

**Minutes of Ridlington Parish Council Meeting  
Held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019  
At Ridlington Village Hall**

Attendance	Cllr. D Johnson – Chairman Cllr. D Roome Cllr. R Lees Cllr. D Thatcher Cllr. D Richardson Cllr. J Richardson  Helen Duckering – clerk  1 member of the public	
Apologies	Cllr. Harvey	
Item		Actions
2019/29	<b>The meeting opened at 7.30pm</b>	
2019/30	<b>Declaration of member’s interests and to receive requests for dispensations</b>  Cllr. Roome and Cllr. Lees declared an interest in item 9 of the agenda – Financing Parish Assets and Grants	
2019/31	<b>To approve the co-option of a Parish Councillor</b>  It was proposed that David Richardson be co-opted to Ridlington Parish Council.  All in favour.  Cllr. David Richardson duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form.	
2019/32	<b>Minutes of the last meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019</b>  These were agreed and signed by the Chairman.	
2019/33	<b>Matters arising from the last meeting 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019</b>  Valuation of Parish assets – it was agreed that valuations would be obtained next year, in time for the annual audit preparation.	
2019/34	<b>Clerk’s report</b>  Policies for adoption by the Parish Council will be prepared and adopted over subsequent meetings. The Parish Council Risk Assessment will be reviewed and presented to the Parish Council for approval in November.	
2019/35	<b>Correspondence</b>	
	Letter of thanks received from Rutland Citizens Advice Bureau for £50	

2019/36	<p><b>Report on LRALC AGM 15<sup>th</sup> June 2019</b></p> <p>Cllr. Johnson gave a report on the LRALC AGM, attended on the 15<sup>th</sup> June. A presentation was made by BHIB, specialists in Parish Council Insurance, who will be approached for a quotation prior to the renewal of the Parish insurance. Discussions as to the role Parish Councils can take to address climate change and loneliness were highlighted.</p>	
2019/37	<p><b>Financing Parish Assets and Grants</b></p> <p>Cllr. Roome lead a discussion on the current Parish Council policy for the making of grants. It was agreed that before any revisions were made to the policy, a notice, drafted by Cllr. Thatcher, would be placed in the Benefice magazine explaining what the Parish precept is and how it is spent.</p> <p>Any groups wishing to apply to the Parish Council for grants, to fund the purchase of specific items, will have the opportunity to do so in October. The precept and any applications will be discussed at the November meeting</p>	
2019/38	<p><b>Safer Villages Scheme</b></p> <p>The Safer Villages Scheme has been launched to reduce the risk of crime, fire and fraud. A 'champion' from villages will receive training and a supply of safety equipment. Cllr. Lees volunteered to be the scheme champion and Ridlington's interest in the scheme will be registered.</p>	
2019/39	<p><b>Grass Cutting</b></p> <p>It was agreed that Cllr. J Richardson would contact RCC to establish the amount of any grant that may be available from them towards the cost of village grass cutting.</p>	
2019/40	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <p><b>Bank Reconciliation 17<sup>th</sup> September 2019</b>  Current Account £2770.71  Deposit Account £1224.98  Total £3995.69</p> <p><b>Payments authorised since the last meeting</b>  Clerk's salary May, June, July, August &amp; September  Zurich Insurance £257.60  HMRC Q1 £123.60  LRALC Internal Audit Service £170.00  LRALC training £40.00  Rutland County Council election costs £135.69  Community Heartbeat Trust (defibrillator) £100.00</p> <p><b>Accounts for payment</b>  HMRC Q2 £136.60</p>	
2019/38	<p><del><b>Safer Villages Scheme</b></del></p>	

2019/41	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <p><b>To consider planning application:</b>  <b>2019/0929/CAT - Remove 3 low branches of Ash (T1) by drive and remove significant deadwood from the crown. 1 East Lane</b></p> <p>No objections  Recommend Approval</p> <p><b>Applications received since the last meeting:</b></p> <p><b>2019/0828/CAT – (T1) 1 no. Ash Tree – crown reduction of 10 metres in height and 3 metres laterally. (T2) 1 no. Ash Tree – pollard to the height of the 3 metre high hedge. 29 Main Street, Ridlington</b></p> <p>No objections.  Recommend Approval</p> <p><b>2019/0790/FUL – Installation of a single thermal panel on South facing roof. Hillside Lodge, 7A Main Street, Ridlington.</b></p> <p>The solar panel is already installed. Similar, modern properties on Main Street have solar panels installed on roofs facing the road.</p> <p>No objections.  Recommend Approval.</p> <p><b>2019/0791/CLP – Install 14 x 300 watt PV roof mounting system on South facing stable roof. Hillside Lodge, 7A Main Street, Ridlington.</b></p> <p>This application lacks sufficient information as to the potential impact of reflection on neighbouring properties to make a decision as to its suitability. The area of the installation appears to be large in relation to the size of the property and more information as to the suitability of the size is required to make a recommendation.</p> <p>Neutral response.</p> <p><b>Decisions received from RCC since the last meeting</b></p> <p>2019/0408/FUL Link roof alterations and erection of garden room. The Old Mill Barn, Holygate – Approved 31/07/19</p> <p>2019/0713/PTA Branch removal, trim canopy back 4m from roof, crown thinning and pruning of 1 No. Sycamore tree. 1 Church Street – Approved 21/08/19</p> <p>The meeting closed at 8.20pm  Next meeting 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019</p>	

