

RUMBURGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

7 February 2024

Start 7.30pm

MINUTES

1. The Chairman Paul Spill welcomed Councillors Winky Evans, Stephen Stannard, Oliver Hitchcock and Paul Fenner and ES Councillors Toby Hammond and Dr Anthony Specca.
Apologies: Cllr Julie Flatt, Cllr Julie Williams, Clerk Teresa Goldson. Absences proposed by Cllr Fenner, seconded by Cllr Spill.
 2. Two Members of the public were in attendance and raised the following matters:
 - Request that RPC give permission to hold the annual May Day Event on the Pleasure Ground on Monday 6 May, 2024 and to exceptionally allow dogs to be permitted re. dog show, The request was approved
 - Request that a key to the Parish Notice Board be made available to affix Valentine's Day event posters.
The request was referred to a third party who may already have a key
 - Request when the official King Charles portrait would be provided for the village hall.
Cllr Specca (East Suffolk Council) advised they were waiting for it to be provided by Buckingham Palace.
- Cllrs Hammond and Specca (ES) requested any comments or opinions on their Top Ten report for December and January. The Cllrs advised that VC Cooke approval given for digester by SCC couldn't be refused within the regulations but they are implementing a carbon management plan to monitor carbon output and 'green' electricity; Anglian Water is under further investigation and scrutiny regarding river pollution.
3. Declarations of interest: none
 4. Minutes of previous meeting: 3 January 2024 were duly approved and signed by Cllr Spill as a true record. Approval proposed by Cllr Stannard seconded by Cllr Hitchcock.
 5. Jo Belfield I Communities Officer, Beccles, Bungay, Halesworth and Villages apologies for absence received. Carry forward to Agenda for Wed 6 March attendance to be confirmed.
 6. Clerk's Report and Matters Arising: adjourn in absentia of Clerk carry forward to Agenda for next meeting Wed 6 March 2024
 7. Finances:
An error made by Barclays in regard to change of address is now being corrected.
Mandate Form: request Cllr Stannard ring Barclays as his signature doesn't match the one on file.
Clerk's (Teresa) payslip required approval.

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8. Grass and Hedge Cutting Contract:

Quotes to be sought from: East Suffolk Council, Myhill; Andrew Howlett. Member of the Public suggested "Ball".

Proposed brief for 7 cuts per annum. Clerk to look back in records for previous contracts scope for guidance.

Councillors to contact Wissett PC for details and carry forward to next Agenda Wed 6 March, 2024.

9. Biodiversity: (Cllr Evans) (2021 Environment Act) – Clerk had previously circulated draft Model document for Cllrs review.

Cllr Fenner commented that some of the suggested initiatives were not realistic for a small Parish like Rumburgh. Cllr Evans confirmed several bio-diverse activities were already implemented in the Parish. Public present complained that the due date had passed and that they had not been previously informed of this Government initiative by the Council.

Cllrs acknowledged that the complex Bio-Diversity document was of more relevance to larger public authorities; it was agreed that a realistic policy and objectives document would need to be developed together with a schedule for periodic review.

Item 9 to be carried forward to next Agenda Wed 6 March.

10. Spring Litter Pick: (Cllr Evans and Cllr Williams)

Cllr Evans confirmed dates for Pick as 29,30,31 March and 1 April (Easter weekend) with tea and cakes in Village Hall for pickers on 1 April. Poster to be distributed to notice boards nearer the date. Cllr Evans confirmed East Suffolk Services will loan further picks, rings and refuse bags to be collected from Lowestoft. ESS will additionally collect all filled bags from Village Hall week of 1 April 2024 free of charge.

11. Review of Financial Regulations:

In respect of Financial Regulations Key Policies: Adjourned for Clerk as RFO and Cllrs Fenner and Williams to continue to review ahead of renewal March/April. Clerk to re-arrange and add to Agenda for 6 March.

12. Planning: None

13. Correspondence: previously sent to Councillors: see Agenda - no comment

14. Any matters to be brought to the attention of the Council at the next meeting: none

Meeting Closed at 8.30 pm

Next Meeting 7.30 pm Wednesday 6 March 2024

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