

RISTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting

1st July 2026 6.30pm

@ Riston Village Hall

Present - Cllrs A Taylor in Chair, D Hammond, L Pedersen-Roe, B Drake, Rev R Major, P Swallow, S Turner, A Woodward
Ward Councilor S. Christon-Whyte
Clerk Nicki Salvidge

12 members of the public.

Chair Welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for attending and read out a statement of housekeeping.

Meeting opened to the public –

Mr Wilson read out a statement- *including but not limited to* - Omitted items from minutes of the last Parish council meeting, Lack of transparency, introduction of words not used in the meeting. Reassurance given that all documents relating to the parish council are on the laptop handed over to the clerk, including fire alarm checks. So, chairman incorrect to say otherwise.

Chair responded to one item, that of the alarm service and agreed he was at the meeting in which this was discussed, it was however the weekly fire alarm checks that the fire officer questioned and that we could not find record of.

Mrs Wilson – *read out statement including but not limited to* – finances, public inspection breach has been triggered, as the inspection should have commenced today within the legal time frame of the first 10 days of July. Mostly concerned over the benefit of two clerks and LGA awareness. Previous clerk left finances in good order therefore it is difficult for her to understand why there has been a delay in the preparation of accounts. Transparency and accountability failings and further governance issues of the council a concern, residents expect better without repeated failures, and know it can be better.

Cllr Woodward requested to speak – Cllr Woodward stated that she had heard twice that there are two clerks on the council, whilst she is a clerk, it is totally separate to her role as parish councilor. The clerk we have manages the council with professionalism and competency and does not see any relevance to her being a clerk as well.

Finally, Cllr Woodward said having checked the scribe accountancy package herself, as a person who understands scribe, she found it on takeover not to be in good order, with records missing and no VAT claimed for the previous year, so would contest that the accounts handed over in good order.

Request from a resident that provision of allotments be investigated. Grants available to purchase land. Willing to help.

Mr Wilson requested to respond to chairs comment and was asked to email his question in.

1. Apologies

To receive apologies for absence.

Cllr John Darling

2. Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

Members to declare any interest in items on the agenda and the nature of such interest and for the Council to determine if that interest could be prejudicial.

Councillor	Pecuniary	Non Pecuniary
Cllr Taylor		Wife chair of FRVH
Cllr Pedersen-Roe		Husband caretaker village hall
Cllr Drake		Partner treasurer of PFC
Rev Richard Major		Wife member of PFC
Cllr Swallow		Member of PFC
Cllr Turner		Member of PFC
Cllr Woodward		Member of FRVH

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

To consider and approve the minutes of 27th May 2026 a true record of the meeting.

Proposed as a true record Cllr Hammond, seconded Cllr Swallow agreed by show of hands by all councillors present.

4. Matters arising from the Previous Meeting

To consider any relevant matters arising from the previous meetings but not covered elsewhere on this agenda.

To hand over the operation of the village hall, lease is being formed between the 3 concerned parties' with operational side of the hall to be transferred to the Friends of Riston Village Hall as of 1st July 2026.

The ownership and ultimate responsibility to remain with the PC as there is no definitive evidence to the contrary that has been established and the reason that this is being stated is that building needs to be insured by the owner of the building so the Parish council will continue to insure the building, though it could be that FRVH may pay some back.

Proposed of Cllr Drake, Seconded Cllr Swallow agreed by all by show of hands.

5. Police Report

Speedwatch group of volunteers - to set up a group of volunteers. Cllr Pedersen-Roe to take the lead on this.

Proposed by Cllr Turner Seconded Cllr Woodward and all agreed by show of hands

5. Finance

Balance –£15,354.02

Virgin – £14,354.02

Savings - £1000

Payments to be made to be brought to the meeting.

Wix.com – £230.40 +£26.76

EON - £70.01

Microsoft £12.10

Wages –

Samantha Rounding paid to end of employment with holiday pay, P60 and P45 posted to home address

Chris Roe wages up to 1st July to be paid when his employment status is taken over by FRVH as self employed.

Clerk wages

Cllr Drake proposed Accounts be agreed, seconded Cllr Hammond agreed by show of hands by all present.

End of year accounts to sign off 2025-26 – Copy of accounts brought to the meeting for each councillor including variances. Copies of these are available to the public and will be put on the web site. Proposed Cllr Hammond seconded Cllr Swallow agreed by show of hands by all present.

Audit report – Internal audit currently being done, however issues found by clerk when bringing together 25-26

accounts are – Lack of minuted agreements to spend public funds. VAT not claimed, reserves used to make payments leaving minimum reserves for 2026-27. Lack of bank reconciliation since October 2025.

For info balances brought forward 23/24- £30,888, 24/25 - £22,147 and 25/26- £14,055 looking at approximately using £8000 over budget over last 3 years.

This year we will need to budget more carefully as we don't have the resources to fall back on.

6. Planning

To consider planning applications received

26/01443/PLF Conversion of Garage to living accommodation Apple Tree cottage Arnold -No objections

26/01139/TCA fell up to 15 Conifers Roase Acres Main Street, ERYC have passed with no objections

7. Documents

- Asset register –List of assets to be checked and to be updated query notice boards, benches, bins, Bus stops?
Question raised over ownership of footpath to Rise close, believed to be property of Parish Council
- Policy register.

Proposed that both documents be updated agreed by show of hands by all present.

8. Committee members

To elect members to the following committees

- Finance- Cllrs Hammond, Woodward and Pedersen-Roe
- Personnel - Cllrs Hammond, Major and Swallow

Proposed by Cllr Drake seconded Cllr Turner all agreed by show of hands

Cllr Woodward proposed that each group needs attendance of 3 to be quorate and that Terms of reference be written up.

9. Report from Chair of Village Hall

Maggie Taylor read a report including dates for upcoming events 17th July Family Party and 12/9 Quiz night.

The new committee have received a lot of non-financial support from local groups including ERVHN, East Riding community Vision, the Parish council and the PFC. She reported increased use of the hall over the last six months, and a new monthly initiative to help people get on line with a one-on-one tuition or to understand how to do things on their phones or computer.

They are in the very early stages of looking at Solar roofing which they will need to raise funds for via fundraising and grants. They are also looking at giving the hall a bit of a tidy of the summer, volunteers welcome.

10. Report from Playing fields Committee

Cllr Turner read a report for June including funding update with recent cheque received from New2You for £1600.

They are now on line thanks to quick line hub initiative and will be sharing with the village hall.

They have now raised £59,000 of the £65,000 needed to replace the old MUGA.

They have numerous volunteers who keep the grass cut and who have recently white lined an area for the school sports day. Work with the community payback team is also proving beneficial.

A new seating area including tree planting and picnic benches is in the planning stages.

Also Solar panels for the pavilion. Mr Sherwood from the PFC is looking at working with the FRVH on this.

Both Maggie Taylor and Cllr turner thanked for all the hard work done by both groups.

11. Report from Ward Councillors

Cllr Christon-Whyte reported on –

The Travellers Rest, planning is now with the legal team, and she has asked to be kept up to date.

Cllr Christon-Whyte is working with the funding team over the proposed footpath/cycle path between Whitecross and Long Riston and would like to work on a survey of the village to prove its need, she would like the help of the parish council in delivering the surveys and collecting.

A person from the Walking and Cycling trust long with someone from the mayor's office may visit also later in the year. The councillor is very positive that funding will be found for this section. Although work on taking the path further for example Hatfield with its estimated cost would need to be addressed when this path complete. Cllr Christon -Whyte is to take the issue of the yellow lines outside school to her quarterly meeting with police and will report back

Clerk to request sign for showing legal regulations of yellow line outside school from ERYC.

Local plan for next five years has just been started, but they are looking at areas to bring in, in the next Local Plan Long Riston does have pockets of land in this and as a parish council we need to start looking at the effects this may have on the future of the village. Cllr Christon-Whyte to email further information to the clerk.

12. Other items of Information.

Any other correspondence or other matters to be verbally reported by the Clerk.

To discuss and agree responses to correspondence.

- Letter from Peter Neville Trust regarding new vacancy, requesting nominations from Parish Council for a new trustee.

Cllrs Darling and Drake registered an interest in becoming a member, both names to be forwarded to trust proposed Cllr Turner, seconded Cllr Hammond all agreed by show of hands.

- New representative for Dogger Bank community group.

Cllr Turner has registered an interest in being the representative Proposed Cllr Hammond seconded Cllr Woodward all agreed by show of hands.

- Email from Cllr Christon-Whyte asking us to highlight footpath needing attention.

Catwick Lane Proposed as worst footpath by Cllr Pedersen-Roe seconded Cllr Woodward agreed by show of hands by all

13. Date of next meeting 5th August 6.30pm

Meeting closed 7.30pm

Signed _____ 5th August 2026