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RUMBURGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

19 February 2025

Start 7.00pm

MINUTES

1. The Chairman Cllr Paul Spill welcomed Councillors to the meeting  
The Clerk Teresa Goldson was in attendance.  
Apologies ES Councillors Dr Anthony Specca & Toby Hammond
2. Members of the public in attendance: NONE
3. Declarations of Interest NONE
4. Minutes of the last meeting - 15 01 2025 RESOLVED
5. Guest Speaker - Cllr Judy Cloke referred to an update previously circulated and advised Councillors that the 2025 County Council Elections will be postponed in light of Devolution and Mayoral Elections expected to take place in 2026.
6. Clerk's Report and Matters Arising:
  - The Clerk confirmed that the Council Whats App group has been set up. Cllr Flatt declined to be a member of the group.
  - All other matters arising covered by the agenda
7. Finances - As at 16 02 2025
  - Current Account Balance: £911.33
  - Savings Account Balance: £6970.53
8. Appointment of Heelis & Lodge - Internal Auditors RESOLVED
9. Review of Quote provided by ES Services for Grass Cutting for 2025 - RESOLVED
10. Request for Council to take responsibility for the Defibrillator located at The Buck, previously managed by the First Responders group. Councillors determined the scope of responsibility and financial implications.
  - Monthly checks to be carried out, nominated person to be contacted in the event that the Defibrillator is activated. Cllr Paul Spill (also a first responder) agreed to continue as point of contact and to carry out monthly checks.
  - Financial implications - First Responders will transfer the fund balance £4119.41 to RPC. RPC will continue the pre existing fund raising arrangements / activity (Wheelbarrow Raffle at May Day Fete) in 2025 and review future fund raising activities as necessary.
  - All monies to be ring fenced within RPC Barclays account and included in financial record keeping and reporting. RESOLVED

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## 11. Asset Management:

- Playground Inspection Sovereign Play Equipment Site visit scheduled for 24 02 2025 - Cllrs Fenner & Stannard to attend and report back to March 2025 meeting.
- Other Assets - Councillors reminded of the need to make and record regular visual inspections of all assets. See link [Visual Inspection Record](#)

12. Council discussed the potential need to raise additional funds for the replacement of the Playground equipment. The Clerk confirmed that there are various funding options including National Lottery funding, localised funding pots, and ongoing fund raising activities such as lotteries, May Day event, etc.

Council RESOLVED to await the outcome of the Site visit on 24 02 2025 before deciding the amount needed and the means of raising the funds.

13. 2025 Community Spring Clean Litter Pick - Weekend of 22 & 23 March. Posters ready for printing and display, Clerk to complete Risk Assessment, Cllrs Evans and Williams to arrange equipment, removal of collected litter and refreshments at Village Hall on 23rd March.

14. Pleasure Ground and Allotment Site - Cllr Fenner provided an update on his work to establish the status of both areas - more information will be available at a later date.

15. Planning - Update on Wissett Grays Lane Planning Application for PACE Solar Farm. It is with great sadness that the Council has to accept the decision of the East Suffolk Planning Committee in permitting the planning application for a Solar Farm in the neighbouring village of Wissett. The RPC concern is an application to extend the site bringing it inside the Rumburgh Parish Boundary. Chairman, Cllr Paul SPill expressed the Council's thanks to Cllr Fenner and Cllr Burton (Wissett PC) and others who have worked tirelessly to oppose the application on behalf of the areas affected.

16. Aldous Corner Road Sign - following the removal of the broken signage pole at Aldous Corner, Council have been asked if there are plans to reinstate the sign. This is a Highways matter. In the event that SCC Highways are not planning to reinstate as was, Cllr Stannard, who has been able to locate the sign, will investigate the possibility of acquiring it as an asset and attaching it to the upright posts of the Aldous Corner Notice Board. Update due at next meeting

Meeting Closed at 7.58 pm

Next Meeting

Wednesday 19 March 2025

7.00 pm

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