

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF  
RISLEY WITH HOPWELL PARISH COUNCIL**  
held at the Village Hall on Monday, 17 June 2024

**Present:** Parish Cllrs P Ancliff, J Croft, S Jarratt, J Lowrie, R Monk and M O’Neill

**Part 1 – Non confidential information**

**24-018 Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillors J Hitchcock, P McKeown and County Councillor W Major.

**24-019 Declaration of Interest**

None.

**24-020 Variation of order of business**

None required.

**24-021 Dispensations**

None.

**24-022 Public session**

1) Members of the Public

No members of the public were in attendance.

2) Report from Councillors

- Cllr Lowrie confirmed that the long bolts hazard on the gate at the playing field have now been shortened and so the risk has been rectified.
- Cllr Monk reported that the roundabout continues to show wear and tear. Council agreed that grants be sought to cover a replacement in due course.

3) Police report

PCSO Coggins attended and gave a report on recent incidents. It was noted that fortunately there were only a small number of reportable events (five in total). He also reported the deep pothole on Bostocks Lane junction had been repaired. The parish council appreciated the report in person and thanked the PCSO for his efforts in helping to resolve the dangerous pothole repair. It is hoped the PCSO would be able to attend again on occasions going forward.

**24-023 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 13 May 2024**

The minutes of the annual general meeting held on 13 May 2024 were proposed as a correct record by Cllr Ancliff, seconded by Cllr Lowrie, unanimously agreed and signed by the chairman.

#### 24-024 Exempt items

None.

#### 24-025 Chairman's announcements/report

The Chairman reported that he had not been successful in contacting the Risley Hall manager to further discuss the damaged gate in the wall. It was suggested there may be another contact available via the Management Company and this avenue will be pursued.

#### 24-026 Clerk's report

- It was agreed to discuss the proposed GOV.com email facility when the Clerk was present as it was not entirely clear how this would benefit the parish at a cost of £75.00 per annum.
- A quote had been received for the replacement of playground kit but further quotes were awaited. Cllr Lowrie offered to make temporary repair to the horse ride which was gratefully supported by the council.

#### 24-027 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

- The June newsletter had been circulated prior to the meeting. This was noted with a number of items to be discussed at the next meeting.

#### 24-028 Matters for Determination

- a) It was RESOLVED that the parish council would take part in the 2024 minor maintenance programme as two footpaths were identified in need of attention under foot, ie the path close to the Nook and the path leading past the cricket ground.
- b) With regards to the damage to the gate at the Nook, it was thought that the gate is now as stock animals do not have access. However, it might be repairable.
- c) Repair to verge outside of hotel – subject to minor adjustments the council agreed to proceed based on the latest estimate received.

#### 24-029 Finance

##### (a) Accounts for payment

It was RESOLVED to approve the following payments:

Payee		Total cost	VAT
Fox Grounds Maintenance Ltd	Mowing contract (May)	£514.16	£85.79
Salary and expenses	May 2024	£344.28	
HMRC	PAYE – May 2024	£79.40	
Risley Memorial Hall	Room Hire (June x 2)	£50.00	
East Midlands Audit Services Ltd	Internal Audit	£157.50	

##### (b) Receipts

Bank Interest:

£0.14 Liquidity Manager Account

£30.75 Reserve Account

(c) **Annual Accounts**

- i) The Annual Governance Statement were approved for the 2023/24 financial year
- ii) The Accounting Statement were approved for the 2023/24 financial year
- iii) The Internal Audit Report was noted and approved
- iv) The Certificate of Exemption was approved for the 2023/24 financial year

(d) **Financial Regulations**

Given that this was a lengthy document it was determined that this will be cleared in correspondence.

(e) **Bank Accounts**

Given this was an incremental cost of £12 pcm this was put on hold pending the determination of any added value the facility will provide.

**24-030 Playground inspections**

- Monthly report noted with only the usual litter and dog mess.

**24-031 Planning**

None received.

**24/032 Matters for information**

- Cllr Croft updated the Council on a successful and well attended Bio-diversity meeting with residents where many ideas were suggested. It was agreed this is very positive and small groups will be set up to consider further/take action.

**24-033 Future agenda items**

- Noticeboard – Derby Road
- Christmas Lights – 7 December 2024
- Bus services
- Biodiversity action plan (ongoing)
- Staff appraisal
- Result of inspections (August 2024)

Dates of future meetings: 15 July, 16 September, 21 October, 18 November, 16 December, 20 January 2025, 17 February, 17 March, 21 April and 19 May (AGM and Annual Parish Meeting).

**Part 2 – Confidential items**

None

Signed ..... Chairman 15 July 2024