

RIDGMONT PARISH COUNCIL

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Signed  - Parish Clerk
4th May 2026

Annual General Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 19th May 2026 At the Rose & Crown pub @ 7:15pm

AGM - MINUTES

Present: M Spearing, T Pick, J Graham, M Dray, Ward Cllrs S Bongo, S Clark, R Morris and Clerk O Burrows

1. Apologies

Apologies received by R Yexley, A Warne and S Bland.

2. Chairperson Report

Chair's Report presented by Maria Spearing:

Firstly, I would like to thank Parish Councillors for giving up their time as volunteers. I would like to thank them for all their support and hard work over the last year.

The PC would like to also thank Olivia, our clerk and our Ward Councillors who continue to support the Parish Council. The PC also wish to thank Simon Whiting, who has taken over from Nigel Burrows and is maintaining the village. A mention to councillors Jeremy and Sarah for helping with the village newsletter.

Our final thanks are to the Rose and Crown for letting the PC use The Stables, and to residents. Over the last year, a number of villagers have volunteered to help with litter picking and village events.

During the past year we have:

- Successfully applied for the Ward Councillor's grant for new gates for the village
- Made resident's views known regarding planning applications and the future of the school
- Reviewed the precept and agreed to keep it at £20k for another year
- With the help of Ward Cllrs managed to get Lydds Hill speed limit on the

- Highways agenda
- Planted trees in the graveyard
- Produced newsletters
- Supported residents with eviction notices
- Tried to support residents with other issues regarding health and housing
- Liaised with other Parish Councils regarding the issues facing this area

Where we have not been successful is in

- Resolving the Dog Fouling Issue
- Feedback on the Old Church at Segenhoe and its future
- Look towards heritage funding for the old church

Ward Councillor Sue Clarke provides an update on Segenhoe church yard. Someone went to do a conditioned survey, however wasn't able to carry out the survey. A specialist conservation architect is required to carry out the conditioned survey which usually more costly. S Clark will chase up on this in the coming months and provide an update when she knows more.

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.

Cllr T Pick helped in the process to get the new gates for the village.

4. Un-Audited Accounts for y/e 31st March 2026

Total income: £38,609

Total expenditure: £26,772

Total Bank March 31st 2026: £11,837

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 Clerk and Chair will look into this further. Cllr J Graham provided some useful guidance on this.

The accounts ending March 2026 were unanimously approved by all Cllrs present. Proposed by T Pick, Seconded by J Graham.

5. Open Forum

Nothing to report.

Meeting closed at 7:30pm

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Ridgmont Annual General Parish Minutes – 19/05/26
The above is considered a true and accurate account of the meeting.

Chairperson

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