

Minutes of the Ridgmont Annual Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 14th May 2019 at Ridgmont Lower School, Ridgmont following the Annual Parish Meeting which started at 7.15pm.

Present: Cllrs: P Fewings, H Francis, R Kemeny, M Spearing and Lyn Lyman – Clerk.

In attendance: CB Cllr K Matthews.

297. To Elect a Chairman:

Cllr Spearing was nominated by Cllr Fewings. This was seconded by Cllr Francis with all in agreement. There being no further nominations Cllr Spearing duly signed the acceptance form and took the chair,

298. To Receive apologies for absence:

Apologies were received from: Cllr P Francis & R Kemeny and CB Cllr R Morris.

299. To elect a Vice Chairman:

It was agreed to leave this until the next meeting.

300. To nominate Portfolio Holders:

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| a) | <i>Planning:</i> | Cllr P Francis |
| b) | <i>Communication & Consultation:</i> | Cllr P Francis |
| c) | <i>Village Environment:</i> | Cllrs Kemeny & Spearing |
| d) | <i>Traffic & Highways/Street Lighting:</i> | Cllrs Kemeny & Spearing |
| e) | <i>Play/Recreation/Cenotaph:</i> | Cllrs Kemeny & Spearing |
| f) | <i>Ridgmont Village Charity:</i>
(Cllr H Francis represents the Parish Council and Cllr P Francis is a trustee) | Cllr P Fewings |
| g) | <i>Development and Strategy:</i> (inc Parish Plan). | All Cllrs as a group |
| h) | <i>School Governor:</i> It is no longer a requirement for the Parish Council to be represented on the School Governing Body but it would be good to open a channel of communication. | |
| i) | <i>All Saints Church:</i> | Cllr H Francis |
| j) | <i>War Memorial:</i> | Cllr Spearing |
| k) | <i>Webmaster</i> | The Clerk |

301. Parish Councillor Vacancy:

Following the uncontested election, there are vacancies for two Parish Councillors.

Cllr O'Hara did not stand for re-election so he was thanked for all his help and past service and wished well for the future.

302. Open Forum:

Residents will have the chance to raise anything relevant to Parish Council business but they will not be able to discuss the subject more than once. A maximum of 2 minutes per subject will be allowed.

No items raised.

303. Declaration of Members' Interests:

a) **Declaration of member's interest of a non-pecuniary nature:** (Having membership of a club, charity etc or a close relationship): Cllrs H Francis (PCC Secretary & Treasurer and a Trustee of Ridgmont Charity), P Fewings (Parish Council Representative on Ridgmont Charity), M Spearing (Trustee of The Greensand Trust and PCC) & P Francis (PCC and Trustee of Ridgmont Charity).

b) **Declaration of members interest of a pecuniary nature:** (Having a financial bearing on a member or their spouse/partner): Cllr Spearing (Land Owner and Trustee of Ridgmont Charity).

304. **To Approve Minutes of the previous meeting:**

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to accept the Minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 19th March 2019 which were duly signed.

305. **To discuss Matters Arising:**

The CBC contribution towards grasscutting has not been received so this has been followed up.

Action: LL

Prologis request for a meeting: Cllr Spearing had responded asking them what they wished to talk about if there was a meeting but no response has been received.

NAB has been advised to invoice All Saints Church for Grasscutting around the Church.

306. **To receive correspondence:**

CBC Info Central handbooks were circulated..

Morgan Sindall the A421 dualling contractors are now going to produce a monthly newsletter. You might just recognise two of the people on the front page of the first edition!

CBC has advised of a temporary road closure for a Charity Cricket Match at Eversholt on Thursday 18th July between 12.30 and 19.30.

307. **To receive Reports:**

All Portfolio Holder reports were given at the Annual Parish Meeting held prior to this meeting.

CB Cllr Matthews: said the recent local elections were successful and the full CBC Meeting will take place on Thursday where Portfolio Holders will be agreed.

CB Cllr Clark: said a resident has spoken to her asking her to pursue a speed reduction on Station Road and she asked for the background. Speeding is an issue down Station Road especially if it is used as a rat run. The junctions are quite dangerous. CB Cllr Clark agree to pursue this.

Action: SC

CB Cllr Morris: No report available.

Cllr Spearing: said the public enquiry for the local plan starts on 21st May. 4 residents will be speaking. The probable format was discussed. Everyone hard work was much appreciated. All residents were appreciative of the letter from the ward Cllrs.

308. **To accept Payments:**

Balance as at 9th April 2019 2019 is £14,633.33

Income: Precept £13,390.00

It was **RESOLVED** the following invoices be paid:

NAB Grasscutting	530.00	
Mrs K Severs Internal Audit	35.00	
Mrs Lyman Clerks allowance April	33.34	s/o
Mrs Lyman Clerks Allowance May	33.34	s/o
Mrs Lyman Clerks Salary April	357.55	s/o
Mrs Lyman Clerks Salary May	357.55	s/o
Eon Monthly Energy Charge April	172.18	d/d
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	1,685.58	

Following the Annual Parish Council meeting in May, the telephone banking mandate form is to be completed together with the bank signatory mandate form). **Action: LL**

309. **Date of Next Meeting:** 11th July 2019 starting at 7.30pm. Unfortunately due to health and business commitments, this meeting would not have not been quorate so had to be cancelled. The re-arranged date is 12th September 2019 starting at 7.30pm.

The Meeting closed at 8.15 pm.