

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF RISLEY WITH HOPWELL PARISH COUNCIL

held virtually via Microsoft Teams on Thursday, 8 April 2021

Present: Cllrs P Ancliff, J Croft, J Hitchcock, S Jarratt, P McKeown and D Stafferton

In attendance: Borough Councillor V Clare
County Councillor W Major
S Dunkley (Clerk)

Cllr S Jarratt (Chairman) in the Chair

Part 1 – Non confidential information

20-138 Apologies

Apologies for absence were given for Borough Cllr T Scott and Parish Cllr B Housley.

20-139 Variation of order of business

None required.

20-140 Declarations of interest

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

20-141 Dispensations

A request for a dispensation had been received from Cllr Housley who has been unable to attend meetings due to illness and the inability to join remote meetings during the pandemic. A three month dispensation was proposed by Cllr Jarratt which was seconded by Cllr McKeown and unanimously agreed.

20-142 Public session

a) Members of the Public

No members of the public were in attendance.

b) Reports from Councillors appointed to outside bodies

Nothing to report.

c) Report from the Police

Cllr McKeown informed the meeting that three incidents have been reported to the Police during the last month – one for anti-social behaviour, one for a suspicious vehicle parked on Cherry Tree Close and one for a road traffic accident involving a cyclist on Derby Road. Cllr Croft had also reported two suspicious vehicles parked on Derby Road to the Police.

Report from County Council

Report given during the Annual Parish Meeting.

Report from the Borough Council

Cllr Major reported on the Borough Council's Core Strategy and urged residents to take part in the public consultation to give their views and support on the proposed development sites.

d) Reports and updates from Parish Councillors

Neighbourhood Watch - Cllr McKeown reported on the National Police Awards. A database is being collated on properties in the area which have an active CCTV system in place. Cllr Croft asked for thanks to Cllr McKeown to be put on record for the latest Neighbourhood Watch newsletter.

Cllr Stafferton reported that the security fencing which had been erected at the dog training site had now been removed. Utility services have been installed though no visitors have been seen over the past few days. It is also rumoured that there are plans for a camp site in close proximity.

Play area – Cllr McKeown had circulated a discussion paper to all councillors on the future use of the play area and the possibilities which were open to the Parish Council to make the area more appealing to users. It was agreed that this was a good working document for use when discussing future plans for improvements and events for the proposed volunteer/resident group.

Cllr Jarratt proposed that he would like to retain the play area in its present form as a green open space for future generations of children/young people and suggested that the points raised in the document would fit quite nicely in the centre of the village, possibly at Rush Meadow. Cllr Stafferton reported that the play area is frequently used by young children and, as football is played in all areas, would like to see the goal posts returned. Cllr Stafferton was also concerned about exacerbating the existing parking problems on Second Avenue should the area be developed and believed it will be far easier to police an open space adjacent to the main road. Cllr Croft liked the idea of taking part in the Erewash in Bloom scheme which would attract a larger audience at Rush Meadow. Cllr Ancliff confirmed that historically events had taken place on Rush Meadow which could be augmented with hard landscaping. She would like to see the goal posts returned on the play area. It was **RESOLVED** to develop a draft strategy document which the Chair and Clerk will construct encompassing all the comments made by Councillors for future agendas to aid planning on the two green spaces.

20-143 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 11 March 2021

The draft minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 11 March 2021 were proposed as a true record by Cllr Ancliff, seconded by Cllr McKeown and unanimously agreed. These will be formally signed by the Chairman at the next possible physical meeting.

20-144 Exempt items

None.

20-145 Chairman's announcements/report

The Chairman updated the meeting on the issue of the power to the information point, all charges had now been credited and only a small amount was due to be paid. He had been asked by Mr Peter Green, a director of RHPML to express thanks to the Parish Council in respect of the planning discussions on redeveloping Willoughby Court. A request had been received for the provision of litter pickers for residents to take part in

community litter picks, it was RESOLVED to purchase eight for community use. The Clerk was asked to inform those residents who requested the equipment that full bags should be either left next to the council litter bins for collection or, if possible, take it home and put in their own waste bin.

20-146 Clerk's report

The Clerk reported on the need to contact EMH Homes on the matter which had been raised several months back and that she had reported the potholes on Second Avenue to the County Council; Cllr Stafferton reported that a temporary fix had already been made but unfortunately had not resolved the problem.

Information received from the Borough Council indicated that it may be possible for one of the Bold as Brass concerts to be held in the parish and the possible date was 22 August 2021.

20-147 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

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

20-148 Matters for determination

- (a) Litter bins: the question of whether additional litter bins were required was deferred to a future meeting post COVID. Cllr McKeown thanked Cllr Ancliff for her work.
- (b) Community Speedwatch: Cllr McKeown reported on the review of community speedwatch which he had undertaken over the last six months. It has been reported that Risley's group is the largest in the county with regards to the number of active volunteers and the number of sessions carried out, albeit a reduced level since the lockdown. The second set of equipment had now been purchased and this will enable the group to carry out more sessions in different locations. It was agreed that the information which had been captured in the review was impressive and the Council was very supportive of the initiative.
- (c) Future venue: The Chairman reported that we had spoken to the Cricket Club regarding the possibility of using its premises for future meetings. This was to be discussed at their next club meeting. The Clerk had also received a reply from the Risley Park which confirmed that their Function Suite could be made available for the Parish Council's use. It was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting when arrangements were to be made for physical meetings to resume.
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20-149 Finance

(a) Accounts for payment

It was RESOLVED to approve the following payments:

Payee		Total cost	VAT
SSE (Scottish Electric)	Power to information point	£9.12	-
Shed Grounds Maintenance	Mowing contract	£1,154.96	£192.50
Salary/expenses (March)		£358.40	-
HMRC	PAYE (March)	£81.20	
SSE (Scottish Electric)	Power to information point	£1.06	-

(b) Receipts:

£17,348 – Precept and Concurrent

20-150 Playground inspections

The report for March was received. The hole in the hedge behind the play area was getting larger and the repair to the wet pour surface edges has broken up over winter and is lost in places.

20-151 Planning

ERE/1220/0036 – Mount Pleasant, Risley – delegated decision to refuse. Noted

ERE/0321/0079 – 50 Derby Road, Risley – there are no objections. It was noted that the application states that there would be no additional living space (note 17 on plans) although it would appear there will be a substantial increase.

ERE/0321/0038 – 26 Second Avenue, Risley – no objections.

ERE/0321/0057 – 30 Bostocks Lane, Risley – no objections.

20-152 Matters for information

- Beacon of Hope Scheme – noted
- Erewash Borough Council's Local Plan Review – noted
- DDC Community News - noted

20-153 Future agenda items

- Work to hedge behind Village Hall
- Replacement of goal posts/play area (May)
- Speedwatch Review (July)

- Provision of additional litter bins
- Grant funding (May)
- Community Working Party
- Works to trees on Rush Meadow
- Litterpick

20-154 Dates of future meetings

Tuesday, 4 May 2021 (Annual General Meeting and Ordinary Meeting); 10 June 2021

Part 2 – Confidential items

None.

Meeting closed at 20.23pm.

Signed Chairman

Date: