

RIDLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting
held on Wednesday 20th May
in the Village Hall
Ridlington

Present: Councillors Johnson (in the Chair), Harvey, Roome, Richards, Waterhouse, Townsend and Gilkes together with the Clerk (Chris Lees)
In addition, the following members of the public were also present: Roger Powley, Mike Horwood, Pat Dalby, Mike Fish and Shelagh Page

1. Minutes of last Annual Parish Meeting held on 14th May 2014

These were read and unanimously approved being proposed by Councillor Richards and seconded by Councillor Waterhouse

2. Matters Arising

Pat Dalby raised a question about the dangers from the high growth on the corner of farmer Chris White's field on the corner of Brook Road. Chris White is only responsible for cutting back growth on the inside of the fence, the remainder being Highways. The Clerk agreed to check the position with RCC Highways Dept
Pete Townsend suggested the new grit bin at the junction of East Lane and Main Street was in a dangerous position. He was asked to consider its resiting

3. Chairman's Report

The Chairman thanked everyone in the village for their support over the last 12 months, especially all the volunteers who gave their time to the many events including the Church, Playing Fields and Village Hall. Ours is a unique village and needs our continued protection. In particular he asked that we pay particular notice of the children and young people in the village to find out what they most need and how we might help them achieve these.

4. Village Hall Report and Accounts

These were circulated and presented by David Roome on behalf of the Village Hall Trustees. Operating expenditure for the year (£1528.64) exceeded income (£922.65) by £605.99. Repairs to WCs and to the roof were the key causes for this difference amounting to £672.58. The balance at the bank is down to £10339.09 as a result of the expenditure mentioned. Key areas of income were from Quiz nights, Coffee Mornings and Hire charges.

The village hall lottery fund continues to be well funded with a balance held at the year end of £13695.44 compared with £12228.40 at the end of the previous year. Prize money paid during the year totalled £1326.00. 72% of houses in the village are in the lottery contributing to the upkeep of the hall.

The Chairman thanked the Trustees of the village hall for their continued hard work and dedication during the year.

5. **Playing Field Report and Accounts**

These were presented and circulated by Mike Horwood on behalf of the Playing Field Trustees. The year began with a bank balance of £2409 and cheques outstanding of £465 leaving a balance of £1944.

Main fund raising events during the year were the Pimms Party, Quiz night and Sports day which together brought in £1063

Grass cutting remains the largest expense but arrangements have been changed for the future allowing the gang mowers to be sold for £528. A local contractor was engaged to cut the grass at a cost of £864 and results have been good.

Belton and Ridlington Cricket Club had several home fixtures in 2014 and more are planned in 2015.

The regular maintenance of the play area, hedges etc is carried out by volunteers on various weekends in the Spring. The 2014 annual ROSPA inspection of the play area identified no major problems.

The outlook remains positive with expenditure, including the grass cutting, expected to be in the region of £1400. No major projects are planned during 2015/16. Annual income is expected to be in the region of £1600 leaving a small surplus likely for the year.

Councillor Waterhouse raised concerns about security of the entrance gates and the possibility of vandals possibly in cars damaging property in particular the memorial stones

6. Our Ward Member, William Cross, was not present

The next Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th May 2016

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05pm

C J Lees
Clerk
Ridlington Parish Council
12th June 2015

Approved: í í í í í í í í .
Chairman
Date: í í í í í í í í í í .