

RIDGMONT PARISH COUNCIL

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Signed  - Parish Clerk
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To all electors of Ridgmont Parish
You are invited to the Annual Parish Meeting which will take place on
Thursday 8th May 2025
at The Stables, Rose & Crown pub
The meeting will start at 7:15pm

AGM - Minutes

Present: Chairperson M Spearing, T Pick, R Yexley, J Graham, A Warne, Ward Cllrs S Bongo & R Morris and Clerk O Burrows

1. Apologies

Apologies. Received by Councillors M Dray, S Bland and Ward Cllr Sue Clark.

2. Chairperson Report

Chair's Report presented by Maria Spearing.

Acknowledgements

- Chair thanked all councillors and the clerk for their work and support over the last year. Thanks also given to Nigel Burrows who has been responsible for the grasscutting and maintenance of the village for over 10 years. He is now retiring and Simon Whiting is taking over the position.
- Chair thanked Rachel from the Rose & Crown for their support and for allowing the meetings to be held in the pub and stables.
- The chair gave acknowledgment and gratitude towards all the volunteers from the village who have helped with repairing the lead on the Church. Litter picking and repainting jobs in the Church grounds. Plus a special mention to Hilary Hughes for her continued support and for distribution of leaflets, newsletters etc. around the village.

Updates

- RPC applied for the Ward Councillor grant which was successful and the grant went towards upgrades to the recreation ground.
- RPC donated £250 toward the defibrator at the Ridgmont Station heritage site.
- The precept has remained the same for this next financial year.
- RPC funded the VE day village celebrations, which was a big success.

Ongoing Issues

- Dog fouling in the parish continues to be a concern.
- Parking problems on Station Road remain unresolved.
- The Old Church at Segenhoe still requires attention and resolution.

War Memorial & Graves

- Regarding the Canadian Crew Lancaster bomber from WW2 that crashed in the village, Mike Dray is working on trying to get a commemorative plaque for the village.
- War graves at the Old Church were noted for recognition and preservation.

Community Engagement

- Chair reported meeting with Andrew from Newton Trailers regarding East West rail updates and proposals. They have also agreed to lessen the lighting.

Next Steps

- The RPC will look into getting new village gates installed.

3. Portfolio Holders Reports

Chairperson M Spearing explains that on this Parish Council we work as a team, so we don't split the portfolios.

All street lighting has now been upgraded to LED units. Using the Ward Councillor Grant, RPC were able to make a few upgrades to the recreation ground. One piece of equipment was removed and a new one was installed. A resident treated the fence with wood preservative.

Regarding highways traffic, efforts continue to reduce the speed limit on Station

Road. Ward Cllrs Sue Clark and Saverio Bongo are actively investigating this matter.

Chair MS states that after many years of trying to get CBC to cut back the verges in Lydds Hill, with the support and active engagement from Ward Cllr S Clark the verges have been addressed.

4. Un-Audited Accounts for y/e 31st March 2025

Total income: £29,200.82

Total expenditure: £15,291.15

Total Bank March 31st 2025: £13,909.67

The Parish Council are in a position where there is enough of a reserve to put a portion of the money into an interest account.

The accounts ending March 2025 were unanimously approved. Proposed by T Pick, Seconded by J Graham.

5. Open Forum

A resident asks if there is an update in the Prologis application. A discussion ensues regarding the current status of the application. Chair MS informs all present that residents from Ridgmont and Brogborough covered the fees for an opinion by a barrister on the prologis application. Unfortunately, not enough could be raised to take it forward to judicial review.

RPC will keep a close eye on Prologis in the coming year. They have planning permission for the first outline half but there may be an opportunity to comment further on the second half. The Chair thanks all the residents who have sent objections, over 270 letters of have been received.

Ward Cllr R Morris explains how complex these applications are recommends delaying the application as much as possible.

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The above is considered a true and accurate account of the meeting.

Chairperson

Signed.....Dated.....

