

**Minutes of Ridlington Annual Parish Council Meeting
Held on Wednesday 28th June 2023
Ridlington Village Hall**

Attendance	<p>Cllr. A Petit Cllr. R Allen Cllr. D Thatcher C. Cllr G Clifton C. Cllr. A Johnson</p> <p>Helen Duckering – Parish Clerk. 1 member of the public</p>	
Item		Action
2023/30	<p>Election of Chairman</p> <p>It was proposed that Cllr. John Morrell be elected as Chairman. Proposed Cllr. Thatcher Seconded Cllr. Petit All in favour</p>	
2023/31	<p>Election of Vice Chairman</p> <p>It was agreed that the Parish Council will not elect a vice chairman at present. It was agreed that Councillor Thatcher would chair this meeting.</p>	
2023/32	<p>To receive Councillor's Acceptance of Office and Register of Member's Interests</p> <p>These were received.</p>	
2023/34	<p>Apologies and approval of absences.</p> <p>The absence of Cllr. Morrell was approved.</p>	
2023/35	<p>Declaration of member's interests and to receive requests for dispensations.</p> <p>None.</p>	
2023/36	<p>Public Participation</p> <p>There were no questions from the member of the public present at the meeting.</p>	
2023/36	<p>Election of Officers</p> <p>It was agreed that this would be deferred.</p>	
2023/37	<p>To adopt Standing Orders</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Allan Seconded Cllr Petit All in favour</p>	
2023/38	<p>To adopt Code of Conduct</p> <p>Proposed Cllr. Allan Seconded Cllr. Petit All in favour</p>	
2023/39	<p>To adopt Financial Regulations</p> <p>Proposed Cllr. Allan Seconded Cllr. Petit All in favour</p>	
2023/40	<p>Minutes of the last meeting held on 25th April 2023</p> <p>These were approved and signed by the Chairman.</p>	

2023/41	<p>Matters arising from the meeting held on 25th April 2023</p> <p>None at this meeting.</p>	
2023/42	<p>Clerk's report and correspondence</p> <p>Parish Council bank account – it was agreed that Ridlington Parish Council will open a bank account with HSBC. The signatories will be Cllr. John Morrell, Cllr. Adam Petit and Cllr. Debra Thatcher.</p> <p>Training – Training has been arranged for councillors and will be arranged for Cllr. Petit.</p>	
2023/43	<p>County Councillor's report</p> <p>C.Cllr Clifton thanked his predecessors, C. Cllr. Baines and C. Cllr. Cross, for their long service and contribution to Rutland. There will be opportunity for the public to make their comments on the emerging Local Plan. Cllr. Thatcher advised C. Cllr. Clifton that C. Cllr Baines had been tasked with following up progress with the required works to the footpath opposite the village hall. C.Cllr Clifton agreed to follow this up.</p> <p>C.Cllr Johnson is deputy leader of Rutland County Council and portfolio holder for Finance (Resources). Other portfolio holders are Christine Wise – Highways, Transport and Environment, Paul Browne - Planning and Property, Gale Waller – Economic Development, Diane Ellison – Adult Care and Health, Ray Payne – Children's Services, Homelessness and Housing. It was suggested that specific portfolio holders be included in any correspondence regarding specific issues with Rutland County Council.</p>	
2023/44	<p>Climate Change and Environmental matters</p> <p>Monthly Climate Action Group meetings are to recommence. A grant from the National Grid Greener Spaces fund of £525 has been secured by Cllr Thatcher to create a pollen bar.</p>	
2023/45	<p>Reducing Social Isolation</p> <p>The reduction of social isolation has been a Parish Council aspiration since 2019. The recent Coronation celebrations were a huge success and thanks were made to Mrs Harvey for organising. It was agreed that the identification of those who may be experiencing social isolation may be challenging but it was agreed that continuing to encourage village events was an important way to begin tackling this.</p>	
2023/46	<p>Donation of two benches to mark the Coronation.</p> <p>A village resident has kindly, anonymously, donated 2 benches to the village to mark the Coronation. One bench will be placed at the village hall and the second is proposed to be placed on the green on Top Road. Cllr. Thatcher has begun the process of obtaining permission from Rutland County Council and will update the Parish Council on developments.</p>	
2023/47	<p>Update on proposed footpath</p> <p>Cllr Morrell has previously suggested that a footpath between Ridlington and Uppingham should be reinstated. This is an ongoing project.</p>	

2023/48	<p>Planning</p> <p>a. To consider planning applications 2023/0587/LBA & 2023/0586/FUL 1 Church Lane. Amendments to existing single storey structure to rear of existing property.</p> <p>No objections.</p> <p>b. To receive decisions from RCC since last meeting:</p> <p>2023/0277/FUL Church Farm, 2 Church Lane. Section 73 Application to vary condition 2 of planning application 2022/0295/FUL - Alteration of plot positioning and correcting elevations. Granted 18/05/23.</p> <p>2023/0330/CAT 5 Main Street. Swedish Birch – reduce height of tree by approx. 33%. Granted 09/05/23.</p> <p>2023/0315/CAT Village Hall, 25 Main Street. Remove Ash tree (T1) to just above ground level. Reduce Holly tree (T2) by 1.5m and trim sides to shape crown. Granted 04/04/23.</p>	
2023/49	<p>Finance</p> <p>a. To approve current financial summary 01.07.23 This was received and approved.</p> <p>b. To authorise accounts for payment since last meeting. None.</p> <p>c. To approve payments: HMRC PAYE Q1 £178.00 LRALC £50.00 training</p> <p>These were approved.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr. Petit Seconded Cllr. Johnson</p> <p>All in favour</p> <p>d. CIL monies – the Parish Council currently holds £1083.88 and £257.87 In CIL monies. £257.87 will expire in October 2025. The clerk agreed to make enquiries with Rutland County Council as to whether the maintenance of an existing defibrillator is a legitimate cost on which CIL money can be spent.</p> <p>e.</p>	
2022/50	<p>To agree dates for Parish Council meetings 2023/24</p> <p>It was agreed that future meetings will commence at 6pm on the following dates:</p> <p>13th September, 15th November, 21st February 2024, 15th May 2024</p>	
2023/51	<p>The meeting closed at 8.50pm</p>	