

Rumburgh Parish Meeting
29 March 2023
Minutes

1. The meeting started at 7pm, Paul Spill (Parish Council Chairman) welcomed those present.

The clerk took the minutes. Eleven members of the public were present.

2. Apologies received from Mrs Binder, Sam Kenward, East Suffolk council and PC Simon Green, Community Engagement Officer.
3. The minutes of the Parish meeting 4 May 2021 were approved and signed. Proposed Mrs J Williams, Second Mr P van Dijk.

4. Reports

- Rumburgh Parish Council – Paul Spill thanked councillors for all their work in the last 12 months and would especially like to thank Pieter van Dijk for his long service of 17 years serving as a councillor and as chairman for most of those years.
Council met 8 times to date. In the year council supported the Wissett and Spexhall parish councils in their objections to the solar farm in Grays Lane. Council purchased a picnic bench to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee and have just purchased a seat for the King's Coronation, both on the Pleasure Ground. There has also been on-going maintenance to the play equipment in the Pleasure Ground and two councillors arranged a litter pick in the village, which was a great success.
- District/County Councillor - no report.
- Suffolk Police – no report see apologies
- Rumburgh & St Michael Village Hall – Andrew Lindqvist reported the hall is doing well with healthy finance. There are plans to redesign the kitchen/toilets/committee room area. The village Hall trustees are organising the Mayday Fete on 1st May.
- Rumburgh Feoffees' – Pieter van Dijk reported the trust's income is low and it donates mainly to the church and Village Hall.
- Bowls Club – Julie Williams reported the club has approx. 20 members. Club meets on a Friday in the village hall, all welcome (£2 per session, £5 membership).
- Rumburgh Cricket Club – Pieter van Dijk reported The Halesworth Pumas meet mainly on Tuesday Evenings. 8 to 10 matches are planned for the coming season. Funds are raised by membership fees and the monthly quiz.
- Table Tennis Group – This group is growing with approx. 14 attendees and 3 tables. All are welcome on Tuesdays @ 2pm in village hall. Possible chess meets 2nd Wednesday each month in The Buck.
- First Responders - Paul Spill reported now a team of two and are attending training every 1st Monday of the month at Ellough Ambulance Station where they sit regular assessments and enhanced training. At present not on call, but are aiming to be as soon as possible. There will be a demo on the use of the Defibrillator 19 April 2023 in the village hall and a stand at the Mayday Fete.
- Rumburgh & District Garden Club- Clerk read out an email from the club secretary Lisa Simmons re the demise of the club. There is still the possibility of an outing to a garden in the summer if enough interest is shown. If helpers can be found Lisa would like to hold a Produce Show on the first Saturday in August.

- Parochial Church Council - Pieter van Dijk reported the church has kept running with one service per month. Work is needed on the East wall which has cracked. Scaffold has been purchased with grant from 101 club to support the wall pending further investigations as to repairs. A major fundraising exercise will be required for these repairs.

5. Open Forum –

- 101 Club – Paul Fenner stated that the club will be involved in the fundraising for the church.
- Mrs Williams asked if the village hall trustees could look at the village hall car park as it floods.
- Mr Dutton gave a brief update on the proposed Solar farm. Does not expect any decisions to be taken until July.

The chairman thanked everyone.

Meeting closed at 19.28

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