



East Rudham Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 4th February 2025 from 7.15pm at the Village Hall

Parish Councillors present: Malcolm Pearson (Chairman), Tony Elburn (Vice Chairman), Richard Spencer, Terry Hibbert, John Dawson, Mark Tizard, Trevor Davis, and Sue Jones
Parish Clerk

There were no members of the public present.

1. Welcome and to receive apologies for absence.

The Chairman welcomed all those present.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Weeks and Morley. Apologies accepted.

2. To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda and consider any requests for dispensations

There were none.

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 7th of January 2025

The minutes were approved without amendment, proposed Cllr Jones, seconded Cllr Dawson and signed by the Chairman as a correct record. All in favour who were present at the meeting.

4. To hear from Borough Councillor and County Councillors – Not present

5. Open forum for Public Participation: an opportunity to hear from members of the public – None

6. To receive updates from council members

6.1 Jack's Lane Windfarm community fund – Cllr Davis advised no update on the next meeting.

6.2 SAM2 & Speeding report – Cllr Elburn gave a report from Grove side Eastbound for January 25. 30mph limit: 85% percentile was 33.6 mph, maximum speed was 65mph on 6.1.25, at 09.35 hrs. Total vehicles 94,479 and the average speed was 28.6mph.

6.3 Helping the elderly that fall in the community project – Cllr Tizard confirmed that we had not obtained funding from the Lottery due to lack of evidence re community engagement. It was decided to put forward an application to Jack's Farm and clerk to contact Houghton Estate.

6.4 Clerks report – Devolution – a decision on the fast track application for Norfolk & Suffolk is expected this week. The lawn mower has been registered in clerks name and address. Parish Precept changes – 50% April and 50% September will affect us, but we have good levels of reserves in place. Support was agreed for The Safety of lithium -ion batteries campaign was agreed.

- 6.5 Communications: Freebridge bungalows by the Village Hall have been reported as rubbish including food waste in the ditch have led to rats. Cllr Morley has assisted the clerk with reporting this to Freebridge.
Bus Shelter cleaning – the clerk has contacted 4 cleaning companies, and the costs varied from £40 to £80 each. Agreed to go with R. Newstead.

7. Open Spaces & Highways Issues

- 7.1 Kerbing Project – awaiting confirmation of funding due March 25.
7.2 Village Green failings – more posts have been installed, and it was agreed to hold some spares for any damages etc.

8. East Rudham Cemetery & Churchyard

Cemetery – a burial took place on the 31st of January and the clerk had received an email from the funeral directors saying how well the whole area looks, especially cutting back at the entrance. The separate bank account for the Cemetery now has funds from this funeral. The clerk will be working on updating the Cemetery information and a new page will be set up on the website.

Church – Cllr Pearson advised that the Vicar and Diocese contact are currently away. A clear up session including the shed at the back will take place. More storage boxes have been purchased, and the Horticultural Society have asked for their documents to be stored in the storage area too. Clerk suggested that the original cemetery books could be stored too.

9. Newsletter and Facebook page

Cllr Weeks had requested any articles for the next newsletter to be sent by the 10th of February.

10. Financial Matters

10.1 To approve the bank reconciliation and payments/receipts for January – approved. Proposed Cllr Tizard, seconded Cllr Pearson and all in favour.

10.2 The Council RESOLVED to approve the following:

Payments for February to date:

C Boyden	Salary	253.11
HMRC	PAYE	63.40
C Boyden	Expenses	26.00
K & M Lighting	Street light maintenance	39.73
M Pearson	Storage bins	21.99
BCKLWN	Dog bin emptying 24/25	439.92
J & V Dominy	Stonepit maintenance 2024	105.75
SSE	Sept-Dec 2024 electricity	358.60
ICO	Annual subscription	37.00
T. Elburn	Village Green barrier stakes	59.97

The Barclays bank accounts need to be closed down and any monies transferred to the Unity Trust current account before the year end. A letter has been sent this week.

11. Planning Matters

11.1 Applications:

25/00120/F – Variation of condition 2 of planning consent 23/02026/F – side and rear extension 6 Fakenham Road. – no observations agreed

11.2 Decisions - none.

12. To receive and consider any correspondence

12.1 Cllr Elburn advised that the annual maintenance of the church clock would take place next week.

14. Receive items for next agenda and note the date of the next meeting

The date of the next meeting will be the 4th of March 2025

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.02pm.

Signed by Chairman:

Date: