

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

Present: Parish Cllrs P Ancliff, J Croft, J Hitchcock, S Jarratt, J Lowrie, P McKeown, M O'Neill and R Monk
Clerk to the Parish Council, S Dunkley

Part 1 – Non confidential information

24-098 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr W Major.

24-099 Declaration of Interest

None.

24-100 Variation of order of business

None.

24-101 Dispensations

None.

24-102 Public session

1) Members of the Public
No members of the public were present.

2) Report from Councillors
Borough and County Councils: No reports received.

Parish Council:

- Risley Educational Foundation met the previous week. The School House has been put back on the market.
- Several residents have reported the stiles at both ends of footpath 18 are inaccessible to walkers. The Clerk was asked to report to the County Council
- The Christmas Fayre and Lights event was a great success. It was agreed to write to the WI to see if they would like to be involved in the 2025 which is to be held on Saturday, 6 December with the band playing at the earlier time of 6pm. A collection of £60.00 was taken at the event and it was AGREED that the Parish Council increase this to £150.00.

Biodiversity Action Group:

Volunteers of the Biodiversity Working Group have planted trees on the play area and the bird/bat boxes have proved very successful. Provisional date for the next meeting is Wednesday, 19 February at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. £3,800 has been awarded by the Derbyshire Environmental Trust which needs to be recorded monthly

and a further application has been made to the East Midlands Airport Trust. Both to be discussed at the meeting.

- 3) Police report
Another quiet month. Neighbourhood Watch report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

24-103 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 18 November 2024

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 18 November 2024 were proposed as a correct record by Cllr Lowrie, seconded by Cllr Ancliff, unanimously agreed and signed by the Chairman.

24-104 Exempt items

None.

24-105 Chairman's announcements/report

- Discussion took place on extending the parish council's thanks to those who assisted with the lights, hotel wall and verges. It was agreed that the Clerk make arrangements in the new year.
- It was agreed that the six additional planters be put in situ early in the new year.

24-106 Clerk's report

- It was reported at a previous meeting that a bid had been made for funding from the National Lottery. Unfortunately, this has been unsuccessful on this occasion.
- Still in correspondence with DCC and Trent Barton regarding the bus services.
- Have written to the planning department regarding the gates at Risley Hall Hotel.
- An enquiry from a care home company has been received asking if the parish council would be interested in selling the play area land.
- Quote has been requested for the stoning of the footpath

24-107 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

The monthly newsletter had been circulated before the meeting. The Clerk confirmed that she had attended the zoom meeting regarding Martyn's Law and had a better understanding of what was required to be done for future events. It was agreed that meetings should be physical rather than held remotely in order that the public may attend.

24-108 Matters for Determination

- a) The Clerk reported that The Salvation Army Band would be interested in performing at a future event with the parish council and it was agreed to keep this in mind for future planning.

24-109 Finance

It was RESOLVED to approve the following payments:

Payee		Total cost	VAT
Fox Grounds Maintenance Ltd	Mowing contract (invoice 11792 and 11914)	£901.00	£150.16
Salary and expenses	November 2024	£365.52	
HMRC	PAYE – November 2024	£83.00	
Risley Memorial Hall	Room Hire	£25.00	
CPRE	Planning Training	£10.00	
S Dunkley	Reimbursement of cost of provisions for Christmas Fayre	£139.05	
Mrs P Ancliff	Reimbursement for bird/bat boxes	£139.05	
Salvation Army Band Stapleford	Donation for playing at Christmas Lights	£150.00	

Receipts

Bank Interest – November:

£58.62 Liquidity Manager Account

£ 2.74 Reserve Account

£60.00 Collection for the Salvation Army Band from event

24-110 **Playground inspections**

Report received by the Clerk and noted.

24-111 **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 with amendments– no objections

ERE/1024/0039 – Demolish existing commercial unit and rebuild with minor variation to roof profile at Rising Lea Business Park, Derby Road, Risley – no objections

24-112 **Matters for information**

- Derbyshire County Council newsletter - noted
- Gate and fencing – reply awaited from Derbyshire Wildlife Trust and Derby Diocese
- Bus Services – reply awaited from DCC
- CPRE newsletter – noted

24-113 **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 (reply awaited)
- Draft budget for 2025/26 (January 2025)
- Footpath work – Nook and Bostocks Lane

Dates of future meetings: 20 January 2025, 17 February, 17 March, 21 April and 19 May (AGM and Annual Parish Meeting).

Part 2 – Confidential items - None

Signed Chairman 20 January 2025