Rumburgh Annual Parish Meeting
1 May 2024
Minutes

1. The meeting started at 7pm. Paul Spill (Parish Council Chairman) welcomed those present. The Clerk took the minutes. 15 members of the public were present.

2. Apologies received from Halesworth Community Policing Team, Stella Cattermole (Rumburgh Buck), Christine Hughes (PCC)

3. The minutes of the Parish Meeting 29 March 2023 were approved and signed. RESOLVED

4. Reports:

   Rumburgh Parish Council Chairman's Report
   I would like to thank all of the councillors for all their hard work and commitment over the last 12 months.

   The parish council have met a total of 9 times over the past 12 months and 3 times for planning. Due to Boyd moving house he handed his notice in as parish Clark and Teresa was appointed. On behalf of the council, we would like to thank her for all of her hard work. We also welcomed a new councillor in November, Oliver Hitchcock. In the last 12 months the council have put concrete basis for the jubilee picnic table and the coronation seat. We would like to thank district councillors, Toby and Anthony, for their £200 grant for this work. As a council we would also like to thank county councillor Judy Cloke for attending when she is able. We have also awarded the grass cutting to East Suffolk Services for the next 12 months. In the summer months the council will be doing some maintenance on the play equipment on the pleasure ground as highlighted on the ROSPA risk assessment. The council is also in the process of doing a bio diversity policy.

   Bowls Club (Andrew Moore)
   I am pleased to report that Rumburgh Bowls Club is thriving following a rather slow restart after lockdown. We bowl every Friday afternoon, which is always well attended, and we are getting near to capacity, however, we can still take a few more, and are pleased to see new members.
   Sadly we no longer play against other local clubs, because so many did not survive lockdown, but we do have several competitions within the club, which are both popular and competitive.
   As in past years members of the club are running the Target Boule on Mayday, which raises money for the Hall, and The Responders.

   Table Tennis - Andrew Linquist/Julie Williams
   The Table Tennis Club meets every Tuesday from 2 pm to 3.30pm. The Club has three tables and continues to be popular. Newcomers are always

welcome.
Also mention Rumburgh Chess Club which meets at the Buck at 7.30pm every 2nd Wednesday of the month - new players welcome

The Rumburgh Buck - link to full report here Rumburgh Buck - Parish Council
Highlights:

- Best known attraction in the village
- Strives to keep Rumburgh on the map for the right reasons
- Safe place for social gatherings including musin=c sessions, social crafting group, chess and quiz nights, etc
- A central hub for collection of prescriptions

Challenges:

- Need to bring more people to the pub to continue to be sustainable
- Small percentage of regulars are front eh village
- Lack of public transport
- Need to encourage more young people

Rumburgh Feoffees - NA

First Responders Nick Bagshaw
Important service to support East of England Ambulance service and local residents in need of emergency medical help. First Responders are well trained in a wide range of common serious conditions such as Stroke, Heart Attack, Diabetic Coma, accidents and injuries. They are also trained in CPR and use of the Defibrillator (located on the wall of the Pub). First responders are trained in the specific needs of adults and children.
More volunteers are always needed.

Parochial Parish Council Report - see link to full report Church Warden Report 2024
Headlines:

- Shock and sadness at Ian Harris' sudden passing in October 2023
- 16 services held in the Church in 2023
- September 2023 there was an incident of criminal damage - see full report for details
- East Window project
- Removal of some trees to prevent damage to the structure of the building
- Installation of additional drainage

Suffolk County Councillor, Judy Cloke - link to full report here SCC Cllr Judy Cloke Report May 2024

East Suffolk District Councillor Toby Hammond - link to full report here ES Cllr Toby Hammond Report May 2024

Allotments - Cllr Oliver Hitchcock
Reiterated the benefits of leasing an allocation as equally Despairing and

Delightful! At just £10 per allotment per annum Rumburgh is amongst one of the lowest rents in the Country.

The Pleasure Ground - Cllr Paul Fenner
The Pleasure Ground continues to be well used, with the new picnic table and seating proving to be popular. The football goals are in regular use.
Some of the play equipment is beginning to show signs of wear and tear, much of which has been managed by volunteers front ehCouncil. The Council has set aside some contingency funds for repairs and/or replacement but accept that when the time comes they would need to apply for external funding in the forms of grants, etc.

Village Litter Pick Cllrs Julie Williams & Winky Evans - link to full report here
RPC Annual Litter Pick Report 2024
The Village has two litter picks per year - picks, bags and disposal of litter collected, along with free refreshments at the Village Hall afterwards.

Rumburgh & St Michael Village Hall Trustees NA

Halesworth Community Policing Team - NA

5. Presentation of the new Royal Portrait. Cllr Paul Spill, Chairman of the Parish Council presented representatives of the Village Hall Trustees with a new Royal Portrait for display in the Village Hall. Every Town and Parish int ehCountry was eligible for a new portrait to celebrate the reign of King Charles III. The Parish Council had previously agreed that it would be fitting to donate the Portrait to the Village HAll for everyone to enjoy.

6. Open forum
   - Church Lantern - previously damaged by vandals. Halesworth Mens Shed has now accepted a commission to repair the Church Lantern.
   - The meeting expressed thanks to Andrew Moore for his work to maintain the area on the corner of the Pleasure Ground where the Village Sign, bench and PC Notice bOard are sited.
   - Cllr Fenner, on behalf of the PCC, altered the audience to the recent theft of three fire extinguishers from outside of the church, which were placed there in readiness for testing. The PCC have discussed the matter and feel that the installation of CCTV and/or locking the Church when h=not in use is not in keeping with the ethos or aesthetic of the premise and that this incident was opportunistic.
   - Cllr Fenner was keen to reassure the audience that Rumburgh remains a particularly safe place to live with very little crime.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending

Meeting closed at 19.55

Chairman's Signature: P. Spill Date: 28/5/25