

RUMBURGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
18 February 2026  
Start 7.00pm  
MINUTES

1. The Chairman Cllr Paul Spill welcomed Councillors to the meeting  
The Clerk Teresa Goldson was in attendance.  
Apologies Cllr Flattl, Cllr Specca
2. Members of the public in attendance: NONE
3. Declarations of Interest NONE
4. Minutes of the last meeting [21 01 2026](#) Resolved
5. Guest Speakers: Suffolk County Councillor Judy Cloke.  
Cllr spoke of the unexpected change from the Govt regarding the 2026 local elections and the unprecedented time frame to bring these about (circa 9 weeks). The impact on Devolution and LGR is yet to be assessed.  
Cllr Cloke also advised that after much consideration she will not be standing for re-election. Council thanked Cllr Cloke for her tremendous support and guidance as our County Councillor and wished her well.
6. Clerk's Report and Matters Arising:
  - Dog Waste: Website Updated. Plans to create a simple map of area showing location of all 5 dog waste bins, for distribution **ACTION** Clerk
  - Website - addition of comments section - councillors asked to promote widely
  - 2025-26 Audit - Timeslot booked with auditor (mid April 2026)
7. Finances - As at 18 01 2026
  - Precept applied for - response from ES Council awaited
  - Payment of expenses of £78.79 for Cllr Spill (Defib reserves) Resolved
  - Future payments/reimbursement for purchase of Defib items/costs- Council Resolved to delegate authority for these payments to the Clerk/RFO.
  - Balances as at 18 03 2026:
    - Current Account: £862.95 - £125 due to be moved to Playground Inspection reserves in the coming weeks.
    - Savings Account: £11,626.59
8. Update on discussions with Village Hall Trustees: Cllr Fenner reported that at the 21 February meeting of the Village Hall Trustees a motion will be passed agreeing that 50% of the profits from the 2026 May Day fete will be allocated to the Parish Council, by means of a donation to the playground equipment upgrade.

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**Chairman's Signature**

Cllrs Fenner and Williams will attend the next Village Hall Trustee meeting as representatives of the Parish Council.

Four councillors have volunteered to support the set up/ running/pack down of the fete. This does not exclude the Council from also having its own stand/activity at the fete (Wheel barrow raffle)

Resolved

#### 9. Pleasure Ground Task & Finish Group

- Community Fundraising activities (monies to be received) £130 Rumburgh Buck PH Raffle. £130 VE/VJ Day BBQ % Village Hall Trustees.
- Pledge of a private donation £10,000 received. Donor wishes to remain anonymous to all but the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk/RFO.

Councillors wish to express their thanks to all those who have and continue to support our Playground project.

Suggestion that if there is an underspend Council should consider investing the surplus fundings to purchase an outdoor table tennis table and equipment store (box). NB This will be subject to approval from funders.

ES Council - [Community Cycle Parking Fund](#) Council discussed the merits of installing a bike rack in the vicinity of the bench and village sign and Resolved that the Clerk should explore this opportunity and bring it back to council.

#### 10. Funding Update

- First funding application to be submitted no later than 24 February
- National Lottery Awards for All application to follow
- Project Budget (required for all funding applications) [Budget \( access restricted\)](#)
- Reserves Policy (required for all funding applications ) see item 12.
- Evidence of Community Engagement - e-questionnaire now available, Clerk to produce hard copy for distributions ASAP.

11. Asset Management Cllr Stannard kindly agreed to record visual inspections of play equipment and to update records quarterly commencing March. Resolved

#### 12. Policies for review and /or adoption:

- Reserves Policy -Adopted Resolved
- Discussion regarding Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025: Martyn's Law. Thanks to Cllr Fenner for reviewing and reporting back to council on this matter. In summary the law came into effect in April 2025 but as yet the system proposed by government is not available.

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It is anticipated that the May Day Fete and any other large events held on the Pleasure Ground will be subject to this legislation and that as land owners the Council bears some of the responsibility.

Risk Assessment required by organisers should be amended to cover all applicable aspects of Martyn's Law.

**ACTION:** Clerk and Cllr Fenner to maintain a watching brief on this matter and report back to council accordingly

**ACTION:** Standing Agenda item until resolved

13. 2026 Community Litter Pick:

- weekend of 20 & 21 March Resolved
- Posters **ACTION:** Clerk, Cllr Evans & Cllr Willaims
- Risk Assessment: **ACTION** Clerk
- Liaison with Great British Spring Clean (same week) **ACTION** Clerk

14. Community Self Help Sign Cleaning - Cllr Cloke has offered to locate the contact details and share with the Clerk

The meeting closed at 08.25 pm.

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