

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF RISLEY WITH HOPWELL PARISH COUNCIL

held at the Village Hall on Monday, 7 February 2022

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

In attendance: County Council W Major
Two residents of the parish
S Dunkley (Clerk)

Cllr S Jarratt (Chairman) in the Chair

Part 1 – Non confidential information

21-071 Apologies

Apologies for absence were given for Parish Councillor D Stafferton and Borough Councillors V Clare and T Scott.

21-072 Variation of order of business

It was RESOLVED to vary the order of business in order to discuss the planning application (Agenda Item 17) for which the members of the public were present.

21-073 Declarations of interest

A declaration of interest was declared by Cllr McKeown for agenda item 11(f) Neighbourhood Watch Summer Fete being as he is the Senior Co-ordinator.

21-074 Dispensations

None.

21-075 Public session

1) Members of the Public

Two residents attended the meeting to put forward their concerns over planning application ERE/1221/0049. The matter was discussed by the parish council and it was RESOLVED to object to the proposals in the application due to the following reasons:

- a) The property will be overbearing and cause a loss of light to the neighbouring property
- b) Concern over surface water - there has been several occasions when there has been flooding in the area and it is felt that the proposal will increase flooding on the road's physical infrastructure as there will be nowhere for the water to drain away

- c) The property is a 19th century build and it is felt that the proposed cedar timber is out of keeping with the traditional building and other properties in the area
- d) It is noted that the application form states that there is no alteration to parking for the property and it is considered that this is incorrect. Parking is available for residents' vehicles at the back of the property at the moment and, of course, with the extension this will not be possible. It is considered that the front of the property has insufficient room for parking with no turning point thus meaning that vehicles will need to reverse out of the drive onto a busy 40mph road with Second Avenue immediately opposite and a well-used bus stop nearby. Concern was expressed over the possible parking on this busy road where there is already bumper to bumper parking whilst collecting pupils from nearby schools.

2) Reports from Parish Councillors

- The Robert Ellis sale board which has been sited on the grass verge where the daffodils have been planted has been reported and hopefully will be removed as soon as possible.
- A meeting of the Risley Educational Foundation Trust is to be held on 9 February. A new Chairman has been elected and the Trust will be looking at changing the charity and possibly incorporating the Willoughby Trust.

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

- (a) No Police report had been received but the latest crime activity report from Neighbourhood Watch had been circulated to members and was noted.
- (b) Cllr Major reported on the cap on council tax of 5% and that the County Council will be increasing its charge by 3% for 2022/23. Additional significant expenditure has been budgeted for highway maintenance and a community grant fund is available for community groups.
- (c) The Borough report had been circulated to members prior to the meeting and Cllr Major also reported that the Core Strategy will be discussed at the Council meeting on 3 March along with the budget.

21-076 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 6 December 2021

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 6 December 2021 were proposed as a correct record by Cllr Ancliff and seconded by Cllr O'Neill. These were unanimously agreed and signed by the Chairman.

21-077 Exempt items

None.

21-78 Chairman's announcements/report

The Chairman confirmed that the parish council's observations on the Stanton Park planning application had been submitted to the Borough Council. A letter to the Secretary of State is to be drafted on the positives of an additional junction (25a) for approval.

21-079 Clerk's report

- A replacement bin has now been installed at the Information Point
- A second quote will be sought for the cleaning of the war memorial
- It has been necessary to purchase a new Parish laptop (approval was sought from Chairman and Vice-Chairman)

- Items are required for the next newsletter

21-080 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

The January Newsletter had been circulated to all members, the contents of which were noted.

21-081 Matters for determination

- A discussion was held on the species of tree to be planted for the Queen’s Green Canopy on Rush Meadow and it was RESOLVED that Cllr Ancliff should source an ornamental Acer. It was agreed to consider a plaque once the tree had been planted. It was also RESOLVED to make arrangements for an event including a Beacon lighting at The Village Hall on Thursday, 2 June 2022
- The parish council had been offered a Bold as Brass Concert for Sunday, 21 August and the Clerk was asked to make the necessary booking at The Village Hall.
- It was proposed by Cllr Croft, seconded by Cllr O’Neill that stock fencing should be erected at Rush Meadow. The Chairman volunteered to obtain a quotation for the work.
- The Clerk reported that the parish council was in the third year of three for the hanging basket sponsorship. It was also RESOLVED that arrangements be made for the floral planter at Hopwell for 2022.
- It was proposed by Cllr O’Neill, seconded by Cllr Hitchcock that a donation of £200 be made to the Neighbourhood Watch for the Summer Fete being held in July along with free use of Rush Meadow.

21-082 Finance

(a) Accounts for payment

It was RESOLVED to approve the following payments:

Payee		Total cost	VAT
Fox Grounds Maintenance Ltd	Mowing Contract (December)	£493.99	£82.33
Salary/Expenses (December)		£347.94	
HMRC	PAYE	£71.20	
Curry	Laptop	£329.00	
Microsoft	Renewal of software	£79.99	
Risley Memorial Hall	Room Hire (February)	£15.00	
Salary/Expenses (January)		£324.06	
HMRC	PAYE	£71.20	
Fox Grounds Maintenance Ltd	Mowing Contract (January)	£493.99	£82.33
Tim Ainsworth	Strimming on Breaston Lane	£400.00	
Derbyshire Neighbourhood Watch Association	Donation for the Summer Fete (monies to	£200.00	

	be ringfenced for Risley NW)		
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(b) **Receipts**

£0.96 - NS&I savings - interest

21-083 Playground inspections

The condition of the dog bin had been reported following the playground inspection and this had now been replaced. No further issues arose.

21-084 Planning

Decision made at minute no. 21.075

21-085 Matters for information

(a) Community Waste Collection – 26 February 2022

(b) Derbyshire County Council Community News

21-086 Future agenda items

- Co-option onto Parish Council
- 2022-23 Budget (March)
- Community Speedwatch Report (March)
- Hire of Rush Meadow by Risley PTA (March)
- Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Beacon lighting – June 2022 (March)
- Date of AGM and Parish Meeting (March)
- Cleaning of War Memorial
- Various policies
- Works to play area equipment
- Noticeboard – Derby Road
- Review of parish’s carbon footprint
- Summer floral displays

Dates of future meetings: 7 March; 4 April and 5 May 2022 (AGM and Annual Parish Meeting (revised date due to bank holiday).

Part 2 – Confidential items

None.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed Chairman

7 March 2022