

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

held in the Function Suite of the Risley Park Public House on Thursday 8 July 2021

**Present:** Parish Cllrs J Hitchcock, S Jarratt, P McKeown and D Stafferton  
Councillor W Major – Borough and County Councillor

**In attendance:** S Dunkley (Clerk)  
  
Cllr S Jarratt (Chairman) in the Chair

## Part 1 – Non confidential information

### 21-039 Apologies

Apologies for absence were given for Parish Councillors P Ancliff, J Croft, B Housley and Borough Councillors V Clare and T Scott.

### 21-040 Variation of order of business

None required.

### 21-041 Declarations of interest

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

### 21-042 Dispensations

None.

### 21-043 Public session

#### 1) Members of the Public

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

#### 2) Reports from Parish Councillors

Cllr Jarratt reported that The Village Hall Committee had suggested using the land behind the Village Hall for a possible community allotment. It was noted that as the land is very uneven, not of good quality with a large amount of concrete, it would be very difficult to bring back to a reasonable standard. However, Cllr Stafferton suggested that this be left to the proposed residents' gardening group for consideration in the future.

Cllr Stafferton wished to bring to the Parish Council's attention:

- several residents have complained about a large skip lorry travelling through the village with concern being expressed over its excessive speed and exhaust noise, particularly when pupils are leaving the school. The Clerk was asked to write to the company concerned.
- Residents are again complaining about the potholes on Second Avenue which had had a temporary repair some time ago. The loose stones have caused

damage to several vehicles and Cllr Major agreed to inspect and report back to the County Council.

- A resident on First Avenue is allowing a motorised quad bike to be ridden around the play area. This was reported 18 months ago and the Parish Council had written to them. The Clerk was again asked to write pointing out that motorised vehicles are not allowed on the area for health and safety reasons.

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

- (a) Report received from PCSO K Pykett giving details of criminal damage on the play area on 11 June 2021. Cllr McKeown reported that two further 101 calls had been made with regards to suspicious drug activity involving a black vehicle and three further vehicles parking behind Meadow Court. The Clerk was asked to contact PCSO Pykett to request her attendance at a future meeting.
- (b) Cllr Major reported that the result of the public consultation on the Borough Council's Core Strategy will be published in September.  
It is hoped that the Stanton New Park will be in a position to submit a planning application late September/early October of this year.  
Councillor Scott had forwarded a borough report giving the results of the local elections and informing of the change to several pay and display machines on car parks to contactless payment.
- (c) Cllr Major further reported that work is underway for the speed reduction on Dale Road, Dale Abbey which is a site of several fatal accidents.

**21-044 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 10 June 2021**

The minutes of the ordinary meeting were proposed by Cllr McKeown and seconded by Cllr Jarratt. These were unanimously agreed and signed by the Chairman.

**21-045 Exempt items**

None.

**21-046 Chairman's announcements/report**

The Chairman asked members to respond to the Clerk's emails in a timely manner to assist with planning.

**21-047 Clerk's report**

- A quotation is awaited for the repair/replacement of the wetpour safety surface on the play area. The contractor is having problems locating the resin at the moment.
- The overhanging trees at Risley Hall Hotel have been reported to the management who have confirmed that they will ask their contractor to deal with.
- The RoSPA safety inspection has been carried out with several points needing to be addressed, although none were of a urgent nature. The Clerk will prioritise the work and report to a future meeting.

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**21-048 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils**

The July newsletter had been distributed to all members. The Clerk reminded members of the training sessions which have been arranged this year and asked anyone wishing to attend to please let her know in order that they may be registered.

## 21-049 Matters for determination

- a) The community leaflet was discussed and amended and it was RESOLVED to get this printed and distributed.
- b) Cllr Ancliff had asked for CCTV for the play area to be added to the agenda for members to consider before the next meeting. The Clerk informed the meeting of the potential cost of installation and monitoring of such a system and it was RESOLVED that this would not be beneficial at this point in time as it had not been budgeted for.
- c) A quotation had been received for the stoning of footpath no. 1 (Rushy Lane). However, Cllr Stafferton mentioned that the footpath near to Risley Saddlery was in a worse condition and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk ask for a copy of the definitive map in order to identify the footpath and to see if it was in public or private ownership. It was also agreed that the Chairman would take a look and report back to the next meeting.
- d) The Chairman had approached both contractors who had quoted for the works required for the power supply to the Christmas Lights and it was agreed to discuss this further at the next meeting.
- e) Cllr Ancliff had been approached with regards to this year's Autumn Footprints Walk which were to go ahead with a reduced number taking part. A back walker was requested and either Cllrs Stafferton and Jarratt agreed to volunteer to assist dependent on the date.
- f) The Press and Media, Equal Opportunities and Data Protection policies had been distributed to members for review and it was RESOLVED that these be approved for a further two years unless further amendment is forthcoming from the relevant authority.

## 21-050 Finance

### (a) Accounts for payment

It was RESOLVED to approve the following payments:

Payee		Total cost	VAT
Fox Grounds Maintenance & Landscaping Ltd	Mowing contract	£493.99	£82.33
Salary/expenses (June)		£482.39	-
HMRC	PAYE (June)	£91.00	
David Jarvis (Risley Park)	Room Hire	£50.00	-
Mr B Wood	Internal Audit fee	£125.00	
Risley Conservation Group	Donation	£40.00	
Risley Brownies	Donation	£40.00	
Risley Women's Institute	Donation	£40.00	
Risley Not So Young	Donation	£40.00	
Risley Cricket Club	Donation	£40.00	

### (b) Approval of the Accounts for 2020/21

The bank reconciliation, final payments and receipts and the Internal Auditor's report for 2020/21 had been distributed to members. It was to be noted that the Clerk had

informed both the internal auditor and the external auditor of the reasons for the delay in publishing the accounts. It was RESOLVED:

- (i) to accept the report of the Parish Council's Internal Auditor dated 17 June 2021;
- (ii) to approve the Annual Governance Statement, and
- (iii) to approve the Accounting Statements 2020/21

Cllr McKeown informed the meeting that he had not verified the accounts for November to March. These however had been verified by the Internal Auditor with no issues to be resolved. The Clerk confirmed that the Vice-Chairman will be verifying this year's accounts.

**21-035 Playground inspections**

Cllr Croft had carried out the inspection for June and her written report will be forwarded to the Clerk shortly. She had verbally confirmed that there were no issues arising.

**21-036 Planning**

ERE/0621/0027 – 33 Maple Cottages, Derby Road, Risley (works to 12 lime trees (TPO) – for noting

ERE/0621/0080 – Land 152 meters north east of dwelling at Willow Brook Farm, Breaston Lane, Risley (proposed holiday cabin). The Parish Council objects to this application due to inappropriate use of the Green Belt.

ERE/0621/0056 - Land 350 metres south west of Willow Brook, Risley Lane, Breaston (change of use from agricultural land to form dog walking exercise area. Erection of 2m high fence). The Parish Council objects to this application due to loss of agricultural land, inappropriate use of green belt and traffic concerns.

**21-037 Matters for information**

Nothing further to report.

**21-038 Future agenda items**

- Speedwatch Review (September)
- Christmas Lights and switch on event
- Trent planting for the Queen's Canopy

Dates of future meetings: 2 September; 14 October; 11 November and 9 December 2021.

**Part 2 – Confidential items**

None.

Meeting closed at 8.18pm.

Signed ..... Chairman 2 September 2021