

**Minutes of Ridlington Parish Council Meeting  
Held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023  
Ridlington Village Hall**

Attendance	<p>Cllr. D Johnson Cllr. M Bryer Cllr. D Harvey Cllr. R Lees Cllr. J Morrell Cllr. D Thatcher C. Cllr. E Baines</p> <p>Helen Duckering – Parish Clerk. 1 member of the public</p>	
<b>Item</b>		<b>Action</b>
2023/01	<b>The meeting opened at 7.30pm</b>	
2023/02	<b>Apologies</b>  None.	
2023/03	<b>Declaration of member’s interests and to receive requests for dispensations</b>  None.	
2023/04	<b>Public participation</b>  There were no comments from the member of the public present at the meeting.	
2023/05	<b>Minutes of the last meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022</b>  These were approved and signed by the Chairman.	
2023/06	<b>Minutes of the planning meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023</b>  These were approved and signed by the Chairman.	
2023/07	<b>Matters arising from the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022 and 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Slippery path opposite village hall – the letter to RCC Highways regarding this was not responded to and the issue was added to Fix My Street. Subsequently an inspection has taken place, but it is unclear what action, if any, Highways will recommend or undertake. C.Cllr Baines has been asked to pursue the matter with RCC Highways and the Chairman made it clear that the lack of response from RCC Highways is unacceptable.</li> </ul>	
2023/08	<b>Clerk’s report and correspondence</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rutland County Council Housing Allocation Policy Consultation – 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023</li> <li>• Rutland County Council Call for Sites – 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023</li> <li>• Schedule of CIL payments – correspondence confirming that Ridlington Parish Council has received £257.87 in CIL monies. These will expire in October 2025.</li> </ul>	
2023/09	<b>County Councillors report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Closure of Catmose Sports Centre – C. Cllr Baines explained the process followed by RCC Cabinet to make the decision to withdraw funding from Catmose Sports Centre and therefore facilitate its closure.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local Plan – the housing supply for Rutland currently stands at 6 years.</li> <li>Solar farms and wind turbines – C. Cllr Baines and C. Cllr Cross will be speaking to C. Cllr Powell regarding the lack of a policy in respect of these developments and their impact on the sensitive Rutland landscape.</li> <li>Rutland County Council annual budget – C. Cllr. Baines confirmed that he will vote to support the 4.99% council tax increase.</li> <li>Cllr. Johnson commented on the Rutland County Council £5000 grant made to Oakham Church towards a stained-glass window and queried the legality of this, as Parish Councils are prohibited from making grants to a church. C.Cllr Baines will look in to this and advise further.</li> <li>Solar farms – the Chairman of Morcott Parish Council reported that Morcott Parish Council have resolved to oppose the proposed solar farm development in Pilton.</li> </ul>	
2023/10	<p><b>Resignation of Cllr. Roome</b></p> <p>Cllr. Roome resigned after the last meeting in opposition to the decision to approve a planning application which will breach the planned limit of development of Ridlington.</p> <p>Cllr. Roome was thanked for his long and committed service to Ridlington and Ridlington Parish Council.</p>	
2023/11	<p><b>Parish Council vacancy and election May 2023</b></p> <p>Cllr. Johnson explained the process for the upcoming Parish Council elections on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023. Cllr. Johnson confirmed that he will not stand for election.</p>	
2023/12	<p><b>Dog fouling in public areas</b></p> <p>Cllr. Bryers reported an increase in the incidence of dog fouling and the fall of a resident, caused by this.</p> <p>Possible strategies to tackle the problem were discussed. It was agreed that a notice will be circulated via the Parish magazine, WhatsApp group and website.</p>	
2023/13	<p><b>Village Emergency Plan</b></p> <p>Cllr. Harvey confirmed that he is continuing to research emergency plans adopted in other communities. A draft plan for Ridlington will be circulated at the next meeting.</p>	
2023/14	<p><b>King's Coronation and The Big Help Out</b></p> <p>Big Help Out – Cllr. Thatcher reported that this will take place on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May. A list of jobs that volunteers can undertake in Ridlington will be completed.</p> <p>Coronation Celebrations – Cllr. Roome circulated a timetable of suggested events and activities. Ann Harvey has agreed to co-ordinate these.</p>	
2023/15	<p><b>Climate Change</b></p> <p>Cllr. Thatcher's reports from Climate Action Group meetings were received.</p>	
2023/16	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <p>a. To authorise accounts for payment since the last meeting:</p> <p>Clerk's salary December. January &amp; February £257.43 x 3</p> <p>HMRC PAYE Q3 £167.20</p> <p>The payments were approved.</p>	

2022/17	<p><b>Planning</b>  <b>Decisions received from Rutland County Council since the last meeting:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2022/0924/FUL Barn at Manor House, Main Road. Extension to existing agricultural unit including demolition of part of existing structure and new solar panels to roof. Granted 16/12/22</li> <li>• 2022/1468/CAT Manalaa, 11 Hannahs Field. Reduce Sycamore (T1) to 4m (below height of the Laurel) and treat base of stem with Ecoplugs. Remove new growth from Sycamore (T2) at eastern end of Cypress hedge and treat stem with Ecoplugs. Reduce height of Lawson's Cypress (T3) in back garden to 4m. Remove Pine tree (T4). Granted 18/01/23</li> <li>• 2022/1364/CAT Ridlington Playing Field, Top Road. The Playing field has a number of ash trees (25 in total) within its perimeter boundaries which front onto farmland, a public bridle way and Top Road, Ridlington. These trees vary in height and age. A recent inspection by an independent tree surgeon has identified a significant presence of ash die back disease and from a public safety aspect the Trustees wish now to fell the worst affected trees (up to 8) and pollard the remainder. These ash trees are identified on the attached plan of the playing field. None of these trees are the subject of TPOs. The trees in question form part of the dense boundary hedging of mostly the West side of the Playing Field with other trees of sycamore, silver birch, hornbeam, and beech. Granted 24/01/23</li> </ul>	
2023/18	<p>The meeting closed at 8.35pm</p> <p>Next meeting Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023.</p>	