

RUMBURGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

18 June 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 Flatt
Cllr Evans and Cllr Hitchcock did not attend
SCC Cllr Judy Cloke and ES Cllr 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 - 28 05 2025 **RESOLVED**
5. Guest Speaker
 - SCC Cllr Judy Cloke - in addition to her recent report (circulated previously) Cllr Cloke talked about the Local Government Review aimed at levelling up Council Tax precepts across the County in light of plans to create a Unitary Authority.
 - ES Cllr Dr Anthony Specca - also referred to their recent Top Ten report (circulated previously)
 - Both Cllrs joined in discussions throughout the meeting
6. Clerk's Report and Matters Arising:
 - Email sent to the current tenant of an Allotment which has been reported as being unkempt. Response included apologies and indicated a desire to relinquish the tenancy. Clerk to seek confirmation.
 - Cllrs reminded of the need to switch to gov.uk email addresses and advised that Matt Morling at CAS is available to assist with issues.
7. Finances - As at 16 06 2025
 - Current Account Balance: £1,036.92
 - Savings Account Balance: £11,229.48 of which:
 - £1500 reserved for Elections,
 - £2335 reserved for Playground Contingency
 - £125 reserved for Play equipment inspections.
 - £7269.48 - unrestricted reserves.

Once funds are received from the First Responders, these too will be set aside (reserved for the maintenance of the Defibrillator)
8. 2024-25 AGAR documentation for signing - **RESOLVED.**
9. Playground Equipment Task & Finish Group Update:
 - Cllr Fenner report 4 responses to his/ Cllr Williams community request for suggestions, with opinions being evenly split

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- Investigation into the interest and use of the Green Gym sited at Basley Ground Halesworth (now + 10yrs old) indicated that the initial interest supported by the provision of free professional Instructor / Training, waned and that subsequently the equipment is not well used.
- It was also noted that Gym Equipment requires significant maintenance
- Other local Play Equipment sites of note - Ringshall, Ringsfield, Laxfield and Bungay (latter noted to have cost circa £100k)
- Cllr Specca advised that the Rural England Prosperity Fund may be an option, funding up to 80% of total cost to a limit of £15k. Submission deadline 16 09 2025.
- Cllr Cloke confirmed that it may be possible to secure up to £1500 from their Locality budget.

10. Asset Management:

Defibrillator - Clerk to check insurance cover (**ACTION**)

Cllr Spill already receives a six monthly reminder to check /inspect and report back. Device is also checked after every use. To continue as is. **RESOLVED**

Boules area - to be added to the Asset register - **RESOLVED**

Maintenance of Boules area to be confirmed (see July Agenda)

Dog Waste Bins CCLr Williams has checked all but the bin at the Cricket Pitch (see July Agenda)

Bus Shelter - Cllr Stannard reported that there is some damage to the bottom plate - **ACTION**

Cllr Stannard to report back at next meeting (see July Agenda)

Cllr Cloke has offered to check ownership of same

Clerk reported that the Pleasure Ground Notice Board locks are no longer fit for purpose.

ACTION: Consider Bus Shelter and Pleasure Ground Notice Board funding application (see ES Rural England Prosperity Fund) (see July Agenda)

11. Planning - NONE

12. AOB -

- Cllr Spill highlighted the increase in speeding vehicles now that New Road is closed to traffic. Likelihood of further incidents when The Street is also closed (Aug to Dec 2025)
- Cllr Cloke noted that the Rumburgh sign in Rumburgh Lane has been damaged. Cllr Cloke to investigate potential to repair.

Meeting Closed at 8.20pm

Next Meeting

Wednesday 16 July 2025

7.00 pm

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