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RUMBURGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

16 April 2025

Start 7.00pm

MINUTES

1. The Chairman Cllr Paul Spill welcomed Councillors to the meeting
The Clerk Teresa Goldson was in attendance.
Apologies Cllr Fenner **Resolved**
SCC Councillor Judy Cloke & ES Councillor Dr Anthony Specca, both in attendance

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 Speakers, Cllr Judy Cloke reiterated what had been written in her recent report (circulated previously) and in addition drew Council's attention to another planning application for a Solar Farm installation, this time at Flixton Airfield.

Cllr Cloke also spoke about a recent meeting with Cllr Richard Rout SCC, on the topic of Devolution (proposal to have a regional Mayor) and the Local Authority Review (move to a unitary authority) about which Cllr Rout is an expert. Cllr Cloke is proposing that a similar meeting be arranged for the benefits of Parish Councils/Councillors also.

Cllr Anthony Specca, also reiterated what had been written in the East Suffolk Top Ten report (circulated previously).

6. Clerk's Report and Matters Arising:

- 2025 Village Spring Clean - thanks to Cllrs Evans and Willaims for their work in bringing about another successful Litter Pick for the Village. 10 bags of litter were collected and those taking part joined Cllrs Evans and Willaims at the Village Hall for tea and cake at the end of the event on Sunday. Debate was had as to whether or not another Litter Pick should be arranged for the Autumn. Decision deferred to September Council Meeting
- Notice for circulation advising residents against placing obstructions outside of their property boundary (on the verge or highway), ready for circulation and on the website.
- Sovereign Play Equipment Quote - Clerk tried to ascertain how long the initial discount would be in place but was not able to get a definitive answer.
- Suffolk Community Foundation - support with funding replacement play equipment advised that they can assist with up to £3k for a single item or up to 30% for larger purchases.

7. Finances - As at 01 04 2025

- Current Account Balance: £712.45
- Savings Account Balance: £6995.19

Invoices received - SALC Subscription 2025-26 £187.63 inc VAT

8. Asset Management Update and Review - Cllr Spill kindly reviewed all assets and updated the record accordingly. Other than the Play Tower everything is in good order.

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9. Biodiversity Policy - due for review July 2026.
Biodiversity Action Plan, reviewed - no changes required. **Resolved**

10. Planning - **NONE**

11. Aldous Corner Street Sign - Cllr Williams reported that a member of the public, whilst appreciative of the resiting of the road sign to the Noticeboard Posts, nonetheless would like to see the Finger post reinstated. Councillors were in agreement with this wish. Cllr Cloke advised that once the County Councillors Allowance for 2025-26 became available (Early Summer 2025) she would welcome an application for the cost of replacement.

Action - Cllr Williams to report back to the member of the public who initiated the enquiry.

Action - add to May agenda for action

12. VE/VJ Day celebrations - Cllr Evans: The Village Hall Trustees have proposed a joint VE/VJ Day event in July to be held on the Pleasure Ground, and have approached nearby Parish Councils to participate.

VH Trustees are asking for a donation from each Parish towards the costs of either musicians or a PA system through which to place music.

Cllr Cloke kindly offered to donate funds to the event.

Cllr Evans to liaise with VH Trustees.

Resolved

Update at next meeting

13. AOB: For the attention of the Council: Cllr Frank Burton, Chairman Wissett PC has been in contact with Cllr SPill regarding any Community Benefit arising from the installation of the PACE Solar Farm in Wissett. Councillors **Resolved** that the majority of any such benefit should be for the residents of Wissett as it is they who will be most impacted by the development.

14. Any matters for the attention of the Council at the next meeting - Cllr Fenner: Complaint to CEO ES Council Re Approval of Planning Application for Grays Lane Solar Farm.

Meeting closed at 7.37 pm

Next Meeting

Wednesday 28 May 2025

Immediately after the Annual Parish Meeting starting at 7.00pm

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