

The Clerk was instructed to write to the owner of 34A Derby Road, whose overhanging hedge/trees obstructed the pavement.

09-110 Traffic Lights

It was reported that timing at the Bostocks Lane traffic lights was very erratic and needed attention.

09-111 Path on Golf Course

It was reported that the stone path laid recently at RPC request had disappeared under vegetation, and it was agreed to ask the golf club to clear it.

09-112 Planning Enforcement

The owners of the Old Post Office and Brook Cottage purchased strips of the adjoining field around the time that RPC bought the piece of land behind the Village Hall and the Church purchased a piece to extend the churchyard. As no change of use has been granted, this is still officially agricultural land. In order to determine current use, EBC will be informed.

09-113 Other Reports

1. EBC Cllr D.Orchard reported that there were proposals to give Ilkeston and Long Eaton town councils, alongside EBC. Sawley Parish Council had been formed a few years ago. Consultation was taking place about car park charges and the financial implications of any changes.
2. DCC Cllr W.Major reported an increase in the road maintenance budget, with new reporting procedures (posters are displayed). There are proposals to make the narrow part of Bostocks Lane behind the Novotel one way (southwards only).

The meeting closed at 9:20pm.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RISLEY PARISH COUNCIL

in Risley Village Hall on Thursday 8 October 2009 at 7:00pm.

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

Apologies: Cllr M.Grundy (ill).

09-114 Public Session

None.

09-115 Minutes

The Minutes of 10 September 2009 were signed as a true record after amending part of item 09-112.

09-116 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Joyce, regarding his planning application, and so it was agreed to make this the last item.

Matters Arising

09-117 Red Telephone Box (09-94)

The Clerk reported that he had just received a quarter's electricity bill from Southern Electric, but had not yet heard anything more from BT.

09-118 Land at Village Hall (09-95)

John Cresswell had smoothed the ground so that while it was by no means level there were no steep slopes. It had not yet been seeded (as required by his contract) but he was probably waiting for some rain to fall before doing so, as the ground was at present very dry.

09-119 Bulbs for Verges (09-97-H)

Due to the continued hot dry weather the bulbs had not been delivered, in order to keep them in the best condition. They were now expected at the end of October.

09-120 Bridge in The City (09-97-J)

Some work was evident, but there was nothing to indicate whether this was just a temporary measure or DCC's permanent solution. The Clerk was instructed to enquire.

09-121 Correspondence

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. EBC - The Christmas tree is likely to be erected around 17 November and dressed by 29. Last year the contractor had great difficulty finding the prepared tree socket which had been covered with turf, and it has been requested that a small manhole cover be installed over it. Councillors had no objection, but it was necessary to obtain permission from the Village Hall Committee before asking Premier Landscaping to do the work.
- B. Playground Supplies - Order acknowledgement to move climbing frame, £1695+VAT
- C. EBC Planning Enforcement - Acknowledgement of alleged unauthorised use of land

- D. Audit Commission - Annual Return completed, and the External Auditor's report needed to be considered at the meeting. The problem arose from conflicting answers to questions about trustees (section 1 #11 & section 2 #9). It was agreed that the Parish Council is the Custodian Trustee, the Village Hall Committee being the Managing Trustees, so in future the response to any question about trustees should be 'No' or 'Not Applicable'.
- E. DCC Young Achievers awards - application form
- F. EBC Road closures for Remembrance Sunday - Not applicable to Risley
- G. DALC: Derbyshire Parish Council Liaison Meeting - Matlock, 22 October, 6:00 to 6:30pm
- H. DALC comment on Sustainable Communities Act Amendment Bill.
- I. NALC booklet 'Local Councils: Represent you community, make a difference' (23 pages) can be downloaded from <http://www.nalc.gov.uk/Publications/Booklets> and Resources
- J. NALC Newsletters: Notification of 2010/11 subscriptions (approx £4 increase), also Clerks' pay award (1% since 1-4-2009)
- K. DCC Highways (09-106): The contractor had problems with some pavements while 'slurry sealing'. The Clerk was instructed to ask when the necessary remedial work will be done in Risley.
- L. Premier Landscaping - While assessing the requirements of the mowing tender specification, he had noticed the following items:
 1. Hedge in play area needed cutting again. It was agreed to consider it again in January.
 2. Ditch between Rush Meadow and the churchyard contained a lot of grass cuttings, apparently from the churchyard. It was agreed to ask the PCC to clear them, and to tell its contractor to desist from dumping cuttings there.
 3. Holly plants to fill gaps in the pavement hedge at Rush Meadow (09-108). Acceptance of his quote (£110) proposed by Cllr Mrs Hobbs, seconded by Cllr Mrs Ancliff. All were in favour.
- M. Sundry advertising

09-122 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the following be paid:

A.	Play-Ground Supplies Ltd - Inspection	40.25
B.	Woodland Landscapes - Mowing (May not previously received & September)	832.60
C.	Southern Electric - Telephone box	5.04
D.	S.A.Leleux - Clerk Salary & Expenses	208.15

(Includes back pay, to be corrected next month)

PWLB repayment £1122.56 direct debit will be paid shortly.

09-123 Tenders for 2010

Tender documents were opened and compared. Some difficulty was experienced making comparisons as they were not all presented in the same way. It was agreed that in future the Clerk could prepare a summary for the meeting, bringing the originals as well in case of any queries, although this would conflict Standing Order 106.

Mowing: Four tenders had been received. In view of a number of complaints about the quality of work done by Woodland Landscapes, despite them being the lowest tender, it was provisionally agreed to employ Dirty Wellies, subject to satisfactory references from other

customers. The Clerk was instructed to extract details of past complaints in order to make the case for increased concurrent function expenditure in future.

Maintenance: Two tenders had been received, and it was agreed to accept the one from Play Ground Supplies Ltd, £35 + VAT per month, for the next three years.

09-124 Climbing Frame (09-102)

As there was no news about the climbing frame it was agreed to enquire when the work would be done. The Clerk reported that EBC would accept a new PWLB loan for playground equipment as legitimate concurrent functions expenditure, assuming the annual cost was comparable to the present cost. The Clerk will ask PWLB about the amount which could be borrowed for the present repayments.

09-125 Budget 2010-11

The Clerk still had not heard anything from EBC, although he expected to at any time. After some discussion based on a revised submission, Cllr Fogg proposed, seconded by Cllr Hardy, that the Precept should remain unchanged and Concurrent Functions be as permitted by EBC. All were in favour.

09-126 Footpath Walk (09-104)

Two stiles requiring attention had been noted, and Cllr Fogg agreed to approach the landowners concerned. It was agreed the Walk needed to be better advertised, as there were only about a dozen participants.

09-127 Footpaths

In view of excessive mud on some sections of some paths, it was agreed to ask DCC whether there was any standard for footpath surfaces, or permission to use alternative routes to avoid such sections. Councillors were reminded to consider work that could be done using the annual DCC Minor Maintenance grant. One questionnaire had been returned for DCC.

09-128 Parish Councils' Evening at Butterley Police HQ

The Chair reported that this had been a very informative and interesting evening. Some statements made when police officers attended last month were reiterated, in particular seeking to make any action by the police following an incident acceptable to the victim. There were funding problems, as the full budget had not received and a larger shortfall was expected next year. Against this, Derbyshire was doing more with less money than many police authorities with larger budgets.

Observations from Councillors

09-129 Pavement in Derby Road

There was a permanent patch of mud near the gate into Rush Meadow which represented a hazard. It will be reported to DCC for attention.

09-130 Dog Bins

There had been a number of complaints about bins not being emptied. They had been emptied that afternoon, but the Clerk was instructed to request regular emptying. Many people walked their dogs in Treetops' grounds, and the hospice had complained about the fouling which resulted. It was agreed that a dog bin in the grounds would be a solution, but

being private grounds its provision and emptying was Treetops' responsibility. The nearest RPC bin was by Rush Meadow.

09-131 Hedge behind Village Hall

While the two end sections were healthy, the whole length of the hedge planted on the boundary of the new land behind the Village Hall, parallel to Derby Road, had died, possibly as a result of drifting sprays applied to the adjacent field. It was agreed to ask Premier Landscaping to quote for 2-year old replacement quicks, without rabbit guards.

09-132 Other Reports

1. Cllr Mrs Clare gave dates for some seasonable events in Ilkeston and Long Eaton.
2. Cllr Major gave details of DCC proposed roads maintenance programme, and maps of morning and evening peak traffic delays. He was pleased that DCC and Nottingham City Council were involved with modelling traffic for any improved access route to the former Stanton Works, so that it was more likely that the most sustainable route would be chosen, and that the most promising seems to be the eastern route.

09-133 Other Reports

1. EBC Cllr D.Orchard reported that there were proposals to give Ilkeston and Long Eaton town councils, alongside EBC. Sawley Parish Council had been formed a few years ago. Consultation was taking place about car park charges and the financial implications of any changes.
2. DCC Cllr W.Major reported an increase in the road maintenance budget, with new reporting procedures (posters are displayed). There are proposals to make the narrow part of Bostocks Lane behind the Novotel one way (southwards only).

At this point, 9:20pm, both Cllr Joyce and Cllr Mrs Clare left.

09-134 Planning Applications

Previous Applications

None.

New Applications

1. Golden Brook Farm - Erection of stable block: There was a long discussion, since while the proposed wooden building itself was acceptable it would involve the construction of permanent foundations within the Green Belt (but outside the Conservation Area), and as such could well be used as a precedent for other structures in the Green Belt. It was eventually agreed that the proposed structure was in keeping, and could be approved, *provided* conditions were imposed that it was to be used only for horses. Cllr Woodward requested that his silence during this discussion to be minuted, and both he and Cllr Fogg abstained from taking any decision.

09-135 Word Processor

In 1995 RPC had set up a committee to consider the purchase of a computer. Eventually it had been decided to buy a Sharp word processor, but in fact it had been hardly used. For a long time it had been stored by the former Chair, Mr E.Tryner, but now he no longer wanted the responsibility. Councillors agreed that it was now worthless and that Cllr Mrs Ancliff could dispose of it as she saw fit.

The meeting closed at 10:00pm.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RISLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Cllrs Mrs P.Ancliff, A.Fogg, Mrs R.Hobbs, J.Joyce, M.O'Neill (in the chair). In attendance: Mr S.A.Leleux, Clerk.

Apologies: Cllr M.Grundy (ill), R.Hardy, E.Woodward, DCC Cllr W.Major, EBC Cllrs Mrs V.Clare, D.Orchard.

09-136 Public Session

None.

09-137 Minutes

The Minutes of 8 October 2009 were signed as a true record after minor amendment.

09-138 Declarations of Interest

None.

Matters Arising

09-139 Red Telephone Box (09-117)

The Clerk reported that the purchase was now complete. Wording for a notice in the kiosk was agreed. It was agreed to obtain quotes from Ilkeston Glass to replace some broken panes.

09-140 Land at Village Hall (09-118)

John Cresswell had seeded the ground and young grass was now growing in most areas. It was agreed to accept the quote for planting replacement quicks from Premier Landscaping.

09-141 Bulbs for Verges (09-119)

Three bags of bulbs had been delivered and planted, in Derby Road and Breaston Lane. The Clerk was instructed to write and thank Messrs N.Ancliff and G.Woolliscroft for their assistance. The whole area now needed to be assessed in the spring to determine where any further planting, if any, was required. A sign about bulbs in the verge will be put on a lamp post in Breaston Lane.

09-142 Bridge in The City (09-120)

DCC had written about this bridge, saying that the Structures team was 'not aware of any work having been carried out by DCC', but they were aware of the condition of the bridge but it had low priority. However, it will be inspected when someone is next in the area.

09-143 Tenders for 2010 (09-123)

Although it had been received very late, Councillors agreed to consider a quote from John Cresswell. The Chairman declared an interest at this point. However, having received satisfactory references and explanations about clearing grass cuttings, Cllr Mrs Ancliff proposed, seconded by Cllr Joyce, that the mowing etc contract for 2010-2 should be awarded to Dirty Wellies, with a review at the end of the first season and allowance for small increases for the subsequent seasons. All were in favour.

09-143A Climbing Frame (09-124)

The climbing frame, with a suitable safety surface, had been erected beside the path to the play area but outside the fenced area. It had been observed in use. It was agreed to consider other possible additions to the play equipment, including replacement of the TotLot, at the next meeting. At the present rate of interest (2.71%), a PWLB loan for £25K for 10 years would cost about £2735pa compared to the cost of the present loan of £2244pa.

09-144 Footpaths (09-126, 127)

Regarding mud, DCC had replied that ‘Landowners do not have a duty to maintain the surface of rights of way; the duty rests with the highway authority “to put a highway in such repair as to be reasonably passable for the ordinary traffic of the neighbourhood at all seasons of the year”. The right of way may be wide enough to enable walkers (appropriately shod) to avoid the worst of the mud. Each case is determined upon its circumstances.’

Cllr Fogg reported conversations with two landowners regarding excessively high stiles, and they had agreed to do what they could to make them easier to negotiate. With regard to notices on the golf course, he said that there had been notices in the past but they had been vandalised. It was agreed to seek quotes for replacements, possibly mounted on posts with concrete foundations, using the DCC annual grant. Parts of the path had been strimmed and in other areas vegetation was now dying back so the hard path was usable again.

09-145 Correspondence

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. Derby Evening Telegraph - Request to be sent agenda & minutes regularly. Agreed that she should look at the RPC website regularly, although minutes would always be a month late so that only approved minutes were displayed.
- B. DALC Newsletters - Notice of launch of Derbyshire Sport & Active Recreation at Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick 15-12-2009.
- C. DCC - Oakleaf Remembrance Service (road accidents) 15-11-2009 - Poster displayed
- D. Appeal - Rainbows (children’s hospice, Loughborough) poster displayed
- E. Treetops - Appeal
- F. DCC Development Fund (small projects) - The Clerk had enquired about seats in the bus shelters at the School and The Park. At the School, DCC will pay to move it forward and install seats, probably by March. Seats are probably possible in the shelter opposite The Park, if RPC wanted them and is not afraid of ‘undesirable elements’ then using it as a base. It was agreed that a shelf to rest on would be preferable to an actual slatted seat, but a seat of some sort was desirable.
- G. Play Ground Supplies Ltd - Acknowledgement of 3-year inspection contract
- I. Play Ground Supplies Ltd - Inspection report, noting a broken panel in the roundabout (agreed Premier Landscaping should replace), a finger trap in a gate (Premier Landscaping to inspect) and deterioration in the TotLot.
- J. EBC Parish Councils’ Forum report about Stanton Regeneration - No planning application is expected until June 2010 at the earliest.
- K. DCC Highways - Repairs to the pavement surface are now complete.
- L. Request from an Australian man researching his family history.
- M. Sundry advertising

09-146 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the following be paid:

- A. Play-Ground Supplies Ltd - Inspection (2), climbing frame 2029.75
- B. Audit Commission 155.25

C.	John Cresswell - Levelling land at Village Hall	920.00
D.	Park Hall Designs - Website hosting	82.66
E.	Southern Electric - Telephone box	2.52
F.	S.A.Leleux - Clerk Salary & Expenses	164.69
G.	M.Paul - City street light	31.00

09-147 Planning Applications

None received.

09-148 Carols Round the Tree

It was reported that the Village Hall Committee had located and cleaned out the hole for the Christmas tree, and had covered it with a slab. When the tree is removed a suitable cover will be put on the hole. It was agreed to invite Mr E.Tryner to be Master of Ceremonies. The offer by Cllr Woodward to organise the refreshments was accepted. Lesson readers will be contacted by Cllr Mrs Hobbs, who will read for RPC. It was agreed to order 10 dozen mince pies. Section 137 will be used to meet the expenses incurred.

Observations from Councillors

09-149 Willoughby Trust

The Chairman reported that the annual distribution had been agreed and was in hand, although the Rector was unlikely to be involved this year. Mrs V.Wallis had been coopted to the committee.

09-150 Risley Educational Foundation

The Chairman reported that he had attended the first meeting of the REF. Latin Cottage is now vacant, Mr & Mrs Paul having moved. The Foundation plans to modernise Latin Cottage before renting it again. He is now a keyholder for Latin School. He reported also that Mr E.Tryner had been coopted back to the REF.

09-151 City Street Light

Although Latin Cottage is now empty (see above), the electricity supply was still on and as the streetlight was operated by a time clock it will be unaffected.

09-152 Proposed Tree Preservation Order

In view of the loss of a number of major trees during recent years, it was proposed by Cllr Mrs Hobbs, seconded by Cllr Fogg, that a TPO be obtained to cover the mature copper beech at 52 Derby Road, at present unprotected. All were in favour.

09-153 Church Opening

Cllr Mrs Hobbs reported that as a condition for grants for the recent roof repairs the Church must be open for at least 40 days annually, in addition to services. Accordingly, arrangements were being made to open it, unmanned, on Saturdays, probably from February to October.

09-154 Clerk

1. His annual review will be organised in March, and if satisfactory he would be eligible for any pay increase from 1 April 2009. Councillors were asked to give any comments to the Chairman.
2. Due to the temporary lack of a photocopier the papers for this meeting had been sent by email to most Councillors. It was agreed to continue this for an extended trial.

The meeting closed at 8:35pm.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RISLEY PARISH COUNCIL

in Risley Village Hall on Thursday 10 December 2009 at 7:00pm.

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

Apologies: Cllr M.Grundy (ill), EBC Cllr D.Orchard.

09-155 Public Session

None.

09-156 Minutes

The Minutes of 12 November 2009 were signed as a true record after amendment to the numbering of the second occurrence of 09-143 to 09-143A.

09-157 Declarations of Interest

None.

Matters Arising

09-158 Red Telephone Box (09-139)

The Clerk reported that Ilkeston Glass had verbally quoted about £86 including VAT to replace some broken panes with toughened glass. Cllr Mrs Hobbs proposed, seconded by Cllr Fogg, that this be accepted and to have the work put in hand. All were in favour. It was also agreed to ask Southern Electricity for quarterly or even annual accounts for its light.

09-159 Footpath Signs (09-144)

The wording of a draft was discussed and amended slightly. As the quote had omitted the price of a post the actual cost was not known, but was unlikely to exceed £50 for each complete sign. Cllr Mrs Ancliff proposed, seconded by Cllr Joyce, that the DCC Minor Rights of Way grant be used to purchase 7 signs, and that the Golf Club groundsman be asked to erect them where each footpath enters the golf course. All were in favour.

09-160 Carols Round the Tree (09-148)

It was thought that numbers were down slightly on the previous year, probably because of heavy rain during the afternoon although the evening was only damp. The collection amounted to £72.92. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Ancliff, seconded by Cllr Fogg, that £125.00 be sent to the Salvation Army, as in previous years, using Section 137. All were in favour. Letters of thanks will be sent to the lesson readers and Mr Tyner. As there did not appear to be many Risley School pupils, it was agreed to write to the School to encourage them to attend. The surplus tea and coffee had been given to the Risley Mother & Toddler Group.

09-161 Correspondence

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. EBC Concurrent Functions - Replied as agreed, requesting allowance be made for new mowing contract, giving details of complaints involving the present contractor.
- B. DALC Circulars - Next DCC & local councils forum will be on 22 April 2010. The revised allowance for Section 137 expenditure is £6.15 per elector ie £3444 for Risley. Details of training for Clerks & Councillors.

- C. EBC - Consultation regarding Licensing
- D. DRCC Newsletters
- E. EBC South Community Forum - Notification of meeting. Apologies sent on behalf of Councillors as it clashes with this RPC meeting
- F. EBC Volunteer News
- G. EBC Local Development Framework newsletter
- H. Local Works - Request to encourage MP to support proposed Sustainable Communities bill. NALC supports the principles of the bill but have problems with priority for this issue. DALC cautions against a council making a donation, even under Section 137, unless a clear local benefit can be identified and is stated within the minutes.
- I. Ministry of Justice - Need to include the war memorial in RPC strategy for 'conservation of the historic environment'.
- J. EBC Electoral Registers 2009 - Distributed. 545 electors in Risley and 15 in Hopwell.
- K. Play Ground Supplies - Inspection report
- L. M.Paul - Thanks for cheque for City street light.
- M. Sundry advertising

09-162 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the following be paid:

A.	Play-Ground Supplies Ltd - Inspection	40.25
B.	Staceys Bakery - Mince pies for Carols	40.00
C.	Stanton-by-Dale PCC - Photocopying & printing	58.57
D.	Park Hall Designs - Website maintenance	60.00
E.	Southern Electric - Telephone box	2.26
F.	Premier Landscaping - Holly in Rush Meadow hedge	110.00
G.	Cornish King - Bulbs for verges	95.84
H.	Risley PCC - Churchyard mowing (Concurrent functions)	528.00
I.	Salvation Army - Carols	125.00
J.	S.A.Leleux - Clerk Salary & Expenses	192.92
K.	Post Office Ltd - Clerk's tax	116.73
L.	E.Woodward - Carol refreshments	15.00
M.	Woodland Landscapes - Mowing	322.00

09-163 Planning Applications

Previous Applications

1. Golden Brook Farm - Erection of stable block: Approved. 'The stables shall only be used for the keeping of horses and shall not be used for any other purpose, unless agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.'

New Applications

1. 36 Bostocks Lane - Roof extension with new roof lights to west elevation and single storey rear conservatory (revised application): No objection.
2. Bostocks Lane (land to rear of authorised office development) - Change of use from highway to additional landscaped land in association with previously approved office development: (This land is the former route of Bostocks Lane beyond the houses and disused as a through route since the A52 was built many years ago.) It was stated that a proposed footpath to Bostocks Lane is still under discussion, although if approved it would begin just outside the end of the land under consideration. It was reported that nearby residents were uneasy as a result of previous actions by the applicant. By

landscaping the former road a potential eyesore and dumping ground would be removed, but Councillors were suspicious and conscious of possible hidden agendas. However, as suspicion did not constitute valid grounds for objection they reluctantly agreed no objection.

3. Tesco, Sandiacre - Proposed supermarket beside Nottingham Road and the canal: Councillors objected to this proposal. The development was not necessary as there are a number of supermarkets in easy reach of both Sandiacre and Risley, and such a development would have an adverse impact on the existing range of shops in Sandiacre. It would generate additional traffic, both on Bostocks Lane to and from the A52, and along Derby Road. There would be increased congestion at the Red Lion junction and difficulties in accessing the supermarket site.

09-164 Minutes

The Clerk suggested that draft Minutes could be circulated to Councillors and any obvious errors corrected. The revised drafts should then be reasonably correct and would be suitable for display on the website quite soon after a meeting, instead of being a month behind if they are not displayed until approved. Councillors liked the possibility of receiving minutes soon after a meeting. The Clerk was instructed to discuss the display of draft minutes with DALC.

09-165 Play Equipment

Although the TotLot needs replacement, Councillors agreed to wait until April 2010 before considering possible new play equipment, so that any overlap between a new loan for its purchase and the existing one was minimised.

Observations from Councillors

09-166 Tree Preservation Orders

Cllr Mrs Ancliff reported that she had requested an up to date map showing TPOs in Risley and will compare with the actual position.

09-167 Stones at Risley Village Hall

Several large stones mark the boundary between the path and grass near the Christmas tree. It was reported that at the recent Carols a lady had tripped over one of them in the dark and fallen over, luckily without hurting herself. Although Councillors thought that the stones were their responsibility, not the Village Hall Committee's, Cllr Fogg agreed to mention the problem at the forthcoming Village Hall Committee meeting.

09-168 Burning Rubbish

It was reported that shop waste continues to be burnt two or three times each week at Hill Top Farm. The Clerk will write to the occupiers of the premises, and failing a satisfactory response, to the Environment Agency.

09-169 Christmas Tree

A suitable tree has been offered, free, for 2010 by a local person wanting to create space in their garden. The Chairman had learned of an independent firm supplying Christmas trees and lights, and the Clerk was instructed to investigate, for comparison with EBC.

09-170 Other Councillors

DCC Cllr Major reported that speed limits were to be reviewed in 2010, including along Derby Road in Risley. EBC Cllr Mrs Clare said that little of note was happening at present.

The meeting closed at 8:45pm.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RISLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

Apologies: Cllrs A.Fogg, M.Grundy (ill), EBC Cllrs Mrs V.Clare, D.Orchard.

09-171 Public Session

None.

09-172 Minutes

The Minutes of 10 December 2009 were signed as a true record.

09-173 Declarations of Interest

None.

Matters Arising

09-174 Red Telephone Box (09-158)

The broken glass has been replaced and a notice giving the location of the nearest working phone box has been placed under the glass of a display panel. As nothing has been heard from Southern Electricity about quarterly or even annual accounts, it was agreed next month to pay a small lump sum and see the company's reaction, if any. With the Chairman's permission, just before Christmas the Clerk signed the agreement with Central Networks for an unmetered electricity connection.

09-175 Footpath Signs (09-159)

The revised wording of a draft was approved. A new quote including the cost of a post was accepted and 7 signs will be ordered. The Golf Club groundsman will be asked to quote for their erection, and possibly to take delivery of the signs if his quote is accepted.

09-176 Carols Round the Tree (09-160)

Risley School suggested Monday 6 December for 2010 Carols. This was accepted. The Head suggested that there should be a discussion about how to improve attendance, and the Chairman agreed to broach the subject with him. It was thought desirable for Newsletters, or at the very least, flyers, should be distributed in time to publicise the Play Scheme, Footpath Walk and Carols.

09-177 Minutes (09-164)

Following advice from DALC, it was agreed that draft minutes should be circulated to Councillors to check so that appropriate corrections could be made. A week would be allowed for this, then the Clerk could send them to the website, including the phrase 'Unadopted'. When the Minutes had been approved, this version would then replace the unadopted one on the website.

09-178 Burning Rubbish (09-168)

The Environment Agency is investigating.

09-179 Correspondence

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. DCC Highways - Proposed Extension of Prohibition of Waiting in Rushy Lane: 'No waiting at any time' to be extended northwards on both sides to points level with the boundary between Nos 3 & 5 ie an extra 31 metres on the east side and 16 metres on the west side. RPC asked for this some time ago, to prevent parking on the grass at the junction.
- B. DCC Severe Weather, Councillors encouraged to be aware of needy residents in the area.
- C. DCC Record Office - Receipt for RPC Minutes 1989-1993 & 2002-2007, also list of Risley items held
- D. DCC Cllr W.Major - Request for information to support grant application for play equipment, already supplied by Clerk The grant has not yet been received.
- E. DCC - Derbyshire Community Climate Action Conference, 13 March at County Hall
- F. Salvation Army - Receipt, and thanks for donation
- G. Risley PCC - Thanks for contribution towards churchyard upkeep
- H. NALC Local Councils Awards
- I. Green Squeeze - Notification of meeting EBC official concerned with Stanton Regeneration with Stanton-by-Dale Parish Council.
- J. Unlock Democracy - Sustainable Communities Amendment Bill: Request to write to MP to support this bill.
- K. Japanese Knotweed Solutions Ltd - Invitation to a seminar in Manchester on biological control of Japanese knotweed. Following extensive tests, in April 2010 it is proposed to release a sap sucking psyllid (highly specific to Japanese knotweed). This aphid should spread quickly throughout the UK, predating on Japanese knotweed.
- L. EBC - Cancellation of Borough & Parishes Forum meeting on 18 January (insufficient business).
- M. NatWest Bank - Revised mandate. When Cllr Hardy attempted to have his name added to the list of signatories, having previously been accidentally omitted, he discovered that a new mandate had to be completed. Councillors agreed that the existing terms should continue to apply, namely any two Councillors or one Councillor and the Clerk. Most Councillors completed the form during the meeting.
- N. Sundry advertising

09-180 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the following be paid:

A.	Play-Ground Supplies Ltd - Inspection	40.25
B.	Southern Electric - Telephone box	2.64
C.	Ilkeston & Ripley Glass Supplies Ltd - Phone box repairs	85.40
D.	EBC - Christmas tree & lights	766.56
E.	S.A.Leleux - Clerk Salary & Expenses	195.21

09-181 Planning Applications

Previous Applications

1. 36 Bostocks Lane - Roof extension with new roof lights to west elevation and single storey rear conservatory (revised application): Refused.

New Applications

None.

09-182 Footpath Walk

Depending on the availability of the Village Hall, it was agreed to have the walk on Sunday 19, 22 or 26 September, in that order. (19 Sept booked, SAL)

Observations from Councillors

09-183 Abandoned Car

As a car had been left outside Meadow Court since early December, it was agreed to report it to EBC for removal.

09-184 Grit Bin for Village Hall

In view of the use of the Village Hall by pupils from Risley School, and the dangers of un-gritted icy paths, it was suggested that DCC be asked to provide a grit bin at the Village Hall. If, as was thought likely, DCC declined then RPC could provide one. The Clerk was asked to investigate costs.

09-185 Proposed TPO at 48 Derby Road (09-152)

The Clerk was asked to investigate the progress of this suggestion.

09-186 DCC Report

Cllr W.Major reported that DCC normally began the winter with a stock of 12,000 tonnes of grit, but fortunately had 17,000 tonnes in stock before the current prolonged cold spell. Even so, only 2,000 tonnes now remained, sufficient for 6 days. DCC grits A roads, B roads and bus routes, amounting to 1500 miles, about half of the county's road mileage. Grit normally costs about £25 per tonne, but emergency supplies from abroad cost three times as much. Each journey by a grit lorry costs £30,000 for the 47 vehicles involved! Reports of people taking grit from roadside bins for use on their own drives are being investigated by the Police, as it is a crime.

The meeting closed at 7:50pm.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RISLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

Apologies: Cllrs M.Grundy (ill), R.Hardy. All were in favour of Cllr Mrs Hobbs' proposal, seconded by Cllr Joyce, that Cllr Grundy's statutory excuse should be renewed, if that was necessary.

09-187 Public Session

Mr F.Jones recently had heard comments suggesting there was a desire to reapply for a 30mph speed limit on Derby Road, in particular near the School. He discouraged RPC from agreeing to this, if the suggestion was made to them. Children were only at risk for a very short time each day, and at these times the number of cars parked on both sides of the road in the vicinity of the School effectively imposed a very low speed limit. Furthermore, as far as he was aware, no child had ever been hurt in an accident outside the School. DCC Cllr Major said that DCC had a speed review for a number of roads 'in the pipeline', and if this should include Derby Road in Risley then he would ensure that RPC was consulted.

Mr Jones then left (7:10pm) and Cllr Woodward arrived.

09-188 Minutes

The Minutes of 14 January 2010 were signed as a true record, after amending 09-186. The cost of £30,000 applied to the fleet of 47 DCC grit lorries, not to just one vehicle..

09-189 Declarations of Interest

None.

Matters Arising

09-190 Footpath Signs (09-175)

The Golf Club groundsman quoted (verbally) a maximum of £400 for their erection, and agreed to take delivery of the signs if his quote is accepted. Cllr Joyce proposed, seconded by Cllr Mrs Ancliff, that this quote be accepted. All were in favour. The Clerk will now order the signs, and will agree their locations with the groundsman.

09-191 Burning Rubbish (09-178)

The Environment Agency had visited the area and had found no sign of anything untoward. As the fire is reported to be almost constantly burning, it was agreed that the inspector should be accompanied by the Chairman in future.

09-192 Grit Bin for Village Hall (09-184)

DCC only provided bins for use on the public highway, although the Village Hall Committee could purchase a bin and keep it filled. Details of costs had been sent to its Secretary.

09-193 Proposed TPO at 48 Derby Road (09-185)

EBC was favourably disposed towards this suggestion, and was making a formal inspection.

09-194 Carols Round the Tree (09-176)

The Chairman had spoken to the Head of Risley School. Suggestions made included starting at 6pm instead of 7pm, produce a reminder slip to be given to pupils, and to begin very soon after school finished, with pupils bringing a packed tea. These and other possibilities will be considered nearer the time. The Clerk had about 210 carol books which had not been used for several years, as their print was too small to read in poor light. It was agreed that he could dispose of them.

09-195 Correspondence

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. Request from a PC near Huntingdon for 'our councillor undertaking [responsibility for footpaths in the parish]' to email their councillor responsible 'so that he can pick a few brains and make himself known'. Cllr Fogg agreed to contact him.
- B. DCC: Sacre Annual Report
- C. Acid - Archaeology & Conservation in Derbyshire magazine
- D. DCC - £1000 grant for play equipment, received and banked.
- E. DCC Highways - Apologies for delay in carrying out remedial works at the bridge in The City. 'I will arrange a further inspection as soon as possible and endeavour to get this problem remedied.'
- F. Derbyshire Biodiversity News
- G. EBC borough Blitz campaign, 1 - 28 March. Asked to identify litter hot spots in the area and also any 'community groups and residents who may wish to participate in a community clean up'. The A52/M1 interchange and the area near the nature reserve and golf course will be reported.
- H. EBC Core Strategy Consultation - Delayed, probably until mid-February
- I. EBC & Liz Blackman - Latest information about Stanton Regeneration.
- J. East Midlands Fire & Rescue Control Centre - Brochure on progress
- K. DALC Newsletters: Q&A from Police Consultation Evening. Concern at cancellation of January Borough & Parishes Forum 'Experience shows that once you lose a platform such as this, you never recover the position. Can I ask you to inform Erewash of any matters you wish to discuss or receive information on to ensure the future of this vital liaison group.' New model standing orders have been prepared by NALC, and training if desired. Agreed that the Clerk should assess the changes.
- L. My Play (of Leicester) - Services include repairs to wet pour surfaces. Agreed to obtain quotes for gaps around edges of our play areas.
- M. Police Safer Neighbourhood Team and also local Panel.
- N. EBC Community Groups Fund
- O. DCC Minor Rights of Way - Need to send invoices soon.
- P. DCC Big Choices Report - Waste disposal plans
- Q. Sundry advertising

09-196 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the following be paid:

A.	Play-Ground Supplies Ltd - Inspection (VAT change so 88p underpaid last time)	42.01
B.	Southern Electric - Telephone box (two months, to find supplier's reaction)	6.00
C.	Woodland Landscapes - Mowing (November)	161.00
D.	Premier Landscapes - Hedge cutting	150.00
E.	S.A.Leleux - Clerk Salary & Expenses	174.11
F.	Park Hall Designs - Website	30.00
G.	M.O'Neill - Chairman's expenses	49.20

As Cllr Grundy was currently in hospital, he had not been able to sign the new bank forms. It was therefore agreed to let the present situation remain for the time being.

09-197 Planning Applications

Previous Applications

1. None.

New Applications

1. Tesco, Sandiacre: No additional representation necessary.
2. The Nook - Extension to an existing garage: Objection, over development of site in Green Belt, too obtrusive, unsympathetic to neighbourhood. Agreed to recommend that it should be considered by the full Planning Committee, in view of contentious nature (original proposal in November 2008).

Observations from Councillors

09-198 Damage to Bulbs

It was reported that many bulbs in the verge near the traffic lights were damaged, following the snow and by school children walking on them, particularly as they crossed the verge to enter their parents' cars.

09-199 HGVs in No Mans Lane

Cllr Fogg reported that his contact with staff at the storage depot had been very supportive, including ringing back to tell of action taken if a reported lorry actually arrived at the depot. (Obviously, not all lorries using No Mans Lane actually go to the storage depot.) It was agreed to request a sign at the traffic lights (similar to the one for Stanton Works) pointing away from Rushy Lane. It was also agreed to give leaflets to the residents of Rushy Lane (both sides) and No Mans Lane, giving contact details at the storage depot to report lorries.

09-200 Ice on No Mans Lane

As No Mans Lane is not gritted by DCC, in winter the surface is often very treacherous. It was thought desirable that under these conditions a warning or even a 'Road Closed' sign should be erected at each end, as happens on Quarry Hill, Stanton-by-Dale. The Clerk will enquire who is responsible for placing that sign.

09-201 Proposed Stopping-up in Bostocks Lane (09-163-2)

In view of present discussions about Footpath 17, which linked Sandborough Fields Farm with Bostocks Lane, it was agreed to make no further comment about the proposed stopping up until the question of the footpath had been resolved.

09-202 Telephone Kiosk

A suggested use was to display leaflets about local footpaths and places of interest, particularly as the church will soon be open regularly on Saturdays and a leaflet has been prepared about it.

09-203 EBC Standards Committee

It was reported that EBC wondered whether Councillors wanted refresher training for the Code of Conduct. It was not thought necessary.

09-204 EBC Report

Enquiries are being made as to whether the residents of Ilkeston and Long Eaton would each like a town council, as a more local assembly than EBC. A mobile skate board surface, climbing wall and BMX track were touring the Borough, and had proved very popular. It was agreed that one or more of these items should be booked for a summer Saturday in Risley.

09-205 DCC Report

The proposal to upgrade the footpath from Hopwell to Dale Abbey as a bridleway is going ahead, being handled by EBC. The proposed increase in DCC Council Tax is only 1.5%, less than inflation. Consultation is planned about making M1 between junctions 25 & 28 into a 'controlled motorway' (like the M42 east of Birmingham, or M25 near Heathrow). Councillors agreed that this was a good idea.

The meeting closed at 9:00pm.

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RISLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

Apologies: Cllr E.Woodward (ill).

The Chairman announced that Cllr 'Mick' Grundy had died the previous Saturday, 6 March, and he asked for those present to stand in silence for a minute in his memory.

09-206 Public Session

None.

09-207 Minutes

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

09-208 Declarations of Interest

None.

Matters Arising

09-209 Footpath Signs (09-190)

The seven signs ordered had been delivered to the golf club. The groundsman thought that eight might have been necessary, but Councillors agreed he could choose which site to omit, if that was necessary. It was agreed to invoice DCC for the full amount of the footpath grant, which would cover the cost of the signs and a little towards their erection. The balance of the erection costs would be claimed in the next financial year, assuming RPC was offered a grant.

09-210 Burning Rubbish (09-191)

The Environment Agency inspector had visited the area with the Chairman. He said that it was in order to burn refuse from the site, so long as it did not create a nuisance, but not to bring refuse in from elsewhere. The inspector gave a verbal warning, and the site is now being watched. Cllr Fogg agreed to investigate the appropriate regulations.

09-211 HGVs in No Mans Lane (09-199)

The leaflet had been distributed.

09-212 Ice on No Mans Lane (09-200)

The Clerk reported that the temporary 'Road Closed' which appeared in Quarry Hill, Stanton-by-Dale, in icy conditions was placed there by the police. It was agreed to try to make similar provision for No Mans Lane.

09-213 Standing Orders (09-195-K)

The Clerk reported that there were a number of significant changes in the new model standing orders. It was agreed Cllr Mrs Ancliff would examine them with him and report to RPC.

09-214 Correspondence

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. Steven Smith - Will the various wooden bench seats need staining this year? If so, he quotes £250 for the six benches, which includes washing them down and applying two

coats of stain. Cllr Mrs Hobbs proposed, seconded by Cllr Fogg, that the quote should be accepted, and that the work should include (at extra cost) the picnic table behind the Village Hall, and the table under the veranda. All were in favour.

- B. Erewash Community Transport - Agreed to consider with any other requests at the next meeting.
- C. EBC Brass Band concerts
- D. EBC Greater Nottingham Aligned Core Strategies - Consultation stage
- E. DALC Newsletters - Advertising for Digley Associates/Came & Co Parish Council insurance 'guarantee minimum 15% discount on current premium for DALC members', RPC sub for next year will be £192.05
- F. Premier Landscapes - Report on fence in NE corner of First Avenue field. Several thorn trees planted have been uprooted and people are climbing over again. Cllr Mrs Ancliff proposed, seconded by Cllr Hardy, that the fence should be made more difficult to climb. All were in favour.
- G. DCC Forum at Matlock on 22 April.
- H. MyPlay - Quote for safety surface repairs
- I. EBC - Licence for OS maps: Agreed the Clerk could sign, to receive map showing TPO coverage.
- J. Sundry advertising

09-215 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the following be paid:

A.	DCC Signs	445.94
B.	Stanton-by-Dale PCC - Reprographics	1.58
C.	Post Office - Clerk's tax	118.11
D.	Premier Landscapes - Hedge planting	195.00
E.	S.A.Leleux - Clerk Salary & Expenses	196.39

An invoice and statement had been received from Southern Electric, showing a credit balance of £1.48. It was agreed to pay £10 next month, for about four months' supply.

EBC Cllr Orchard left at this point, at 7:50pm.

09-216 Planning Applications

Previous Applications

1. 36 Bostocks Lane - Notice of appeal had been received.
2. Tesco, Sandiacre - Application had been withdrawn.

New Applications

1. Bostocks Lane - Proposed stopping up near the interchange: As EBC required comment before the date of this meeting, with the approval of the Chairman the Clerk had replied as before, emphasising the need to ensure that provision should be made for access to '58 Bostocks Lane' and for Footpath 19, if that was found to exist. (09-201 & 09-163-2).
2. Sandborough Fields Farm - Replacement of three storage containers and hay barn with new timber storage building: No objection.

09-217 Clerk's Appraisal

The Clerk left the meeting while this item was discussed. It was proposed by Cllr Fogg, seconded by Cllr Joyce, that his work was satisfactory and he could receive the appropriate increased pay rate with effect from 1 April. All were in favour.

Observations from Councillors

09-218 Rubbish Clearing

It was reported that rubbish was being cleared from the interchange roundabout in Bostocks Lane. In view of the amount of rubbish in and near the nature reserve, it was agreed to contact Pride in Erewash for an advertised public clearing session. The Clerk will obtain possible dates when equipment would be available.

09-219 Dog Fouling

A complaint had been received about fouling by a large dog, believed to belong to a resident in The City, in particular on the verge westwards towards The Park. It was agreed Cllr Mrs Hobbs would forward the complaint to EBC for action. In view of the number of bags of dog waste left in the footpath from Rushy Lane to The Nook, it was agreed to ask EBC for a suitable bin to be placed beside the road.

09-220 Severn Trent Excavations

It was reported that there was a new excavation outside 96 Derby Road, apparently to install a fire hydrant. The excavation was complete on the verge but needed levelling and reseeded. Cllr Mrs Ancliff volunteered to do this.

09-221 Mud on Pavement near Rush Meadow

The large area of mud had been reported to DCC who had cleared it.

09-222 Risley Educational Foundation

The Chairman gave a report on the recent meeting. Latin Cottage has been refurbished and let to a new tenant. A number of university students from Risley had received book grants.

09-223 The Late Cllr Grundy

It was agreed to send a card from RPC to Mrs Grundy. His funeral will be on Friday 19 March.

09-224 EBC Report

Members of the Mercian Regiment paraded through both Ilkeston and Long Eaton town centres, and this had been very well supported by the public. EBC share of Council Tax would not be increased in the coming year. Part of the Albion Leisure Centre had been let to Ilkeston Citizens Advice Bureau.

09-225 DCC Report

The Derbyshire First survey showed the most popular areas of concern were adult care, highways and community safety. The least popular were culture and leisure, and social services. It seems that the East Midlands Regional Assembly may be scrapped.

The meeting closed at 8:50pm.

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RISLEY PARISH COUNCIL

in Risley Village Hall on Thursday 8 April 2010 at 7:00pm.

Present: Cllrs Mrs P.Ancliff, J.Joyce, M.O'Neill (in the chair). In attendance: Mr Adam Reddish, Senior Planning Policy Officer, Erewash Borough Council, DCC Cllr W.Major, EBC Cllr Mrs V.Clare, Mr S.A.Leleux, Clerk, one parishioner.

Apologies: Cllrs A.Fogg, R.Hardy, Mrs R.Hobbs, E.Woodward, EBC Cllr D.Orchard.

10-01 Mr Adam Reddish, Senior Planning Policy Officer, EBC

Mr Reddish first explained the main findings of the public consultation in 2009, and then talked about the 2nd Stage Public Consultation for the Erewash Core Strategy, particularly as it affected Risley. The Core Strategy covers the period up to 2026, at which time a new strategy, possibly with different criteria, is likely to be produced.

Most respondents wanted Ilkeston to be the main focus of growth across Erewash. It is one of the two prime urban areas in the Borough (the other is Sandiacre/Long Eaton/Sawley) and as a result the housing targets have been split between them. New development could be a catalyst to regenerate Ilkeston, which is seen as a 'faded town', although no worse than many others. There is widespread support for regeneration of the Stanton site, although with many caveats. There is much less support for large scale development on the Pewit Golf Course site on the western edge of Ilkeston. Only limited growth is possible within the existing urban areas due to various constraints, such as the M1 or the risk of flooding.

It was important to maintain the Green Belt and so avoid Derby and Nottingham coalescing. Although EBC endeavours to accommodate the Green Belt when considering proposals for development, some development is likely in the larger rural communities (eg West Hallam) where local facilities exist. There is some support for the inclusion of 'affordable housing' within such development. (Affordable housing: property placed on the market at 70% of its value, the balance being from various subsidies, or intermediate housing whose owners have a mortgage on half and pay rent on the remainder. Often affordable housing is sold to registered social landlords for 'socially rented' accommodation.)

An aim of the Core Strategy is to boost the local economy, to redress the common view of Erewash as an area to live but not to work. New industry could be sited close to the town centres or on the Stanton site. Overall, of all the councils involved, Erewash has the least reliance for employment in Nottingham itself. Concerns about maintenance of green spaces within the area, and possible road congestion arising from some developments are borne in mind.

In response to a question, Mr Reddish said that most of the responses received came from ordinary people, and he felt that developers or other businesses with vested interests had not been unduly prominent. Housing targets were set by central government, but if the coming election caused a change in government the targets might also be changed. At present, Erewash has to build 5932 houses by 2026. Other planning documents will examine sites other than Stanton over the next 12-18 months. It is likely that Erewash will try to provide the bare minimum of new homes.

Mr Reddish used the Greater Nottingham Aligned Core Strategies leaflet as the basis to explain sections of the Core Strategy document. Policy 1 requires all new houses to be carbon neutral by 2016. Policy 2 Spatial Strategy has a number of sections. The number of houses listed in section 2.1 do not total the required 52,000, the balance coming from assorted smaller sites outside the main development areas. In particular, the Stanton site is assumed to contribute a minimum of 2000 homes out of the 4500 total for Erewash, not the full amount. Section 2.3 aims to promote existing town centres, which would discriminate against the construction of a retail park at Stanton.

The concept of 'sustainability', policy 3, is social factors - the availability of shops, schools, medical, recreation, transport etc - and not to ensure the provision of sufficient food, water, drainage etc. However, these factors are considered by other bodies and findings are exchanged. Policy 6 tries to ensure that retail development is appropriate for the area (and was one factor in refusing the recent application for a large Tesco at Sandiacre). The mix of housing is covered by policy 8. Groups to be considered include the young, the elderly, families, single people. In response to a question, Mr Reddish said that Risley was considered a rural settlement, in so far as it was outside the main urban areas. Policy 10 considers the historic environment. As there is existing strong planning for conservation areas such as parts of Risley there was no need to put details into the document, but any rural development must relate to neighbouring historic buildings. Managing travel demand, policy 13, required the provision of good public transport, paths for walkers and cyclists, possible limitations on parking, etc.

Transport infrastructure, policy 14, covered new roads, rail links etc. In particular, little subsidy was likely for new roads so the developer at Stanton was likely to have to fund any road improvements so the cheapest options were the most attractive.

In response to a question, Mr Reddish thought that the biggest threat to Risley was breaching the boundary of the principal urban area in the Sandiacre/Long Eaton area, which in practice is the M1. He added that he thought that redevelopment of the Stanton site represented the greatest potential for catalysing improvement to the whole Borough. In response to another question, he agreed with the published figure that approximately 44% of new housing is required for immigrants, although this mainly affects South East England.

The parishioner asked whether RPC intended to respond to the Core Strategy document, and the Chairman replied that it would respond.

The Chairman thanked Mr Reddish for his thorough explanations. He and the parishioner left at 8:25pm.

10-2 Public Session

None - the parishioner's questions had been answered by Mr Reddish's talk.

10-3 Minutes

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

10-4 Declarations of Interest

None.

Matters Arising

10-5 Footpath Signs (09-209)

Following receipt of the RPC invoice for the signs, DCC had replied that no grant was payable as such signs were the responsibility of the golf club. The Clerk protested, and an exception had been made. It was agreed to thank DCC for making this exception, enquiring whether it included the erection of the signs as well as the signs themselves.

10-6 Ice on No Mans Lane (09-212)

The Clerk reported that despite a letter and phone call he had been unable to obtain a reply from the police about the erection of temporary 'Road Closed' signs when conditions were icy. It was suggested that contact with the officer for Risley should be attempted.

10-7 Standing Orders (09-213)

In view of the low attendance it was agreed to leave this item to the next meeting.

10-8 Rubbish Clearing (09-218)

Saturday 22 May had been agreed with EBC for a major litter pick. It was agreed to produce a flyer advertising the event.

10-9 Severn Trent Excavations (09-220)

Cllr Mrs Ancliff reported that the affected area of verge outside 96 Derby Road had been fertilized and grass seed planted. The mowing contractor will be warned.

10-10 Correspondence

It was resolved that the following be noted:

- A. PWWLB: Last payment of the present loan is due in October 2011. It was agreed to defer making a decision when to begin planning for any enhancement in the playground until the next meeting.
- B. DALC Newsletters - Parish & Town Council forum, County Hall Matlock 22 April
- C. Land Registry - Suggestion that all councils should register their property, 25% discount currently available. Agreed to ignore as little obvious benefit to RPC.
- D. PlayGround Supplies - Inspection report: Trip points around pcc kerbs of the two cradle swings, gaps around perimeter of wet pour surface, worn slats on TotLot.
- E. EBC Victoria Park Leisure Centre (Ilkeston) Consultation
- F. EBC Map showing TPO coverage. Cllr Mrs Ancliffe had requested additional information from EBC.
- G. EBC Borough & Parish Councils' Forum meeting, Ilkeston Town Hall, 14 April.
- H. EBC - No charge for bin emptying contract as it was 'not delivered ... to the agreed standard'. Agreed to request quote for 2010.
- I. Breaston resident - 'Thanks for the beautiful display of daffodils and crocuses which delight the eye...' Agreed to send a copy to Mrs Grundy.
- J. EBC - Notice of Casual Vacancy posters, to be displayed on and after 12 April.
- K. Sundry advertising

10-11 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the following be paid:

- A. DCC - Signs (error last month so cheque not sent) 450.22

B.	Risley Village Hall - Room hire	173.00
C.	Play Ground Supplies - Inspection	41.13
D.	Premier Landscapes - Fence repairs First Avenue field	230.00
E.	D.Wheatley - Sign erection	400.00
F.	Mrs P.Ancliff - Grass seed & fertilizer	7.50
G.	DALC - Subscription	192.05
H.	S.A.Leleux - Clerk Salary & Expenses*	209.44

* Includes extra keys for playing field gates and part cost of Clerk's Norton anti-virus)

Public Works Loan Board direct debit £1122.56 due shortly.

It was agreed that in future the Clerk could claim a mileage rate of 45p, set when petrol cost 103.5p per litre (DALC circular 13.09).

10-12 Planning Applications

Previous Applications

1. Stopping up and change of use near the interchange in Bostocks Lane: Approved.
2. Sandborough Fields Farm: Application had been withdrawn.
3. The Nook - Extension to an existing garage: Approved

New Applications

None.

10-13 Donations

Agreed to leave until the next meeting.

10-14 Play Scheme

It was agreed that the Clerk should make a provisional booking for similar numbers and dates as last year.

10-15 Core Strategy Response

It was agreed that the RPC response should be as follows:

RPC agrees with preservation of the green belt, and any expansion being sited to expand already built up areas. It emphasises the need for affordable housing and mixed housing stock, and agrees that the Stanton development should be seen as an integral part of Ilkeston, and that development at Stanton should emphasise jobs, and there should be links to local schools.

Under delivery strategy, RPC agrees that Sandiacre should remain a local centre (not a town centre), which has implications for development. It agrees that green corridors should be preserved. RPC agrees that the shift away from cars means the provision of safe ie segregated cycle ways, and also better public transport in a north-south direction. It considers that safeguarding biodiversity/ the natural environment/ wildlife should figure more prominently in planning decisions.

Observations from Councillors

10-16 Bridge in The City

It was reported that the bridge in The City had deteriorated further, and nearby the road itself was in poor condition. The Clerk was instructed to contact DCC Highways.

10-17 Steps in Nature Reserve

It was reported that the treads of steps in the Nature Reserve (fairly recently repaired) had worn down so that the boards forming the risers created a trip hazard. It was agreed to ask the contractor responsible to add appropriate filler to the treads.

10-18 Bulb Survey

Cllr Mrs Grundy had mapped the location of bulbs. She reckoned that one sack each of daffodils (10 circles of daffodils to the sack) and crocus would fill the remaining gaps.

10-19 Rubbish on Verge

EBC Cllr Mrs Clare reported that she had noticed large black and brown bags dumped at several places on the verge near Draycott. She had reported them, and it appears they may be rubbish from a cannabis farm. If any other similar bags are seen they should be reported immediately, *without* any further investigation, to Erewash Neighbourhood Warden. It was agreed to inform Dale Abbey and Stanton-by-Dale Parish Councils.

10-20 EBC Report

There was little new to report. Consultation about developments at the Victoria Leisure Centre, Ilkeston, was under way.

10-21 DCC Report

Trading Standards are cracking down on used car salesmen, and there have been several successful prosecutions for selling defective vehicles. Attendance at Derbyshire schools is better than the national average for both primary (95.3% v 94.7%) and secondary schools (93.0% v 92.8%).

The meeting closed at 9:05pm.