RISBY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Risby Annual Parish Meeting
Held on Wednesday 4th May 2016

PRESENT: Parish Councillors - Derrick Abrey (Chairman), Ian Turner (Vice-chairman), Jill Gray, Simon Gray, Chris Sutton, Steve Smith, Joanne Kirk (Clerk) and Borough Councillor Susan Glossop

IN ATTENDANCE: 1 member of the public

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Darren Matthews (Chairman of the Village Hall Trustees), the Safer Neighbourhood Team and County Councillor Rebecca Hopfsenberger

The Chairman welcomed everyone present.

1. **Approval of the minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 14th May 2015**
   The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman of Risby Parish Council, Derrick Abrey.

2. **Written Report from the Safer Neighbourhood Team**

3. **Written Report from County Councillor Becky Hopfsenberger**

4. **Report from Borough Councillor Susan Glossop**
   - There is now some interest in the land between Westley village and the Westley estate in Bury St Edmunds
   - The uptake for brown bins in Risby was 46.3%.
   - There is confusion about what can go in the brown bin. Anything that is taken into the house cannot go in the brown bin. It is only for garden waste.
   - Home composting bins are available to purchase
   - The new Connecting Communities Scheme. There will be a drop-in session in Bury St Edmunds on 1st June
   - Risby Business Park. Enforcement became involved and requested that a planning application be submitted. Once the plan was received, the applicant was told that it would not be approved so it was withdrawn.
   - The consultation on the waste hub. The results will be published in June.
   - An archaeological dig is taking place near Fornham. This is yielding some interesting results.

5. **Written report from Risby Village Hall report**

6. **Risby Charities Financial Report**

Balance b/f	£1,710
Income	£14,500
Expenditure	£12,950
Balance at year end:	£3,260

7. **Risby Parish Council's Annual Report**
   Parish Council Chairman, Mr Derrick Abrey, presented his report. He spoke about the following:
   - Planning applications in Risby
   - Allotments. The rent has been raised from £15 to £20.
   - The Vehicle Activated Sign for Risby which has now been delivered.
   - Footpaths. Complaints have been received about the number of cuts along the path from Newmarket Road. Suffolk County Council has agreed to cut this path twice a year.
   - A new fence has been put up round the war memorial and feedback has been positive.
   - The West Suffolk Operational Hub – no decision has been made yet. The outcome of the consultation is due to be published in June.
   - Ongoing Highways issues which are a continued source of frustration for the Parish Council, including the drain on The Green which needs pumping out and temporary repairs to potholes
   - The Chairman thanked Cynthia Boreham for cleaning the bus shelters, Penny and her team for litter picking, the volunteers who deliver leaflets, Steve Lumley for cutting the grass around Welham Lane pond and the clerk for all her hard work and support.

8. **Financial Report**
   The clerk, Joanne Kirk, presented her report.

9. **Any other issues or concerns raised by members of the public**
   No further issues were raised.

The meeting closed at 8.52p.m

Signed …… Dated……..

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