



West Rudham Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

23rd January 2025

Parish Councillors present: James Ringer (Chair), Lucinda Reddyhoff (Vice Chairman), Josephine Tyler, Stephen Mayor, Clive Scott, Ian McCallum and Christine Jewell.

Also in attendance: County Councillor Michael Chenery, Borough Councillor Chris Morley and Caroline Boyden (Parish Clerk)

1. Welcome and to receive apologies for absence

The Chairman welcomed those present.

No Apologies

2. Receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda and consider requests for dispensations - None

3. To approve the minutes of the meetings held on the 12th of November 2024

The minutes were approved as proposed by the Chairman, without amendment, and signed by the Chairman as a correct record by those present at that meeting.

4. To hear from the Borough Councillor and County Councillor

Cllr Morley advised further on the proposed devolution combining Norfolk and Suffolk with an elected mayor. West Norfolk, Breckland and North Norfolk are in discussion to become 1 district. County Council voted for fast track onto the system thinking more money will become available. Initial plan should be available in March with the mayor voted in May 26.

2nd home double council tax comes into effect from April 25 and the Borough Council will now get 25%.

Cllr Chenery has an important meeting at County tomorrow regarding update on the devolution and parish councils could get more power. A large number of other County Councils want to get on the priority list.

The 30mph sign on the entrance to the village does not work and Cllr Chenery will take this up with the new highways engineer, Martin Rose-Well. Chase Jason regarding our gateways.

West and East Rudham having a special camera like Hillington was updated by Cllr Morley and it would not be happening.

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

6. To receive updates from council members

6.1 SAM2 & Speed Watch:

	June	July	August	September	October	November
Average speed	29.21	28.15	28.95	29.02	28.54	28.31
Average offending speed	34.40	34.29	33.98	34.06	34.48	34.06
Average letter eligible speed	39.55	39.72	39.78	39.85	39.95	39.91
Highest recorded speed	65	85	95	80	70	85
Percentage exceeding	35.9%	30.9%	34.4%	37.0%	32.5%	27.2%

A police speed camera team have been in the village twice in the last week. Russell has resigned and we need someone to replace him.

6.2 Newsletter – churchyard cleaning on the 16th of March following a litter pick. Meet outside the Dukes Head at 10.00am. Cllr Morley can provide bags etc. and let him know where to collect the bagged rubbish from. Newsletter items to be sent to Cllr Reddyhoff by the 10th of February. Agreed to include defibrillator training and speed watch figures.

6.3 Clerks Report – 2 allotment plots now available and the 2 names on the waiting list are no longer interested. Add to the newsletter.

7. Open Spaces

7.1 Village Gateways – Cllr Chenery to chase with Jason Moore.

7.2 Open Gardens Event 2025 to take place on the 8th of June with 5 gardens and the Village Hall as the central point with teas provided by Tapping House.

8. Planning Matters

8.1 To receive decisions of applications - None

8.2 To receive and consider new applications - None

9. Financial Matters

9.1 To approve the bank reconciliation and payment of accounts and bank statements for December 24 – all in favour

9.2 To approve the January payments (to date) – all in favour

9.3 To discuss and approve the draft budget v.3 and precept. 25% precept increase proposed Cllr Ringer and all in favour.

9.4 To approve Dan Andrews as our Internal Auditor for 24/25 – approved by all.

10. Receive and consider correspondence

10.1 The grass cutting contract, being our largest expenditure, has been reviewed by the clerk and 2 other contractors were contacted, both over the costs of the current provider. Cllr Tyler asked the clerk to request 2 cuts in April, May and June with 1 cut in July, August, September and October.

10.2 Cllr Morley had received a response from Freebridge regarding the empty property and rubbish in the ditch. They will arrange for clearance.

10.3 Cllr Scott will arrange defibrillator training with the Air Ambulance and advise clerk

of availability etc., for booking the Village Hall.

10.4 Clerk advised of the Tapping House volunteer day next week.

10.5 Overgrown Trees at the front of Rudham Court. Cllr Ringer advised that the crowns of the trees appear to be dead and cause a problem if branches fall.

It was agreed that the parish council should write a friendly letter to the owners.

11. Items for inclusion at next meeting and agree date of next meeting – to be sent to the clerk a week before the next meeting.

The Annual Parish and Parish Council Meetings, will be held on Thursday 24th of April 2025, from 6.30pm.

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting at 8.10 pm.

Payments for approval December 2024

C Boyden	Salary	189.78
HMRC	PAYE	47.60
J Rimmer	Hire of Strimmer	50.00

Payments for approval January 2025

C Boyden	Salary	189.98
HMRC	PAYE	47.40

Signed by Chairman: Date: