

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF
RISLEY WITH HOPWELL PARISH COUNCIL**
held at the Village Hall on Monday, 16 September 2024

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

19 members of the public

Part 1 – Non confidential information

24-050 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs R Monk, W Major and T Scott as well from the Clerk.

24-051 Declaration of Interest

None.

24-052 Variation of order of business

It was RESOLVED to bring this item forward to the public session.

24-053 Dispensations

None.

24-054 Public session

1) Members of the Public

As 19 members of the public were in attendance, the planning item was brought forward for discussion.

Planning

ERE/0923/0047 and ERE/0923/0048 - proposed Greggs and Starbucks outlets with signage. The Chair explained the position that no further objections were allowed and those who had objected had been invited to speak at the EBC planning committee to be held Wednesday, 18 September at Long Eaton Town Hall. The purpose of this session was to enable interested residents to discuss and give their views on the proposal and exchange ideas and the approach with those speaking at the forthcoming meeting. The Chair outlined the nine objections that the Parish Council had raised and discussion ranged around these areas and who might focus on specific areas when speaking at the Planning Committee.

Considerable discussion took place highlighting the main concerns including inter alia highway efficiency and safety, pedestrian safety, school pupils safe guarding issues, environmental issues include pollution, net zero, not in keeping with the village character, noise, litter etc.

Concern was also expressed at the apparent leakages to the Press (Derby Evening Telegraph & BBC news) that it was expected the Committee would 'approve the

proposal' and this may put residents off attending the Wednesday meeting. The Chair agreed this was unhelpful but urged people to speak or attend to indicate their objecting interest in the planning proposal.

2) Report from Councillors

- Cllr Ancliff suggestion of bulbs being planted in the grass verge on Second Avenue was unanimously supported by Council. Cllr Ancliff advised she had reported the bulging wall alongside the watershed at Risley Hall to EBC and the overgrown hedge alongside Risley Grammar School to DCC .
- Cllr McKeown referred to a resident reporting problems with planning where an applicant has exceeded the planning approval granted / has issues with the contractors involved but after reporting it to EBC finds there is no response / support from the EBC Enforcement Officers.
- Councillor Croft gave an update on the second meeting of the Risley BioDiversity Community Group and councillors noted the good progress and contributions from various parties to date.

3) Police report

The Police report was noted, nothing considered significant.

24-055 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 15 July 2024

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 15 July 2024 were proposed as a correct record by Cllr Ancliff, seconded by Cllr Lowrie, unanimously agreed and signed by the Chairman.

24-056 Exempt items

None.

24-057 Chairman's announcements/report

- Chair referred to correspondence with various parties on planning issues.
- Highlighted that it was intended to invest in Christmas lights for the trees at the front of Rush Meadow and also in a new rocking horse (or equivalent) for the play area prior to December. Cllrs Ancliff and O'Neill to determine which sort of rocking ride is selected within the budget provided.

24-058 Clerk's report

No report available as the Clerk is recuperating from an operation.

24-059 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

- The circulars had been circulated prior to the meeting and noted.

24-060 Matters for Determination

- a) The updated policies and procedures on Standing Orders and Grievance Procedure were noted and unanimously agreed.
- b) Autumn newsletter - contributions were requested and the Chair asked if a larger spread could be inserted on the Biodiversity initiative on this occasion.
- c) Parish & Town Council Forum 15 October - Chair confirmed he would attend - other Councillors also welcome.

- d) Derby County Council Snow Warden Scheme for 2024 - Cllr Hitchcock to review and advise next meeting.
- e) Minor Maintenance Scheme 2024 - confirmed Derbyshire County Council will support to level of £438.00. Discussion revolved around stoning part lengths of the footpaths between Rushy Lane and the Nook or the footpath at bottom of Bostocks Lane or close to Golden Valley. On balance the view was the Chairman take a further look at each then decide. It was also noted there needs to be improved signage along Bostocks Lane to the entrance to the footpath.

24-061 Finance

It was RESOLVED to approve the following payments:

Payee		Total cost	VAT
Fox Grounds Maintenance Ltd	Mowing contract (June, invoice 11125)	£450.50	£75.08
Salary and expenses	July 2024 including planters	£365.28	
HMRC	PAYE – July 2024	£81.20	
Risley Memorial Hall	Room Hire (September x 2)	£50.00	
Steve Spencer	Work to verges and noticeboard	£173.00	
Salary and expenses	August 2024	£385.36	
HMRC	PAYE – August 2024	£81.20	
Mrs P Ancliff	Reimbursement of bedding plants for planters	£59.56	
Campaign for the Protection of Rural England	Renewal of membership	£60.00	
Fox Grounds Maintenance Ltd	Maintenance contract Inv 11528, August	£450.50	£75.08
Steve Spencer	Further work to verges	£88.00	

(b) Receipts

Bank Interest - July:

£ 0.13 Liquidity Manager Account

£ 26.37 Reserve Account

£599.97 VAT Reimbursement

Bank Interest – August:

£ 54.90 Liquidity Manager Account

£ 8.30 Reserve Account

24-062 Playground inspections

The Chair reported on July and Cllr Lowrie on August identifying the rocking horse being vandalised (again), goal posts are loose and might be supported by braces, the climber frame needs some maintenance attention.

24-063 Matters for information

- Noticeboard has been moved from the Church to Rush Meadow entrance – noted
- Temporary road closure for Water works on Risley Lane, Breaston, 15-18 October – noted

24-065 Future agenda items

- Grants (play area and other projects) - ongoing
- Christmas Lights – 7 December 2024
- Bus services
- Review of policies
- Flooding update
- Biodiversity action plan – ongoing.
- NGET Consultation - ongoing

Dates of future meetings: 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

Meeting closed at 21.10pm.

Signed Chairman 21 October 2024