

# **Ridlington Annual Parish Meeting**

**10<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

Attendees – 11 members of the public  
Chairman David Johnson  
Cllr. Debra Thatcher  
Parish Clerk

## **1. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

These were approved by the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

## **2. Matters arising**

- a. Tree works at playing field – Ruth Lees confirmed that the approved tree works will take place in autumn after the nesting season. The work is being completed free of charge by a qualified arborist.
- b. Future of Ridlington Parish Council – the election produced only one nomination for election, Ridlington Parish Council is therefore inquorate and unable to function. A second election will be held in June to fill the vacancies. Ridlington Parish Council has 7 seats. At least 2 more Councillors are required for the Parish council to continue. The powers and functions of the Parish Council were outlined; environmental issues, planning matters, highways.

## **3. Parish Council Chairman's report**

The Chairman's report was read by David Johnson.

I would like to thank everybody in the village for their support over the last 12 months, especially the volunteers who have given their time to organize events and those of you who have attended them.

I would like to thank Ann Harvey for organizing HM The Queens Platinum Jubilee and HM The Kings Coronation celebrations in the village. Also, to those individuals who assisted by giving their time and energy to make those events happen.

I would like to thank the Village Hall Management Committee for running the village hall on behalf of the Parish Council, especially Dave Roome, the Chairman, for his perseverance in bringing about the re-roofing to the rear of the village hall. The Committee has, for many years, kept up the maintenance of the building together with running events and managing the accounts.

I would like to thank the Playing Fields Committee, chaired by Ruth Lees, for their devotion to keeping the playing fields a going concern, its maintenance and financial stability. The Parochial Church Council Church Warden Debra Thatcher for looking after our lovely Grade II Listed building and its grounds, for putting on events for our residents and supporting the local community including the

Food Bank. The choir for their outstanding concerts and singing support at services. Thanks to those of you that help the local community with collections, donations and giving your time.

I would like to thank my fellow Councillors for their work and support within the Parish Council. Special thanks to Helen our clerk for keeping the Parish Council administration in order and advising us on our legal duty.

The Parish Council have funded the defibrillator and village website. Donations were made to the two main royal events and Citizens Advice Bureau.

There is a village WhatsApp group for villagers. This was created as a result of the village COVID response. It is now maintained to provide the residents of the village a method of communicating issues of relevance within our community.

Ridlington is a lovely place to live, and I have tried during my tenure as clerk the Chairman to do what I could to keep it that way. It's now over to others to continue and improve that custodianship with a new Parish Council.

It is our duty to look after this village and I ask that more of you come forward to serve on the Parish Council and to do what you can to support Ridlington.

#### **4. Village Hall report and accounts**

Village Hall Committee report and accounts were noted by David Roome, and these have been added to the village website.

#### **5. Playing Field report and accounts.**

Playing Field report and accounts were read by Ruth Lees, and these have been added to the village website.

#### **6. Ward Member**

There was no County Councillor present at the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr. Andrew Johnson.

#### **7. AOB**

The annual meeting of the Parochial Church Council will take place on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 11am.

The meeting closed at 8.24pm