

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF RISLEY WITH HOPWELL PARISH COUNCIL

held in the Oak Meeting Room of the Risley Hall Hotel on Thursday, 9 January 2020

Present: Cllrs P Ancliff, S Jarratt, F Jones, P McKeown and M O'Neill

In attendance: S Dunkley (Clerk)
Mr N Carter and colleague from Derbyshire Constabulary Speedwatch Team

Cllr S Jarratt (Chairman) in the Chair

Part 1 – Non confidential information

19-100 Apologies

Apologies for absence were given for Parish Councillors B Housley, J Hitchcock and S McCann; Borough Councillors V Clare and T Scott and County Councillor W Major .

19-101 Variation of order of business

None required.

19-102 Declarations of interest

Declarations of interest to be given should relevant business be discussed during the meeting.

19-103 Dispensations

None.

19-104 Public session

1) Members of the Public

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

2) Reports from Councillors appointed to outside bodies

No reports to be given.

3) Reports from the Police Liaison Officer, County Council and Borough Council

(a) There were no crimes reported by the Police on this occasion.

(b) Borough report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

(c) No report received for the County Council.

At this point, Mr Carter, Speedwatch Co-ordinator gave a verbal presentation on the benefits of speedwatch and the successes achieved throughout the county with 47 similar schemes in existence with 200+ volunteers. Training sessions are being arranged with the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator following which more information will be available on what equipment will be required in order to carry out sessions without the necessity of a police presence.

4) Reports and updates from Parish Councillors

- i) The Chairman confirmed that the cones will be moved from the Churchyard to behind the Village Hall for use in the event of further flooding on Derby Road.

19-105 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 2 December 2019

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 2 December 2019 were proposed as a true record by Councillor Jones, seconded by Councillor McKeown and signed by the Chairman. The Clerk informed the council that no mention should have been made in relation to the parliamentary candidate attending the launch of the Neighbourhood Watch owing to the general election purdah period. This was noted.

19-106 Exempt items

None.

19-107 Chairman's announcements/report

The Chairman reported further on the work required for the cabling of the power supply for the Christmas lighting following a conversation he had had with an electrician. Further clarification on the works required will be given in the new financial year in order that they may be carried out.

19-108 Clerk's report

The Clerk asked for assistance with taking down the lamp post poppies and the Chairman agreed to do this. Mention had been made by some residents that more poppies ought to have been displayed but it was reiterated that the Parish Council agreed to concentrate on the area around the Church and Cenotaph in order to make the display more poignant.

19-109 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

Circular No. 14/2019 had been circulated prior to the meeting. The date of the Spring Seminar to be held on 12 March 2020 was noted.

19-110 Matters for determination

- a) The Clerk asked for guidance on whether a formal tendering exercise was to be carried out for the grounds maintenance contract. Following discussion, it was agreed to extend the current contract with Shed Grounds Maintenance for a further one year period.
- b) The Clerk reported that she had approached the contractor regarding the stoning of the public footpath on Rushy Lane but a quotation has yet to be received.
- c) The Equal Opportunities and Health and Safety policies and the Risk Assessment had been circulated to all members for review. With regards to the Risk Assessment, the Clerk reported that she was having problems with the laptop losing charge. It was RESOLVED to approve all three documents and that a price be sought for a comparable replacement laptop.
- d) The Clerk reported that it was very difficult to open the Churchyard noticeboard doors as it was very close to the wall. Both Councillor Jarratt and Councillor Jones offered to display agendas/posters as and when needed. Councillor Jones suggested that the back of the noticeboard needed painting and Councillor Ancliff volunteered to do this.

- e) The Chairman reported on the increase in the cost of lighting to the Information Point. A discussion was held on whether it was necessary for this to be lit as it was believed that it was only used during daylight hours. It was therefore RESOLVED to ask Western Power to cut off the power supply with immediate effect.
- f) It was RESOLVED not to arrange an event for the forthcoming VE Day celebration in May.

19-111 Finance

(a) Accounts for payment

It was RESOLVED to approve the following payments:

<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>
002325	PKF Littlejohn LLP (Audit fee – VAT £40.00)	£240.00
002326	Clerk (Salary and expenses for December)	£298.31
002327	HMRC (PAYE for December)	£ 63.60
002328	Talesh No.3 Risley Hall Hotel (Room Hire for January 2020)	£ 25.00
002329	Salvation Army Band (Donation from Christmas Lights)	£150.00
002330	SSE (Power to the information point)	£ 59.04
002331	Shed Grounds Maintenance Limited (Grounds maintenance – VAT £93.44)	£560.65

(b) Receipts: £56.55 – collection for the Salvation Army following the Christmas Lights

(c) Draft budget for 2020/21, precept request and Reserves Policy

The draft documents prepared by the Chairman following the meeting of the Finance Working Party had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Chairman reported on the 2019/20 budget forecast and the draft budget for the forthcoming year and reiterated that it was essential that reserves are brought back to an acceptable level following several years of no increase in Precept being made. Discussion took place on the projects covered by the earmarked reserves and it was suggested that a staggered increase in precept be requested over the next three years. It was RESOLVED that a request be made for an increase to take the Precept from £7099 to £9513 in year 2020/21 followed by appropriate increases in the following two years, this should result in an annual rise of approximately £7.55 on a Band D property equivalent to 15 pence per week."

The Financial Regulations had been reviewed by the Finance Working Party and proposed by Councillor Jones and seconded by Councillor McKeown. The Reserve Policy was to be deferred to the February meeting.

19-112 Playground inspections

The report for December was given by Councillor McKeown with a suggestion for an additional litter bin outside of the play area and for the wetpour surfacing around the swings to be inspected. There was also a problem with the older children's swing in that the chain has seized up and requires lubricating. The Clerk was asked to obtain a quotation for the necessary work.

19-113 Planning

None to be discussed.

19-114 Matters for information

a) Bulky Waste Collection – 22 February 2020

19-115 Future agenda items

- Footpath reinstatement at Meadow View Court
- Cleaning of War Memorial
- Bus Shelter

Dates of future meetings: 13 February, 12 March, 9 April and 21 May 2020 (Annual meeting).

Part 2 – Confidential items

None.

Meeting closed at 20.12pm.

Signed Chairman 13 February 2020