	Minutes of Ridlington Parish Council Meeting				
Held on Wednesday 21st February 2024 6pm					
A ttom domon	Ridlington Village Hall Cllr. J Morrell				
Attendance	Clir. 3 Morrell Clir. A Petit Clir. R Allen Clir. D Thatcher C.Clir. A Johnson C.Clir. G Clifton Helen Duckering – Parish Clerk. 3 members of the public				
Item	o members of the public	Action			
2024/01	Apologies and approval of absences.				
	None.				
2024/02	Declaration of member's interests and to receive requests for dispensations.				
0004/00	None.				
2024/03	Public Participation				
	There were no comments from the members of the public present at the meeting.				
2024/04	Minutes of the last meeting held on 8 th November 2023				
	These were approved and signed by the Chairman. Matters arising from the meeting held on 8 th November 2023				
	a) Update of footpath: See 2024/09 below. b) Transfer of Parish Council bank account to Lloyds The account opening process is being completed. c) Traffic/Speeding Holygate Road: Cllrs Morrell and Allen visited the businesses here. The traffic speed appears to be reducing and drivers are behaving courteously. It was suggested that some cleaning of the speed signs should be undertaken. d) Website maintenance: The regular maintenance of the website requires undertaking by a professional provider. Quotations from providers will be obtained for consideration. e) Ridlington Emergency Plan: Cllr Petit will meet David Harvey on 2 nd March to discuss. A further meeting to discuss social care will be arranged. f) Obstruction of bridleway: A tree on Green Lane fell in storms and obstructed the bridle way. This was cleared. g) Building work Church Lane: It was noted that vehicles at the building site are damaging the verge and mud from the site is blocking the drains. Cllr. Morrell agreed to visit the site and	JM			
2024/06	request that the mud is cleared, and the verge reinstated. It is also understood that unofficial road closures have taken place. The contractor will be advised that permission is required from Rutland County Council to do this. Management of trees on village green	JM			
	Sycamore tree – the tree, suffering from sooty bark disease, will be removed in April. Flowering Cherry – advice on pruning/tidying this tree will be sought from a tree surgeon.				

2024/07	Annual Parish Meeting			
	The meeting held on 15 th May will be the Annual Parish Council meeting and Annual Parish meeting.			
2024/08	Clerk's report			
	 a) Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023 – the Act, passed in November 2023 gives Parish Councils the legal power to make grants to churches. b) Portrait of the King – a framed portrait of the King is available, free of charge, to Parish Councils and other public bodies. The clerk will order a portrait to be hung in the village hall. 			
2024/09	Correspondence			
	Hazardous road, Ridlington to Ayston – letter received from David Harvey expressing concern that the road is unsafe. The problem was acknowledged; however, the Parish Council has no authority over highways, this rests with Rutland County Council. Cllr. Morrell has contacted Ayston Parish meeting and will arrange a meeting with Uppingham Town Council and Ayston Parish Council to discuss potential solutions – including a reduction in speed limit and pursuing the reinstatement of the footpath between Ayston and Ridlington. Recommendations will be made to Rutland County Council. Cllr Allan volunteered to begin the process for obtaining safety improvements on the Uppingham to Ayston road.	JM RA		
2024/10	County Councillor's report			
	Cllr Johnson reported on the proposed Rutland County Council budget for 204/25, which is due to be approved. Limited financial support, in the form of a council tax reduction for up to 3 months is available to some households which experienced flooding.			
	Cllr Clifton reported on the Rutland County Council special meeting held on 18th January in response to Storm Henk. Section 18 consultation on the Local Plan is now complete.			
2024/11	Climate Change and Environmental matters			
	A Village Litter Pick will take place on Saturday 9 th March 2024 10.30am, volunteers are welcomed. Snowdrop and bulb planting in church yard will take place in the coming weeks.			
2024/12	Reducing Social Isolation			
	Cllr. Petit will attempt to co-ordinate this initiative with Rutland Citizens Advice and the Ridlington Emergency Plan and report back at a future meeting.			
2024/13	Planning			
	 a. To consider planning application 2024/0140/CAT The Old Noel Arms, Noel Lane. (T1) 1 no. Silver Birch – fell. T2 1 no. Fir – fell – application details awaited from RCC for consideration. b. To receive planning application since the last meeting: 			
	2023/1317/FUL 8 East Lane. Replacement uPVC windows to front and rear elevations. No objections. Granted 19.02.24.			
	c. To receive decisions from RCC since last meeting:			
	2023/1327/CAT Croft House, 1B Top Road. T1 – Sycamore tree – reduce smaller branches away from BT lines, crown raise remaining crown to 4m. T2 – raise crown of Horse Chestnut tree to 4m and reduce branch to south by 3m.			

	Granted 18.01.24.	
2024/14	Finance	
	 a. To approve current financial summary to 31st January 2024 (2024/17 below) This was received and approved. b. To approve payments since the last meeting: IONOS £19.32 – email renewal K Reid £595 – bench installation D Mitcheson £165.00 – website maintenance Rutland County Council £320.24 – street lighting recharge c. CIL monies: The Parish Council holds £746.75 of CIL funds (expiring April 2028). 	
2024/15	AOB	
	Date of next meeting – 15 th May 2024 6pm	
2024/16	The meeting closed at 7.28pm	

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

CURRENT PERIOD:	6	
	2023-24	Year to date:
INCOME		
Precept:	5,375.00	5,375.00
Interest:		3.95
VAT:	•••••	73.55
CIL:		1,083.88
TOTAL:	<i>5,37</i> 5. <i>00</i>	6,536.38
EXPENSES:		
Clerk's Salary:	3700.00	3,352.00
Clerk's Expenses:		220.00
Street Lights - electricity:	238.00	320.24
Defibrillator:	110.00	100.00
Insurance:	290.00	257.60
Training:	80.00	100.00
Audit:	80.00	75.00
Subscriptions:	160.00	168.29
Donations:	50.00	
Asset management:		
Website maintenance:	287.00	184.32
Sundries:	200.00	1.53
VAT:		£20.00
Election:	180.00	180.38
CIL:	1,341.75	595.00
TOTAL:	5,375.00	5,574.36

OVERALL SURPLUS/DEFICIT:

Current a/c: at 1 Apr 2023: -131.45 Savings a/c: at 1 Apr 2022: 828.46

Adjustments: -200.00

2021/22 opening balance: 497.01 £497.01

Income to date: 6,536.38

Surplus/deficit to date:

Bank balance at period end: 1,459.03