

# **Ridlington Annual Parish Meeting**

**5<sup>th</sup> May 2026 6pm**

Attendees – 13 members of the public.

Chairman Adam Petit

Cllr. Richard Allan

Cllr. Chris Hudson

C.Cllr. Giles Clifton

Parish Clerk

## **1. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

These were approved by the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

## **2. Matters arising**

There were no matters arising from the last meeting.

## **3. Parish Council Chairman's report**

The Chairman's report was read by Adam Petit – appendix 1.

## **4. Village Hall report and accounts**

A written Village Hall Committee report and annual accounts were provided by David Roome and Keith Aldridge. David Roome summarised the report - appendix 2

## **5. Playing Field report and accounts.**

Playing Field report and accounts were read by Julie Hault – appendix 3.

## **6. Ward Member report**

C. Cllr Giles Clifton gave a short report on Local Government Reorganisation and the possible outcomes for Rutland County Council (RCC) and the ceremonial status of the county of Rutland. The recent RCC award for Adult Social Care services was also noted.

## **7. AOB – members of the public**

Bridge on Brooke Road – it was reported that the roadworks are still unfinished. C.Cllr. Clifton advised that he continues to pursue the matter with RCC.

The appearance of signs, erected by landowners, which prevent access to footpaths was noted. It was agreed that an amicable solution would be sought with landowners, meeting the needs of both them and the village, in due course.

Tree planting – the availability of grants for trees was raised. It was agreed that the playing field is the most suitable location for additional trees and the playing field committee is actively considering this.

The meeting closed at 7.05pm

Appendix 1.

### **Chairman's Report**

**Dear All**

#### **1. Introduction**

- Thanks for coming.
- Hopefully you have seen the agenda for this evening.
- Effort to keep things short!
- Thank you to all the councillors, Richard, Chris, Nathan and Victoria for their work over the last year.
- I would like to thank Helen Duckering, our clerk who has been super at keeping us informed and linked up with the County Council on anything we need to know or do as well as keeping all the administration in order.

#### **2. Being Together**

- My main objective as Chairman is to work with the council to bring the village and the villagers together offering whatever support is possible to those who need it.
- Communication within the village is critical for this:
  - Chatting to councillors,
  - Checking the website,
  - Seeing the WhatsApp,

- Passing by the village noticeboard and
- Obviously chatting to everybody who walks their dog locally every day several times a day!
- We have been keen to broaden the village representation on the parish council. We are open to others joining especially if it broadens our representation with respect to age, gender and culture.
- It is fabulous that the council isn't alone in bringing the village together. Ridlington has an amazing list of regular activities and events going:
  - Church events,
  - Monthly walks,
  - Talking Gardens,
  - Litter Picking,
  - Souper Sessions,
  - Coffee mornings,
  - Gardens safaris,
  - Ride and stride,
  - Curry nights
  - Various safari events
  - Quiz nights
  - Church count on nature.
  - Ride and stride.
  - Ridlington singers
  - Plus obviously the village hall social evenings in this hall.
- Further ideas to promote villagers coming together are always welcome.
- I would therefore like to thank all those who manage everything else in the village that helps it move along so amazingly especially Jackie who manages the website.

### **3. The Other Parts of the Village**

- You will hear the reports tonight on how well the Village Hall and Playing Fields committees have been doing. Please support their events whenever you can. Thank you as always to those who make both of these village areas prosper.
- The Church continues to be one of the key areas of the village. Thank you, Debra, and those with her.
- The council have as usual reviewed the various planning applications. We are always available to chat if you ever have issues on any such subjects.
- This year lots of things have been achieved:
  - There is a new Defibrillator in the phone box. This is operational but needs as many people to be trained on it as possible. This training is in the village hall at 6pm on Wednesday 13 May 2026 in about a week's time. Please come as the more that are trained, the safer we all are. Thank you Nathan.
  - Speedwatch was a success last October with 84 offenses being registered and 55 letters sent. Thank you to all those that helped. Still not perfect but the awareness seems to have improved things.
  - There is a new village noticeboard. Thank you Chris.

- We have collated all the potholes (well over 30) and posted them on Fix My Street. Almost immediately we have seen some work done.
- We have put up the traffic mirror on the corner and are now looking into what can be done on the other corner.
- The steps down to the village hall have been cleaned up to make them safer. Thank you Victoria.
- Signs for slowing down traffic especially for horses are now up. Thank you Richard.
- There is a welcome leaflet for new residence in the village which can be found on the village website. Thank you Chris and Jackie.
- Can I thank those that helped with the electrical fire in the village last year. Please can I draw your attention to the fact that David Harvey and Dave Johnson manage an Emergency Plan for the village. The coordinators for managing any such material negative event in the village are both and myself. If there is such an event again, please contact us by posting details including nature of event, location, timing and people affected on the village WhatsApp where the three of us can see the information. Please note that 999 must be called first where relevant.
- We will have a section later this evening on possible investment uses for the £7,500 (roughly) of remaining CIL money. Ideas will be open to everyone at that point to help us spend the money usefully.
- We have also been keeping up to date on the position of the County Council reorganisation and the amalgamation of Rutland with some much larger Unitary authority. We will come to this at the end of this evening.

In my second year as Chairman, I have continued to enjoy getting more involved in what goes on in Ridlington. Thank you to all of you tonight for giving us your support.

### **Adam Petit**

Chairman Ridlington Parish Council.

### Appendix 2.

#### Ridlington Village Hall Committee Report year ending 31st Dec 2025

The committee comprising Henry Ike, Pat Roome, David Harvey, Keith Aldridge (Treasurer) & Dave Roome (Chairman/ Acting Secretary) met when necessary, during the year.

#### **Trustees**

David Roome, Pat Roome, Henry Ike, David Harvey & Keith Aldridge are registered as trustees with the Charity Commission at the end of the year 2025.

#### **Finance / Legal - 2025**

The hall was revalued in Oct 2025 for insurance re-building costs at £275k contents are £7.5k (the insurance firm increases this each year by CPI) The return to the Charity Commission was submitted in 2025. We need to raise approx. £1,600 per year simply to cover Insurance, utility bills, PAT & fire

extinguisher checks & green bin. We remain however in a healthy financial position. Accounts for year ending 31/12/2025 will be given to the Parish Council prior to the Annual Parish Meeting. Thanks to Keith for all his hard work.

### **Village Hall AGM**

No AGM was held in 2025. We have come to the view that this report to the Annual Parish meeting suffices. But if villagers request an AGM, we will hold one. And if anyone wishes to become a trustee or help please let us know.

### **Fundraising by the Committee**

Three coffee mornings, curry night and a Xmas social night were held to help cover the halls running costs. We welcome anyone who wants to organise an event.

### **Use of Hall & Maintenance**

Parish Council meetings, Elections, Church events, Playing Fields Quiz, Ridlington Gardens events, Remembrance Poppy tea, Yoga classes, Ridlington singers, plus private hire. Keith kindly cuts the grass, Henry does maintenance and we have a tidy up as required. We don't foresee any maintenance costs other than routine ones in 2026.

### **Thanks to Everyone**

The committee wish to thank everyone who supports the village hall, supporting events, making kind donations, helping and carrying out essential repairs often at short notice. It's been said before, but we are a small village with so many calls on people's time and people's finances particularly at this moment in time are stretched so all support is much appreciated.

Dave Roome - Chairman / acting Secretary.

31st December 2025.

Ridlington Village Hall Accounts 2025

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
	£		£
Hall Hire	2,272.20	E on (Electricity) *	457.19
Christmas Cards	£ 53.33	Anglian Water (Sewerage)	148.15
Allied W. refund	£ 31.89	Waterplus (Water)	104.48
		Green Bin	60.00
		Wall Repair	474.00
		Insurance (A. W.)	805.42
		Maintenance	136.80
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>2,357.42</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>2,186.04</b>
<b>Barclays Community Account</b>			
Opening balance Jan.25	3,855.37		
Net Income 2025	2,357.42		
Net Expenditure 2025	2,186.04		
Closing balance Dec. 2025	<b>4,026.75</b>		
Other Accounts as at Dec. 31st 2023			
Charity Bank 1-yr Bond	16,225.12	Incl. £710.07 annual interest.	
Charity Bank 40-day	4,425.13	Incl. £133.55 annual interest.	
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>20,251.87</b>		

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
	£		£
Hall Hire		E on (Power)	
R. SINGERS	£ 290.00	Jan	£ 49.57
YOGA	£ 270.00	Feb	£ 51.09
MISCELLANEOUS	£ 100.00	March	£ 63.32
GARDEN CLUB	£ 30.00	April	£ 65.35
DONATIONS	£ 110.00	May	£ 24.82
QUIZ NIGHTS	£ 80.00	June	£ 27.08
COFFEE & XMAS SOCIAL	£ 557.20	July	£ 18.89
AFTERNOON TEA	£ 280.00	August	£ 20.67
CURRY NIGHT	£ 555.00	September	£ 24.33
	£ 2,272.20	October	£ 31.22
		November	£ 34.56
		December	£ 46.29
Christmas Cards	£ 53.33		£ 457.19
Allied W. refund	£ 31.89	WAVE (Anglian Water)	
		June	£ 79.84
		Dec	£ 68.31
	£ 85.22		£ 148.15
<b>Other</b>			
		Water Plus	£ 104.48
		Green Bin	£ 60.00
		Wall repair	£ 474.00
		Insurance	
		Fireproof	£ 54.00
		Allied Westminster	£ 651.42
		Re-building Costing	£ 100.00
			£ 805.42
		Maintenance	
		Lidbetter & Hicks (Jan)	£ 82.80
		Lidbetter & Hicks (July)	£ 54.00
			£ 136.80

Appendix 3.

**Ridlington Playing Field Annual Report year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026  
Governance & Management**

The board is comprised of 4 Trustees registered with the Charity Commission; Ruth Lees, Simon Powell (Treasurer), Richard Allen & Julie Houlton (Chair) who meet circa once per quarter and any other time deemed necessary throughout the year. The Charity is completely self-financing, relying on fundraising activities and donations from supporters. This support is essential to preserve the playing field for continued use.

**Mission and Purpose**

In line with the original conveyance of the land donated in 1946 the Trustees strive to deliver a space ‘for the use and benefit of the inhabitants of Ridlington as a cricket field and recreation ground and for any other properly organised village functions.’

**Key Activities and Challenges**

Ash Die back represents a key challenge for the Trustees; the Playing Field has a significant number of ash trees around its perimeter and within the woodland area. The Trustees commissioned a full Tree Inspection Report from a LANTRA qualified arborist which was reported on in last year’s Annual Report and carried out in March 2024. All work recommended was completed last financial year at a cost of over £4,000. The next full Tree Inspection report is planned for

the beginning of March 2027. In response to the high winds, we have experienced during this accounting period the Trustees commissioned further remedial work on the trees bordering Top Road at a cost of £2,169. The Trustees anticipate more work may be required going forward.

We have recently commissioned repairs to both entrance gates to the Playing Field.

Arrangements are underway and we welcome the forthcoming installation of a memorial bench in memory of Mr & Mrs Kendrick, valued members of our community for over seventy years.

The Playing Field continues to be used by villagers and visitors for recreational purposes including football, cricket practice, dog walking and relaxation in nature. Additionally, the Trustees have permitted parking on the designated area for a number of village events.

### **Fundraising, Trustees and Volunteers**

The Trustees organised 2 Quiz nights one in May & one in December. Both were very well supported raising £750.22 and £607.50 respectively. Additionally, Trustees operate an EasyFundraising page, details of which are on the website and pet plaques can be purchased for the benches at the Field. In September 2025 the Trustees launched an initiative to encourage villagers to make regular donations and we are extremely grateful to have so many contributors.

### **Financial Overview**

Annual return 2025-26 has been submitted to the Charity Commission and is also available on the village website, thanks to Simon Powell for his hard work. We need to raise circa £800 per annum to cover maintenance and insurance costs, this base figure does not include any tree work, for which we intend to retain a contingent fund similar to that already spent. Thanks to our regular donors and fundraising activities we are in a secure financial position.

### **Thanks**

The Trustees would like to thank everyone who supports the playing Field in so many ways; by attending our fundraisers, by supporting us with their time and efforts to keep the playing fields maintained, by making regular donations, by donating the proceeds from their own fundraising events, as well as to those who share their expertise to help with the management of this beautiful space.

Particular thanks to Dave, Karen, Roger, Talking Gardens and Village Teas. We are extremely grateful to all our contributors; we couldn't do it without you!

## Ridlington Cricket Field & Recreation

### Annual Accounts 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026

<b>Opening balance 1st April 2025</b>	£3,543.70		
Business Premium Deposit Account	£1,911.68		
Community Current Account	£1,636.10		
<b>Balance 31st March 2026</b>	<b>£3,547.78</b>		<b>£4.08</b>
	Income	Expenditure	
May Quiz	£750.22	£169.53	
Dec Quiz	£607.50	£162.16	
Standing Orders	£1,155.00		
Other Income	£132.50		
Bank Interest	£28.35		
Easy Fundraising	£41.25		
Christmas Cards	£53.33		
Village Teas	£320.00		
R.C.C. Credit	£46.55		
Wine Tasting	£170.00		
Insurance		£286.09	
Grass Cutting		£337.50	
Severn Trent		£109.13	
Tree Survey & Work		£2,169.02	
R.C.C.		£24.55	
Karen - Wine & Flowers		£42.64	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£3,304.70</b>	<b>£3,300.62</b>	<b>£4.08</b>