

RUMBURGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
18 March 2026
Start 7.00pm
MINUTES

1. The Chairman Cllr Paul Spill welcomed Councillors to the meeting
The Clerk Teresa Goldson was in attendance.
Apologies Cllr Specca
2. Members of the public in attendance: NONE
3. Declarations of Interest NONE
4. Minutes of the last meeting 18 02 2026 Resolved
5. Guest Speakers: Suffolk County Councillor Judy Cloke.
Cllr. Cloke referred to her February report and to forthcoming changes to parking in Bungay.
This is the last meeting that Cllr Cloke will be attending in her capacity as Suffolk County Councillor and Chairman Paul Spill, thanked her for her support and hard work for the Parish.
Local Elections to be held on Thursday 7th May (see notice boards for details)
6. Clerk's Report and Matters Arising:
 - Martyns Law - update awaited. Clerk will appraise Council as and when more information is available
 - Litterpick - Risk assessment on website, posters displayed.
 - Discussion about Allotment tenancy agreements - April 2026 Agenda
 - Retention Policy - Document audit has not yet taken place, clerk recommends Policy is approved in readiness for Audit.
7. Finances - As at 17 03 2026
 - Precept no response as yet but has been noted on the ES Council Tax letter to households.
 - Notice added to Website clarifying 55% increase in precept is NOT for play equipment
 - VAT Claim submitted - £322.57
 - Play Equipment fund - see item 8
 - Approval of expenses for Cllr Spill to be drawn from Defib Ring Fenced reserves
 - Approval of Clerk's Expenses (printer cartridges) to be drawn from Playground ring fenced reserves
 - Balances as at 17 03 2026:
 - Current Account £874.15 incl VAT reclaim

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Chairman's Signature



- Savings Account £11,782.29 (includes £125 transferred from Current to Play Inspection ring fenced reserved (annual top up))

8. Play Equipment:

- Funding
 - £4,000 from Geoff Watling Charity confirmed. To be drawn down once all funding has been secured.
 - Other funding sources to be explored: CIL, ES Playground fund (tbc), National Lottery Awards for All (£20k max)
- Community Engagement:
 - Questionnaire responses to date 78 electronic + 10 hard copy.
 - Majority overwhelmingly in favour. Negative comments focus on cost and possible disruptive behaviour.
- Quotes: inline with Financial regulations at least 2 more quotes will be sought.

9. Grass Cutting Contract 2026-27: Council **RESOLVED** to continue the contract with East Suffolk Services, based on value for money and adherence to current biodiversity standards.

10. Assets: Thanks to Cllr Stannard for completing a thorough review of Council Assets.

- Broken unused grit bin opposite Malt Office Lane to be removed
- Gordon Flatt to be asked to make repairs to Pleasure Ground driveway
- Any other items requiring general maintenance recorded on [Asset Register](#)

11. Policies for approval

- Data Protection & Information Management Policy 2026
- Co-opted of Councillors Policy 2026
- RPC Internal Controls Statement 2026-27
- Financial Regulations 2026-27
- RPC Standing Orders 2026-27
- Retention and Disposal Policy 2026 New Policy for Adoption

12. AOB:

- Cllr Stannard reported a considerable number of items remain on Allotment 1 (tenancy ended Sept 2025) Will approach the former tenant and ask for items to be removed.
- Cllr Evans to ask Village Hall committee about their proposed new noticeboard so the council can consider replacing its main noticeboard in similar style.
- Clerk to ascertain how notifications of new emails might be set up to alert Cllrs to new emails in the Iomart system ([gov.uk](#) email service)

The meeting closed at 08.30 pm.

Meeting Closed at 8.30pm

Next Meeting

Wednesday 29 April 2026

7.00 pm

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Chairman's Signature:

