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RUMBURGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
19 March 2025
Start 7.00pm
MINUTES

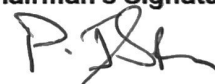
1. The Chairman Cllr Paul Spill welcomed Councillors to the meeting
The Clerk Teresa Goldson was in attendance.
SCC Councillor Judy Cloke in attendance
Apologies Cllr Oliver Hitchcock, ES Councillors Dr Anthony Specca and Toby Hammond
2. Members of the public in attendance: NONE
3. Declarations of Interest NONE
4. Minutes of the last meeting - 19 02 2025 Resolved
5. Guest Speaker: SCC Cllr Judy Cloke gave an update on the SCC decision regarding Suffolk Libraries, explaining how it had been a long and protracted process but which ultimately was passed unanimously
6. Clerk's Report and Matters Arising:
 - Update on arrangements for Rumburgh Village Spring Clean Litter Pick - 22 & 23 March 2025. All arrangements in place.
 - Confirmation that the amount to be lodged with RPC for the Defibrillator is £4119 and that this is to be ring fenced in the Savings account, to be drawn upon as required. Date for transfer of funds to be confirmed.
 - Aldous Corner Road Sign. Cllr Stannard confirmed that he now has possession of the old sign and will arrange for it to be installed directly under the Aldous Corner Parish Council Notice Board.
7. Finances - As at 17 03 2025
 - Current Account Balance: **£930.06** including £198.71 HMRC VAT Refund for 2024-25
 - Savings Account Balance: **£6,995.19**
 - Precept amount has been applied for

Invoice received - Village Hall Hire Charges 2024-25 £114.00 Resolved
8. Policies for review and/or approval
The Clerk advised that to keep costs to a minimum updated Policies would no longer be printed for signing at meetings. Rather they will be made available as electronic versions for review and discussion and once approved the Minute reference would be added to the agreed version. These would then be made available on the Website. Resolved

The following policies were unanimously accepted by the Council Resolved

- Standing Orders 2025-26
- Financial Regulations 2025-26
- Financial Controls & Risk Statement 2025-26
- Internal Controls Statement 2025-26

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- Privacy and Data Protection Policy 2025 -26
- Co-option Policy 2025-26

9. Parking Issue - Cllr Flatt reported that vehicles belonging to residents and/or visitors to a property adjacent to the Pleasure Ground have been parking in an area where parking is not permitted. Clerk to write to the owner of the property - Resolved

Obstruction of the Highway - Cllr Spill reported that he had been approached by several residents complaining about the number of properties in the village where residents have installed/erected barriers to prevent vehicles damaging the verge outside their property. Whilst this is an SCC Highways matter it was agreed that the Clerk should compose a statement to be displayed on the website, notice boards and for circulation via the village newsletter explaining why this is contrary to the Highways Act and the inherent risks to road users. Resolved

10. Asset Management: Allotment Side Gate - Councillors agreed that the gate should be repaired as soon as practicable. Resolved

11. Pleasure Ground Play Equipment (Cllr Fenner): following a site meeting with Sovereign Play Equipment a quote has been received (circulated previously).

Actions Arising: Clerk to contact Sovereign to confirm the longevity of the applied discount
Clerk to contact Suffolk Community Foundation for information/support re: available grants.

Matter to be brought to next meeting

12. Pleasure Ground and Allotment Fields Cllr Fenner: Cllr Fenner has ascertained that in the event of trespass on land where ownership of the land is not easily defined i.e. public open space, an application for a Court order to seek the removal of those committing trespass is likely to be easily obtained, especially when there is evidence to indicate that those applying for the Court Order have invested in the maintenance of said land. Matter is now closed

13. Planning - None

14. Correspondence - Halesworth & District Museum request for a donation of £100. Councillors discussed the matter and agreed that it would not be good use of Council funds at this time. Resolved

15. Any matters for the attention of the Council at the next meeting: Cllr Fenner offered his apologies for the Meeting on 16 April 2025.

Meeting Closed at 8.07pm

Next Meeting

Wednesday 16 April 2025

7.00 pm

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Chairman's Signature:

