

**Minutes of Ridlington Parish Council Meeting
Held on Wednesday 13th November 2024 6pm
Ridlington Village Hall**

Attendance	Cllr. J Morrell Cllr. A Petit Cllr. R Allen Cllr. D Thatcher Cllr. C Hudson C.Cllr. G Clifton C.Cllr A Johnson Helen Duckering – Parish Clerk. 2 members of the public	
Item		Action
2024/65	Apologies and approval of absences. None.	
2024/66	Declaration of member’s interests and to receive requests for dispensations. None.	
2024/67	Public Participation Chris Hudson made comments regarding the proposal to plant trees on the village green. A preference to plant only one tree, replacing the tree recently removed, rather than adding more was expressed and supported by Jackie Ike. Jackie Ike explained that the Parish Council website diary facility has been reduced and would benefit from a new version. This will be discussed under the clerk’s report. The planting of bulbs on the village green will take place next year, subject to the requested grant being approved.	
2024/68	To co-opt a Parish Councillor It was proposed that Chris Hudson be co-opted as a Parish Councillor. All in favour	
2024/69	Minutes of the last meeting held on 11th September 2024 These were approved and signed by the Chairman.	
2024/70	Matters arising from the meeting held on 11th September 2024 a. Update on footpath, traffic and speeding – Cllr. Allen reported that speeding appears to be getting worse. C.Cllr. Clifton’s request to RCC Highways, supported by a letter from the Police & Crime Commissioner, to consider reducing the speed limit to 40mph was declined due to insufficient evidence. C.Cllr Johnson suggested that a speed watch collection of data may assist in the request being considered. Cllr. Allen and Cllr. Petit will approach Brooke and Ayston to gather volunteers to assist in undertaking a speed watch. The clerk will make an application to RCC to participate in the next speed watch. b. Inspection of Parish trees – Cllr. Thatcher and Cllr Allen have completed the visual annual inspection of the 3 Parish trees on 2 nd November 2024. The flowering Cherry and Beech show no evidence of cavities, canker or dead wood. The Oak has some dead wood on the western side at the lowest level which may require removal. It was noted that this tree is subject to a Tree Preservation Order. It is understood that the RCC Forestry Officer would arrange for this work to be completed if requested.	

2024/71	<p>Clerk's report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. High Sheriff visit to Ridlington – Richard Cole sent his apologies for this meeting and will endeavour to attend a future Parish Council meeting. b. Improvement to website – the calendar facility on the website has had its capacity reduced by the provider. It was agreed that a new calendar system will be installed at a cost of £35. 	
2024/72	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>None.</p>	
2024/73	<p>County Councillor's report</p> <p>Cllr. Johnson reported at length on the RCC budget. RCC will be required to provide weekly food waste collections. Schemes to do this are being considered, including the provision of a 140litre brown bin and caddy. Changes to existing services may also need to be considered, including possibly reducing the collection of black bins to 3 weekly. Changes to transport are also being considered such as replacing some bus routes with demand responsive services.</p> <p>Cllr. Clifton commented on these proposals.</p>	
2024/74	<p>Tree planting scheme for village green</p> <p>It was proposed that a Liriodendron Tulipifera (Tulip tree) be planted on the village green to replace the removed Sycamore tree .</p> <p>All in favour</p>	
2024/75	<p>To consider addition of artwork to village bus stop</p> <p>Cllr. Morrell reported that this work has been completed and a mosaic artwork installed in the bus shelter.</p> <p>It was agreed that the installation of a village sign will be considered at the next Parish Council meeting.</p>	
2024/76	<p>To consider grant request £55 for purchase of native bulbs.</p> <p>It was proposed that a grant of £55 be made for the purchase of native bulbs to be planted on the village green.</p> <p>All in favour</p>	
2024/77	<p>Finance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. financial summary and bank reconciliations to 1st November 2024. See 2024/87 & 2024/88 below. b. To approve payment: none c. To approve precept request for 2025/26. <p>It was proposed that the precept request for 2025/26 be £8137. All in favour.</p>	

	Insurance	£280.00	
	LRALC	£270.00	
	Audit	£90.00	
	Clerk's salary & PAYE	£4,400.00	
		£312.00	
	Web site maintenance	£300.00	
	Street lighting	£235.00	
	Defibrillator	£100.00	
	CAB	£50.00	
	Councillor training	£100.00	
	Other	£200.00	
	Contingency/reserve	£1,800.00	
	Total/precept	<u>£8,137.00</u>	
2024/78	To approve closure of Barclays deposit account and transfer of balance to Lloyds bank.		
	It was agreed that the deposit account held with Barclays will be closed and the balance transferred to the Lloyds bank account.		
2024/79	Climate Change and Environmental matters		
	Cllr. Hudson volunteered to act as Environmental Champion.		
2024/80	To appoint Parish Tree Champion		
	Cllr. Hudson agreed to act Parish tree champion.		
2024/81	Reducing Social Isolation		
	Cllr. Petit reported that a community garden at the playing field is being considered by the committee.		
	The Rural Coffee Connect van attended 4 times in September.		
	The Gardening Club are considering other events.		
2024/82	Planning		
	a. Planning applications received since the last meeting: none		
	b. To consider planning application 2024/1078/FUL Jubilee Lodge, Brooke Road. Proposed replacement front porch structure, new side extension and other minor alterations to the existing property. New detached garage structure.		
	No objections		
	c. Planning decisions received since the last meeting: 2024/0788/FUL 1 Ridlington Barns, Preston Road. Change of use of land from agricultural to residential curtilage and erection of 1 no. double garage. Granted 17/09/24		
	d. Local Plan Regulation 19 Consultation 21 st October – 2 nd December 2024		
2024/83	Resignation of Chairman		
	Cllr. Morrell resigned as Chairman.		

	<p>Cllr. Morrell was thanked for his work during his time as Chairman.</p> <p>It was proposed that Cllr. Petit be elected as Chairman It was proposed that Cllr. Allen be elected as vice Chairman. All in favour</p>	
2024/84	<p>Resignation of Cllr. Thatcher</p> <p>Cllr Thatcher resigned as a Parish Councillor.</p> <p>Cllr. Thatcher was thanked for her many years of diligent service to the Parish Council and Ridlington.</p> <p>The vacancy will be advertised by statutory notice.</p>	
2024/85	Date of next meeting – 12 th February 2025 6pm	
2024/86	The meeting closed at 7.30pm	

Ridlington Parish Council

Finances April 2024- March 2025

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

CURRENT PERIOD:		4	
		2024-25	Year to date:
INCOME			
Precept:		7,120.00	7,120.00
Interest:			
VAT:			
CIL:			9,754.94
TOTAL:		7,120.00	16,874.94
EXPENSES:			
Clerk's Salary:		4300.00	3,514.96
Clerk's Expenses:			234.00
Street Lights - electricity:		265.00	
Defibrillator:		120.00	100.00
Insurance:		280.00	257.60
Training:		100.00	
Audit:		80.00	85.00
Subscriptions:		175.00	261.75
Donations:		50.00	
Asset management:		750.00	620.00
Website maintenance:		300.00	196.10
Sundries:		200.00	
VAT:			£290.98
Contingency:		500.00	
CIL:		10,501.69	717.82
TOTAL:		7,120.00	6,278.21

OVERALL SURPLUS/DEFICIT:

Current a/c: at 1 Apr 2024:	418.75	
Savings a/c: at 1 Apr 2024:	838.43	
Adjustments:	<u>-50.00</u>	
2024/25 opening balance:	1,207.18	£1,207.18
Income to date:	16,874.94	
Expenditure to date:	<u>-6,278.21</u>	
Surplus/deficit to date:	10,596.73	10,596.73
Bank balance at period end:		<u><u>11,803.91</u></u>

2024/87

Balance as per Bank Statement 1st November 2024 C/A					£11,889.30
Balance as per Bank Statement 2nd September 2024 S/A					£838.43
					£12,727.73
			Payment No.		Unpresented Presented
Expenditure					
02/04/2024	H Duckering - Clerk's salary April		s/o		257.87
16/04/2024	H Duckering - backpay		100323		280.80
26/04/2024	HMRC PAYE Q4 2023/24		100324		191.00
01/05/2024	H Duckering - Clerk's salary May		s/o		257.87
07/05/2024	Zurich Insurance		100325		257.60
15/05/2025	LRALC		100326		261.75
28/05/2024	P Rawden IA				85.00
03/06/2024	H Duckering - clerk's salary June		s/o		280.90
17/06/2024	HMRC PAYE Q1				191.00
01/07/2024	H Duckering - clerk's salary July		s/o		280.90
29/07/2024	Tommy Plummer				744.00
29/07/2024	RCC - bin				183.60
01/08/2024	H Duckering - clerk's salary August		s/o		280.90
01/09/2024	H Duckering - clerk's salary September		s/o		280.90
18/09/2024	HMRC PAYE Q2				191.20
18/09/2024	RCC - bin				610.78
18/09/2024	RCC - bin				67.20
18/09/2024	Community Heartbeat Trust				120.00
01/10/2024	H Duckering - clerk's salary October		s/o		280.90
09/10/2024	IONOS				19.32
01/11/2024	H Duckering - clerk's salary November		s/o		280.90
13/09/2023	J Morrell (LRALC training)		100314		£50.00
04/11/2024	Rutland Web				£180.00
04/11/2024	H Duckering - backpay				£197.22
05/12/2024	HMRC PAYE Q3				£196.00
01/12/2024	H Duckering - salary December				£300.60
					£923.82
					5404.39
Receipts					
08/04/2024	RCC - precept				7120.00
22/04/2024	RCC - CIL				9754.94
					16874.94
Balance as per account 01/11/24					£12,727.73
plus unpresented credits					
Less unpresented payments					-£923.82
Balance as per calc					£11,803.91