

**RISBY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Risby Annual Parish Meeting**  
**Held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

**PARISH COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Ian Turner (Chair), Simon Gray, Steve Smith, Chris Sutton and Ben Ramsay.**

**Also present: Joanne Kirk (Clerk), District Councillor Susan Glossop, Dean Taylor (Risby Village Hall) and Karen Taylor (Risby Wildlife Group).**

**APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from parish councillors Derrick Abrey and John Fairlie. Sophie Flux (Risby Wildlife Group) and Chris Lilley (Risby Charities) also sent their apologies.**

Ian Turner, Chair of Risby Parish Council, chaired the meeting. He welcomed everyone present. All the reports presented at the meeting are available on Risby Parish Council's website at <https://risbyparishcouncil.gov.uk/annual-parish-meeting/>

**1. Approval of the minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025.**

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair of Risby Parish Council, Ian Turner.

**2. District Councillor Susan Glossop.**

A copy of her report is available on Risby Parish Council's website.

- Most issues for the parish are county council issues.
- This week's grass cutting programme is going well.
- The Steelstock application caused a lot of concern in the village. The initial application was refused by West Suffolk Council. The applicant appealed and this was upheld by the Planning Inspector.

**3. Risby Village Hall report.**

A copy of the report is available on Risby Parish Council's website.

Dean Taylor said the village hall is in a much better position financially. They have carried out due diligence with regard to their finances, policies and procedures, all of which have been updated. They now have a reserve fund. They have done a lot of work on the village hall including refurbishing the toilets and improving the Gift Horse Room. They also have an online booking system.

**4. Risby Wildlife Group**

A written report was sent.

**6. Risby Parish Council's Chair's Report.**

No report was received as the previous chair has taken a leave of absence.

**7. Risby Parish Council Financial Report.**

A copy of the report is available on Risby Parish Council's website. No questions were asked.

**8. Any other issues or concerns raised by residents.**

No issues were raised.

**The meeting closed at 8.20pm.**

Signed .....

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