RISBY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Risby Annual Parish Meeting
Held on Thursday 6th May 2021

PRESENT: Parish Councillors - Derrick Abrey (Chairman), Ian Turner (Vice-chairman), John Fairlie, Simon Gray, Chris Sutton, Ben Ramsay and Steve Smith

Also present: Joanne Kirk (Clerk), District Councillor Susan Glossop and Darren Matthews (Village Hall Trustees)

IN ATTENDANCE: Two members of the public

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Nigel Abrey (Neighbourhood Watch) and County Councillor Rebecca. Hopfensperger.

Derrick Abrey chaired the meeting. He welcomed everyone present. All the reports presented are available on Risby Parish Council's website at https://risby.suffolk.cloud/meetings/annual-parish-meeting/

1. **Approval of the minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 9th May 2019**
   The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman of Risby Parish Council, Derrick Abrey.

2. **Report from District Councillor Susan Glossop**
   A copy of the full report is available on Risby Parish Council's website.

3. **Report from County Councillor Becky Hopfensperger**
   A copy of the full report is available on Risby Parish Council's website.

4. **Risby Village Hall report**
   A copy of the full report is available on Risby Parish Council's website Darren Matthews spoke about the following:
   - The MUGA floodlights will be the next big project.
   - The inside and outside of the Village Hall have been refurbished.
   - A big party is to be held after lockdown.
   - The Calor gas application for gym equipment has successfully got through first round. A Facebook page will be set up to obtain support for the project along with a crowd funding page.

5. **Risby Charities Financial Report**
   A copy of the full report is available on Risby Parish Council's website.

6. **Update from Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator Nigel Abrey**
   Queries are received occasionally from residents with a Neighbourhood Watch request or problem and Nigel Abrey will point them in the right direction to solve the problem. NHW is not in the same league as it was when Risby had a beat officer involved within 7 villages.

   Nigel Abrey has approached a couple of people regarding NHW for the village, but both declined to take it on. If the Parish Council can find any volunteers to help with NHW, Nigel Abrey would be very happy to support them and be a street co-ordinator for the new person.

7. **Risby Parish Council's Chairman's Report**
   A copy of the full report is available on Risby Parish Council's website.

8. **Financial Report**
   The clerk, Joanne Kirk, presented her report. The Financial Report is available on the Parish Council website. No questions were asked.

9. **Quiet Lanes Consultation**
   The people present at the meeting all supported the project and think it is an excellent idea.

10. **Any other issues or concerns raised by members of the public**
    a) **Provision of a village flagpole**
       A resident asked if this is something the village should consider. It was agreed that this item would be added to the next Parish Council agenda.
    b) **Roadside nature reserves**
       The roadside nature reserve opposite Lackford Lane has already been identified as having a rare plant.

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c) Improving footways in Risby

This item will be discussed at the next parish council meeting.

d) Lower Green

A suggestion has been put forward by a resident to make a pond area where the existing sump is on Lower Green. Sophie Flux agreed to put a more detailed proposal together taking into account potential constraints such as the fact that the sump is filled with water flowing off the roads round the Green and only has water in it for a few months of the year. The sump also fills with silt very quickly. This item will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

No further issues were raised. The meeting closed at 8.55p.m.

Signed …… Dated……..

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