

# MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF RISLEY WITH HOPWELL PARISH COUNCIL

held virtually via Microsoft Teams on Thursday, 11 February 2021

**Present:** Cllrs P Ancliff, J Croft, J Hitchcock, S Jarratt, M O'Neill, P McKeown and D Stafferton

**In attendance:** County Councillor W Major; Borough Councillors V Clare and T Scott  
S Dunkley (Clerk)

Cllr S Jarratt (Chairman) in the Chair

## Part 1 – Non confidential information

### 20-104 Apologies

Apologies for absence were given for Parish Councillor B Housley.

### 20-105 Variation of order of business

None required.

### 20-106 Declarations of interest

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

### 20-107 Dispensations

None received.

### 20-108 Public session

#### a) Members of the Public

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

#### b) Reports from Councillors appointed to outside bodies

Nothing to report.

#### c) Report from the Police

No police report received. However, Cllr McKeown, as senior co-ordinator of the Neighbourhood Watch, reported that January had been a quiet month with no 999 or 101 calls being made.

#### Report from County Council

Cllr Major reported that despite the extreme cold weather, there had not been many problems in the area. The County Council gritters had been working around the clock to ensure the roads were made safe. Cllr Croft queried the lack of gritting on the M1 and other main roads and Cllr Major confirmed that those mentioned were the responsibility of Highways England, whose depot is on the A52/M1 island.

More COVID testing stations are being set up within the county. This has also been a very good take up of the vaccination.

The budget has been set at County level with a 2.5% increase in council tax. This was unanimously supported by the Council. Investment in Elvaston Castle was also agreed.

Cllr Major had attended two very productive meetings regarding Stanton Ironworks. It is pleasing to note that it is a local company which is making plans for the area and it is hoped that there will be an acceptable planning application.

- (d) Cllr Scott had forwarded the Borough report on behalf of Cllr Clare and himself before the meeting and it was RESOLVED that this would be displayed on the noticeboards and on the website.
- (c) Reports and updates from Parish Councillors  
Cllr McKeown reported that the Police undertook a speedwatch session on 5 February at Risley Park. This was very quiet but they will carry on until such time as volunteers are able to restart.

#### **20-109 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 14 January 2021**

The draft minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 14 January 2021 were proposed as a true record by Cllr McKeown, seconded by Cllr Ancliff and unanimously agreed. These will be formally signed by the Chairman at the next possible physical meeting.

#### **20-110 Exempt items**

None.

#### **20-111 Chairman's announcements/report**

The Chairman reiterated Cllr Major's report on the very useful meeting of the Stanton Park Community Group. It is good to hear that they wished to involve the community with the project and that it will bring jobs to the area and therefore help the local economy. It is expected that the outline planning application will be submitted in the summer.

Problems occurred with flooding at 84 Derby Road and at the bottom of the track to Lindley House, the latter resulting in clay and water covering the 60mph road. These two incidents have been reported to the Borough and County Councils.

Cllr Jarratt suggested the possibility of a residents/volunteer association and asked for councillors' views. Cllr Stafferton volunteered to assist with moving this forward.

#### **20-112 Clerk's report**

The Clerk's report had been circulated prior to the meeting. Two enquiries have been received after the report was distributed; the first was regarding the disappearance of the two benches from the footpath past The Nook and it was RESOLVED to discuss this further at the next meeting. The second relates to the bulky waste collections and Cllr Clare confirmed that it was hoped to recommence this scheme soon.

### 20-113 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

The DALC February newsletter had been distributed to members and the contents noted.

### 20-114 Matters for determination

- (a) The Clerk informed the meeting that the proposed day for the Annual General Meeting (13 May) was also the date of Erewash's Annual meeting. It was RESOLVED that Risley's AGM will be held on Tuesday, 4 May 2021 via Microsoft Teams.
- (b) The Clerk reported that it was still necessary to identify a venue for future parish council meetings especially if restrictions are lifted and physical meetings were able to be held.
- (c) A letter from the 20'splenty for Derbyshire campaign group had been distributed to members. It was RESOLVED not to take this further as it was felt that the parish's location was not suitable for such a reduction.
- (d) Cllr McKeown reported on the PCC Vulnerability Fund which is available for groups and organisations to bid for assistance with projects to assist local residents. It was RESOLVED that an application be made for a second set of speedwatch equipment in order that more sessions may be held and that Cllr McKeown liaise with the Clerk in order to get the application submitted.

### 20-115 Finance

#### (a) Accounts for payment

It was RESOLVED to approve the following payments:

Payee		Total cost	VAT
Shed Grounds Maintenance	Mowing contract	£577.48	£96.25
Salary/expenses (Jan)		£327.46	-
HMRC	PAYE (Jan)	£69.80	
Mr T Ainsworth	Cutting back of brambles	£400.00	

#### (b) Receipts:

£68.49 – NS&I Interest

### 20-116 Playground inspections

The report for January was given by Cllr Ancliff with no real issues other than the ditch adjacent to the play area being blocked which may be contributing to the excess water on the field.

### 20-117 Planning

**ERE/0121/0018** – Land south west of Sandboro Fields Farm, Derby Road, Risley (proposed two bedroomed bungalow) – no objection

**ERE/0221/0004** – 2 Cherry Tree Close, Risley (garage extension) – no objection

### 20-118 Matters for information

- a) Derbyshire County Council's Community News – noted

**20-119 Future agenda items**

- Painting of play equipment and benches
- Work to hedge behind Village Hall
- Information Point
- Replacement of goal posts/play area
- Grounds Maintenance Contract (March)
- Speedwatch Review (April)
- Review on speed limits through village
- Provision of additional litter bins (March)
- Grants

**20-120 Dates of future meetings**

11 March and 8 April (to be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting) and Tuesday, 4 May 2021 (Annual General Meeting and Ordinary Meeting).

**Part 2 – Confidential items**

None.

Meeting closed at 20.05pm.

Signed ..... Chairman

Date: