

Minutes of Ridlington Parish Council Meeting Held on Tuesday 23rd September 2025 6pm Ridlington Village Hall		
Attendance	Cllr. A Petit Cllr. R Allen Cllr. C Hudson Cllr. V Brambini C.Cllr. G Clifton Helen Duckering – Parish Clerk. 6 members of the public	
Item		Action
2025/50	Apologies and approval of absences The absence of Cllr. Mcalindon was approved. Apologies received from C. Cllr Andrew Johnson.	
2025/51	Declaration of member's interests and to receive requests for dispensations. None.	
2025/52	Public Participation It was noted that the noticeboard is damaged and requires replacing. It was confirmed that this is a priority for CIL projects, once the current projects are complete. Contact with police and Rutland County Council (RCC) Highways, following an incident damaging a parked vehicle on Church Lane corner, was reported. An increase in the volume of traffic on this road was noted and it was confirmed that the Community Speed Watch (CSW), due to take place in October, will collect traffic data which may be useful to inform any future traffic calming measures.	
2025/53	Minutes of the last meeting held on 21st May 2025 These were approved and signed by the Chairman.	
2025/54	Matters arising from the meeting held on 21st May 2025 a. Parish Council vacancy – leave to co-opt to fill the most recent vacancy is confirmed by RCC. b. Ridlington welcome leaflet – the content was reviewed, and the leaflet is now available for delivery to new residents. It was agreed that the content of the leaflet will be made more visible on the website. c. A previous Parish Councillor should be removed as a website administrator. Cllr. Hudson agreed to arrange this and replace them as administrator. All other action points completed or dealt with separately on the agenda.	CH CH
2025/55	Clerk's report Nothing to report at this meeting.	
2025/56	Correspondence a. LRALC AGM 18 th October 2025 – there will be no attendee representing Ridlington Parish Council. b. Draft windows and doors design guidance SPD – received. This will be added to the website for resident reference. c. Loose dogs and horses and d. Vehicles and horses – it was confirmed that horse warning signs will be erected after completion of CSW and the removal of those signs. Again, it is hoped that CSW will collect meaningful traffic data to inform future traffic safety measures. Cllr. Allen agreed to discuss directly with the writer. d. Food waste collections March 2026 – information received has been added to the website. Further public information will be circulated by RCC prior to implementation of the scheme.	RA

2025/57	<p>County Councillor's report</p> <p>C.Cllr. Clifton reported that previously raised speeding concerns (Brooke/Ridlington/Ayston) have not been responded to by RCC and he will follow these up with the Portfolio Holder for Highways.</p> <p>The Local Plan is currently being inspected by an assessor.</p> <p>Local Government Reorganisation continues. A formal proposal will be submitted to Central Government in November.</p> <p>Cllr. Clifton agreed to monitor grass cutting standards and discuss with RCC. Potholes in East Lane and West Lane will be reported to Highways. Removal of roadwork equipment, Brooke, will be requested.</p>	GC
2025/58	<p>Emergency Plan</p> <p>David Harvey reported on the activation of the Emergency Plan on 30th June due to a threat from fire.</p> <p>Recommendations following this event:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. list of farmers to be updated. 2. increase list of co-ordinators from 9 3. vulnerable welfare co-ordinators will refresh and update list of vulnerable residents. 4. Letters of thanks to Janet Horwood & Julie Holt for their part in alerting emergency services. 5. Cllr. Petit will meet with David Harvey and discuss more detailed suggestions for improvements and methods to raise awareness of the existence of the plan with residents. <p>It was suggested that the post emergency welfare support element of the plan should be expanded. This will be considered as part of 5. Above.</p>	AP AP
2025/59	<p>Parking in grass opposite field – carried forward. Cllr Allen and Cllr. Hudson agreed to contact the relevant parties.</p>	RA CH
2025/60	<p>Finance:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. To approve payments since last meeting: Zurich Insurance £264 b. To approve payments: HMRC PAYE Q2 £208.20 c. Receipts: None <p>The payments were approved.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> d. CIL e. To approve bank reconciliation to 15th September 2025 <p>These were approved.</p>	
2025/61	<p>Update on projects funded from CIL</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Defibrillator. It was proposed that a defibrillator and cabinet (£1902) and Rescue Ready 4-year maintenance package (£784) be purchased. A total budget of £3000 will be allocated to this project to cover the cost of electrician installation. All in favour. It was agreed that Cllr. Mcalindon proceed. b) Footpath opposite village hall. Cllr. Brambini outlined options for improving the steps. It was agreed that consultation with village residents is required before any decision is made. Cllr. Brambini agreed to compose a poll to be circulated to each household. c) Mirrors on S bend Church Lane. It was proposed that a 60cm convex safety mirror £29.99 plus delivery, be purchased and installed. All in favour. d) Village noticeboard – comments in public participation noted and carried forward for action at next meeting. The noticeboard will be inspected. 	NM VB Clerk AP

2025/62	Community Speedwatch, Speeding & traffic CSW training will take place on 25 th September. A schedule of times, locations and volunteers will be composed. The scheme will commence on 4 th October.	
2025/63	Climate Change and Environmental matters RCC Tree Officer has advised that some funds to purchase trees are available. This information has been passed to the playing field committee.	
2025/64	Reducing Social Isolation Upcoming village events: OCT4 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm CURRY NIGHT NOV1 1:30 pm - 5:00 pm RBL POPPY APPEAL 2025 NOV12 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm RIDLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DEC19 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm VILLAGE HALL SOCIAL EVENING	
2025/65	Planning 2025/0488/FUL Collyweston House, 21 Main Street. Erection of a new front porch to the principal elevation. New window to principal elevation. Granted 19/06/25 2025/0667/CAT The Old Rectory, 4 Holygate Road. (T1)1 no. Sycamore Tree - Raise branches overhanging south-western corner of tennis court to 8m. (T2) 1 no. Sycamore Tree - Raise branches overhanging north-eastern corner of tennis court to 6m. Granted 15/07/25 2025/0878/CAT The Elms, 23 Main Street. Prune 1 no. Prunus Tree (T1) back to the boundary of 21 Main Street removing no more than 2 meters. Granted 14/08/25 2025/0451/FUL Ridlington House, 7 Church Lane. Replacement windows and roof lights. A new dormer window (north elevation). Formation of a doorway to replace a window (north elevation). Minor internal alterations. Granted 21/08/25 2025/0882/CAT Ridlington Playing Field, Top Road. Crown lift 6 metres over road & remove dead branches (T1) - Acer pseudoplatanus (sycamore). Crown lift to 6 metres over road (G1) - 3 x Acer pseudoplatanus (sycamore), 1x Fraxinus excelsior (common ash) and 1x Aesculus hippocastanum (horse chestnut). (T2) - Ash (fraxinus excelsior) - Tree is showing signs of significant dieback together with inonotus brackets, with its location over the footpath the tree is to be monolithed to 4-5 meters. (T3) - Ash (fraxinus excelsior) - remove deadwood over footpath from ash tree and inspect the crown where there is inonotus and signs of woodpecker holes (possibly indicating soft wood). Granted 27/08/25	

	<p>2025/0978/CAT The Dower House, 2 Holygate Road. (T1) 1 no. Cherry - Fell. (T2) 1 no. Holly - Fell stem closest to fence. (T3)((T4) 2 no. Holly - Reduce in height by 3/4 meters. (T5) 1 no. Holly - Fell. (T6) 1 no. Birch - Reduce lower crown by no more than 1.5 meters into shape. (T7) 1 no. Walnut - Fell. Granted 19/09/25</p> <p>2025/0837/FUL & 2025/0838/LBA Ridlington House, 7 Church Lane. Replacement windows and installation of 30 No. floor mounted Solar P.V. panels. Granted 29/08/25</p> <p>2025/0852/PAD Barn at Jubilee Lodge, Brooke Road. Change of use of agricultural building to one dwelling including associated building operations Granted 02/09/25</p>	
2025/66	Date of next meeting – 12 th November 2025 6pm	
2025/67	The meeting closed at 7.35pm	