

Minutes of Ridlington Parish Council Meeting Held on Wednesday 13th September 2023 Ridlington Village Hall		
Attendance	Cllr. J Morrell Cllr. A Petit Cllr. R Allen Cllr. D Thatcher Helen Duckering – Parish Clerk. 5 members of the public	
Item		Action
2023/52	Apologies and approval of absences. The absences of C. Cllr Clifton and C. Cllr Johnson were approved.	
2023/53	Declaration of member's interests and to receive requests for dispensations. Cllr. Thatcher expressed an interest in item 13 a. planning application 2023/0858/FUL - owner.	
2023/54	Public Participation Dawn Ross spoke regarding her letter previously sent to the Parish Council, expressing concern at driving in Ridlington i.e. speeding on Holygate Road which is causing danger to horses. There also appears to be an increase in dogs being allowed to run off the lead, again frightening horses. It was suggested that the Parish Council should contact the businesses on Holygate Road and request more considerate driving. Cllrs. Morrell and Allen agreed to do this.	JM RA
2023/55	Minutes of the last meeting held on 28th June 2023 These were approved and signed by the Chairman.	
2023/56	Matters arising from the meeting held on 28th June 2023 a) Installation of bench to mark Coronation – two benches, donated to the village, have been delivered. Quotes to install these on concrete bases are being sought. The benches will be placed outside the village hall and the top green. Sites have been approved by Rutland County Council (RCC). The cost of installation will potentially be funded from the CIL money held by the Parish Council. b) CIL monies - RCC comment on suitable purposes for spending fund. Cllr. Thatcher has been unable to persuade Rutland County Council that spending on regular maintenance of the village defibrillator is an appropriate purpose. c) Steps and path opposite village hall – C. Cllr. Clifton has been unable to persuade RCC to inspect the path further and they state that the steps are in a safe condition. It was proposed that C. Cllr. Clifton be asked to continue to pursue this with Rutland County Council and ask if the steps are deemed to be safe by them and in the event of an accident will they assume the responsibility?	
2023/57	Clerk's report Parish Council bank account – the transferring of the Parish Council bank account to HSBC has not been completed due to lack of response from HSBC. It was agreed that the current bank mandate with Barclays should be amended in the first instance to allow access to funds. Cllr. Morrell will liaise with the current signatories to arrange this.	JM

2023/58	Correspondence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Request from Edith Weston Parish Council to consider planning application 2023/0822/OUT – it was proposed that Ridlington Parish Council submit a response to RCC objecting to this planning application. 1 abstention, 1 in favour, 1 against. The Chairman's casting vote carried the motion. b) RCC grass cutting contract 2023 – this was noted. It is uneconomic to have a private contractor take on the grass cutting contract for Ridlington. The Parish Council will remain with the current arrangement for cutting supplied by RCC. c) Dangerous driving in Ridlington – see public participation. d) Letter of thanks from Anne Harvey for grant from Parish Council for Coronation celebrations – this was noted with thanks. 	JM
2023/59	County Councillor's report There were no county councillors present at the meeting.	
2023/60	Climate Change and Environmental matters There has been no meeting at county level since the last Parish Council meeting. Cllr. Thatcher will attend the next meeting when it is called and report back.	DT
2023/61	Reducing Social Isolation Cllr. Petit suggested that there may be a section of the residents in Ridlington who struggle using the internet and this may contribute to social isolation. It was agreed that Cllr. Petit will investigate this further including the possibility of running a 'Computer Help Session' regularly at the Village Hall - Dawn Ross offered her services to help run this.	AP
2023/62	Update on proposed footpath Cllr Morrell has previously suggested that a footpath between Ridlington and Uppingham should be reinstated. Cllr. Morrell suggested a meeting with Ayston landowners to ascertain if a new footpath can be created and will follow up on this.	JM
2023/63	Planning Cllr. Thatcher left the meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. To consider planning applications 2023/0858/FUL Hillside Farmhouse, 3 Main Street. Remove 1 no. Cypress tree (T1) to just above ground level. Pollard 1 no. Goat Willow tree (T2) at 5m. No objections. Cllr. Thatcher re-joined the meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. To receive decisions from RCC since last meeting: 2023/0711/CAT 6 Hannahs Field. Fell 1 no. Cherry tree. Granted 09/08/23. 2023/0587/LBA & 2023/0586/FUL 1 Church Lane. Amendments to existing single storey structure to rear of existing property. Granted 27/07/23. 	
2023/64	Finance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. To approve current financial summary 01.07.23 (2023/67 below) This was received and approved. b. To approve payments: Rutland County Council £180.38 election costs 	

	<p>Ridlington Defibrillator £120.00 telephone system annual cost</p> <p>Clerk's salary July- September £257.43 x 3</p> <p>J Morrell £50.00 reimbursement of LRALC course fee</p> <p>HMRC PAYE Q2 £178.00</p> <p>c. CIL monies: The Parish Council holds £257.87 (expiring October 2024) and £1083.88 (expiring April 2028).</p>	
2022/65	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Sycamore tree on the village has died. It has been inspected by a tree surgeon and will need to be felled. A cherry tree requires some maintenance. • Village emergency plan – it was suggested that David Johnson and David Harvey be invited to the next meeting to discuss the emergency plan. <p>Date of next meeting – 8th November 2023 6pm</p>	
2023/66	The meeting closed at 8.50pm	

The financial year is divided into six two-month periods.

CURRENT PERIOD: 3		
	2023-24	Year to date:
INCOME		
Precept:	5,375.00	5,375.00
Interest:		
VAT:		73.55
CIL:		
TOTAL:	5,375.00	5,448.55
EXPENSES:		
Clerk's Salary:	3700.00	1,781.78
Clerk's Expenses:		120.00
Street Lights - electricity:	238.00	
Defibrillator:	110.00	100.00
Insurance:	290.00	257.60
Training:	80.00	50.00
Audit:	80.00	75.00
Subscriptions:	160.00	168.29
Donations:	50.00	
Asset management:		
Website maintenance:	287.00	
Sundries:	200.00	
VAT:		£20.00
Election:	180.00	180.38
TOTAL:	5,375.00	2,753.05

OVERALL SURPLUS/DEFICIT:

Current a/c: at 1 Apr 2023:	-131.45	
Savings a/c: at 1 Apr 2022:	828.46	
Adjustments:		
2021/22 opening balance:	697.01	£697.01
Income to date:	5,448.55	
Expenditure to date:	-2,753.05	2,695.50
Surplus/deficit to date:		
Bank balance at period end:		<u>3,392.51</u>