

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF
RISLEY WITH HOPWELL PARISH COUNCIL
held at the Village Hall on Monday, 18 November 2024**

Present: Parish Cllrs P Ancliff, J Croft, S Jarratt, J Lowrie, P McKeown,
and R Monk
Borough and County Cllr W Major
Clerk to the Parish Council, S Dunkley

Part 1 – Non confidential information

24-082 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr M O'Neill.

24-083 Declaration of Interest

None.

24-084 Variation of order of business

None.

24-085 Dispensations

None.

24-086 Public session

1) Members of the Public

No members of the public were present.

2) Report from Councillors

Cllr W Major reported on material items relating to DCC and EBC:

DCC: General Revenue outturn shows a deficit and difficult decisions need to be made to services such as children and adult social care. Eight care homes are being marketed as ongoing concerns, if there are no buyers then they will close. This will save approx. £5m per year. Discretionary grants for organisations such as the Erewash CVS in our area are being considered. The masterplan for Elvaston Castle has had to be pulled and unfortunately maintenance to the area will be reduced.

EBC: Public consultation has been opened on the request by the Showmen's Guild to extend the Ilkeston Charter Fair for one day. This needs to be decided by the Home Office. Currently undertaking the setting of the budget

Parish Council: No reports from outside bodies.

Biodiversity Action Group: The biodiversity initiative is well supported by residents with two working parties involved with Rush

Meadow and the play area. A Derbyshire Environmental Trust grant has been applied for and the free trees have arrived from the Woodland Trust and need setting. Bird and bat boxes have been purchased. It was agreed that a further meeting be arranged for early in the new year.

3) Police report

No report from the Police but report from the Neighbourhood Watch was noted.

24-087 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 21 October 2024

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 21 October 2024 were proposed as a correct record by Cllr McKeown, seconded by Cllr Lowrie, unanimously agreed and signed by the Chairman.

24-088 Exempt items

None.

24-089 Chairman's announcements/report

- Gate at Risley Hall – unfortunately manager of the Hotel has not returned calls. It was agreed that although some work had been carried out it looks a mess but the parish council is unable to do anything. A letter from English Heritage states that local authorities have powers to force repair works to be carried out in such cases and it was agreed that the clerk draft a letter to Erewash including the correspondence from the family which helped to pay for the gate; the letter from English Heritage and a photograph stating that there has been no response from the hotel management.
- It had been noted that heat pumps were being installed in Willoughby Court which are not allowed in conservation areas.
- A further six barrels have been purchased for the village, two to be placed at each village entrance; one on Breaston Lane and one near the bench outside of the Village Hall. This was agreed. Cllr Monk to enquire whether further top soil was available and Cllrs Lowrie and Ancliff to survey the crossroads. It was noted that residents may wish to sponsor a planter and it was agreed to add to the Spring newsletter.
- Clerk had chased the Diocese and DWT on the smashed two gates on the Wildlife Trust's boundary crossing the public footpath but reply still outstanding.

24-090 Clerk's report

- A quotation has been requested for the painting of two benches, one outside of the Church entrance and one on the corner of Second Avenue.
- Campaign for Rural England (CPRE) has arranged a virtual parish council planning training session on Thursday, 23 January 2025. Cllr Monk was interested in attending and the clerk was asked to make the arrangements.

24-091 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

- Cllr Jarratt has been co-opted onto the board of the Association.

- Monthly newsletter to be noted along with various training courses.
- Clerk to attend the Teams meeting on Martyn’s Law and its implications on the local council sector on Monday, 25 November 2024.

24-092 Matters for Determination

- Christmas Lights – 3 x 52m Super Festoon lights have been ordered from Lighting Legends based in Ilkeston and the Clerk to collect this week. The quotation for the installation by their electrician was agreed to be too high at £1,000 and the Chair had approached a local business who had agreed to carry out the work on behalf of the Parish Council free of charge. Cllrs Jarratt and Monk to prepare the lights for installation w/c 25 November. Clerk to meet with the WI and Church regarding the Christmas Fayre and Lights Switch on.
- The Safeguarding Policy and Council Vacancy Policy were reviewed and approved with no amendments.
- Rocking Horse replacement - A quotation from Proludic had been received for the replacement springer. Following discussion it was RESOLVED to accept the quotation from Wicksteed Leisure for the Motorcycle springer.
- Future litter picks – it was AGREED to arrange the dates of future litter picks at the next meeting of the Biodiversity Working Group. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk be given permission to purchase six litter pickers and hi-vis vests up to the £100.00.

24-093 Finance

It was RESOLVED to approve the following payments:

Payee		Total cost	VAT
Fox Grounds Maintenance Ltd	Mowing contract (Sept, invoice 11665)	£450.50	£75.08
Salary and expenses	October 2024	£427.47	
HMRC	PAYE – October 2024	£99.40	
Risley Memorial Hall	Room Hire	£25.00	
Spens Gardening and Building Maintenance	Poppy installation	£44.00	
S Dunkley	Reimbursement of cost of six planters	£150.00	

Receipts

Bank Interest – October:
 £67.38 Liquidity Manager Account
 £ 5.56 Reserve Account
 £ 3.45 National Grid wayleave agreement

24-094 Playground inspections

The hole in the hedge to the left hand side of the play area had been closed but this has again been removed. It was AGREED the Chair and Vice Chair to undertake a site visit to see what might be done.

24-095 Planning

ERE/1024/0042 – Erection of single storey extension to front elevation, erection of single and two storey extensions to rear elevations and alterations to roof at 52 Bostocks Lane, Sandiacre – no objections

ERE/1024/0056 – Demolish existing rear extensions, erect single storey rear extension at 71 Derby Road, Risley – no objections

24-096 Matters for information

- County Council's School Travel Plan – has been forwarded to the School
- Derbyshire County Council newsletter - noted
- Gate and fencing – reply awaited from Derbyshire Wildlife Trust and Derby Diocese
- Erewash Core Strategy Review
- Chesterfield to Willington Overhead Line - EIA Scoping Regulation 11 Notification and Consultation
- Christmas Fayre and Light Switch on – 7 December 2024

24-097 Future agenda items

To ask for any items which members wish to be added to a future agenda:

- Grants (ongoing)
- Review of policies
- NGET Consultation (ongoing)
- Bus Service (request for site meeting, reply awaited)
- Draft budget for 2025/26 (January 2025)
- Footpath work – Nook and Bostocks Lane

Dates of future meetings: 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

16 December 2024