RISTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

Wednesday 7th October 2026 6.30pm
Riston Village Hall

Present - Cllrs D Hammond in Chair, L Pedersen-Roe, B Drake, Rev R Major, P Swallow, J Darling, A Woodward.

Ward Cllr. Christon-Whyte

Special Sgt Dunning-Davis

Clerk Nicki Salvidge

Members of the public 11

1. **Apologies**
   To receive apologies for absence.
   Cllr A Taylor

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.

Councilor	Pecuniary	Non Pecuniary
Cllr Pedersen-Roe		Husband caretaker village hall
Cllr Drake		Partner treasurer of PFC
Rev Richard Major		Wife secretary of PFC
Cllr Swallow		Member of PFC
Cllr Darling		Member on PFC Daughter on FRVH
Cllr Woodward		Member of FRVH

3. **To open meeting to the public for a maximum of 10 minutes**
   Residents are allowed to speak for a maximum of 3 minutes per person

- E Scooters – Discussion held on the danger of E Scooters and concern for riders and other road users safety. Special SGT Dunning Davis offered advise and asked people to call 101 to report any issues with scooters so police can get a true picture of issues in the village.
- The importance of ringing 101 to report matters to police on any police issues was reiterated as police need to know where the problems are, no calls no issues.
- Richard Wilson read out below statement-

As the council will be aware I have sent and FOI request in asking for any of a broad range of documents that evidence any legal right to substantiate public claim that a deed of trust, or anything exists which suggests that the Parish Council are legally accountable to manage or maintain the hall.
I received a reply saying "I am unable to provide the documents required at present, however when they become available, I will ensure that you get copies." This initially led me to think that the documents are in the process of being created. This is obviously at odds with the statement that there is already an established arrangement in place.
Furthermore, the Clerk then responded to say she had not personally seen a trust document.

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During the meeting with the Mayor I had the pleasure of speaking with the Chair of the Village Hall [Charity] Committee. During the conversation I'd asked how the charity can double dip assets already defined under the conveyance and constitution to be covered by a separate charity. We discussed the topic in some detail.
During the conversation the Chair said she had seen various documents relating to this very challenge.
So my question is, how is it an FOI for evidence of a lawful arrangement yields nothing, yet the Chair of the VH charity has seen evidence related to the topic that has been substantial enough to allow an opinion to be formed? Furthermore, I'm told solicitors are involved and have positioned evidence.
These two scenarios oppose each other completely.
At this point I feel it reasonable to point out that that under Section 77 of the FOI act it is a criminal offence to *Block or conceals any record held by the public authority, with the intention of preventing the disclosure by that authority of all, or any part, of the information to the communication of which the applicant would have been entitled. This applies to the public authority and to any person who is employed by, is an officer of, or is subject to the direction of, the public authority.*
Given the above scenario how confident is this Council that it is not committing this criminal offence or indeed not committing maladministration in public office.
And given the timeline and claims previously made, if this Council is in the process of trying to alter the future reality to align with a previously assured situation, how confident are you that the public will not feel deceived.
Cllr Talbot has previously positioned a number of questions to this Council and no response was given. I Don't believe.
To use a phrase previously used by Cllr Christon-Whyte, is this doing thing TO people and not WITH people?
Clerk requested copy.
Clerk spoke to clarify that she has 100% not seen any documents or withholding any documents and advised Mr Wilson that if he knows someone who has them that he write to them.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

To consider and approve the minutes of 1st September a true record of the meeting.

To point out that the application for the PFC at the last meeting be classed as a donation as not specifically for any one thing.

Proposed as a true record Cllr Pedersen-Roe Seconded Cllr Swallow all agreed by show of hands.

5. Matters arising from the Previous Meeting

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

Under item 6 of the previous minutes Cllr Woodward to stencil and paint notices regarding dog fouling, paint is said not to be adequate, however Cllr Hammond has some to try.

6. Police Report

Speed watch, update from Cllr Pedersen-Roe

September figures 28th September 3.30-4.30 17 vehicles passed with only one speeding at 35mph.

High viz worn by volunteers seems to slow traffic down.

Cllr Pedersen-Roe and volunteers thanked.

Jonathon Dunning Davis Humberside police report.

Going back to police logs from March 49 crimes have been reported in the parish. Non for Arnold.

35% of crimes related to the garage 33% of these taking off without payment of fuel

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20% Domestic related. (Abuse, Harassment)

21% Road offences (no insurance, drink driving, accident, NO e scooters reported)

19% other

6% = 3 crimes 1 criminal damage, 2 anti-social behaviour.

Accident outside school previous week not reported to police, it was believed an ambulance called but no further information.

Resident asked about abandoned vehicles – if taxed and legally parked it is up to the DVLA to remove them if Vehicles on private land over 1m off the verge classed as being on private land and up to landowners to remove.

Police left 7.15pm

7. **Finance**

Balance – £17,527.83
Precept second payment £6232.50 has gone into account
Payments Clerk
Autella £72.00
Scribe £31.20
Microsoft £120.96
Payments to be made to be brought to the meeting.

Funding applications Cllr Hammond proposed £500 be given to each of the following village groups.
Baby and Toddler Group
Friends of Village Hall (Cllr Woodward declared Non Pecuniary interest)
St Margarets Church
Agreed by show of hands by all those able to vote.

7. Planning

To consider planning applications received and update on previous planning

- 26/02432/TCA Rose Acre Main Street – no objections
- Travelers Rest Cllr Taylor attended the planning appeal and sent the following report.

following the meeting to appeal the decision against change of use from public house to two dwellings plus another two dwellings in the car park, it was determined as follows by the two legal teams, planning enforcement and expert witnesses.

The planning appeal for change of use should not go ahead due to the enforcement notice currently in place, which effectively renders the building illegal.

This is because the building has not been put back as original .

It cannot be returned to its former self as the plot has been broken into three separate plots , one being sold privately.

This means that to comply, the building will need to be demolished and rebuilt as previous or it will remain illegal and therefore not able to have change of use applied.

Two parts are now currently being considered,

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The planning inspectorate is to decide on the enforcement order and therefore the change of use.

Court proceedings have been served against the developer in regard to the enforcement order.

The next step will be in late November.

Thanks to be given to Cllr Taylor for attending.

8. Report from Chair of Village Hall

Thanks to Mrs Ashcroft for new to the hall chairs, orange chairs have been donated to new homes.
The recent quiz night raised over £500 and sale of honey another £50.
The connected community event to take place on 15th October in the village hall will have numerous groups attending to offer advice to residents as well as tea, coffee and cakes.
There is a planned Lights night/ Festive event which more details will be given closer to the time.
Wifi and new external light to be fitted next week.

9. Report from Playing fields Committee

Cllr Darling read out report

£2,495 CCTV project is now up and running. Cameras will be added to the new MUGA which will give coverage of the Playpark
MUGA replacement work will start on Monday 12th October. The £65 000 project is now fully funded. £5000 has been secured for the pavilion solar project including successful wind farm grants from Burton Pidsea, Routh and Withernwick along with £500 from the pc. Total project cost is £14 619. We have an application in for the remaining funds with Northern Powergrid. Grant will be decided on in late November.
Toddler area has been power washed at a cost of £180
Hedges around the field cut at a cost of £200
Community service team have completed drainage work where the tennis courts run off at a cost for materials of £55
The next project for the community payback team is to lay weed membrane in the corner of the field where the trees donated by the woodland trust will be planted in November at a cost for materials of £84.
PFC volunteers have taken over the responsibility for cutting the grass on the playing fields outside of the Playpark. PFC are paying the fuel costs. We have increased the frequency of cuts to ensure that the football pitches are in good condition for Long Riston AFC.

10. Report from Ward Councillors

Reiterated the need to report crimes to police, this gives evidence to police and councillors that give back up to issues of concern to enable things to be done. Also Crimestoppers is another way of reporting issues to police for those worried about giving their names.

The Mayors Visit went really well and they have got back to Cllr Christon-Whyte quickly with help for funding solar panels for community assets via the Great British Energy fund. Information forwarded to FORVH and PFC. Which is looking positive.
Bus re-rooting and cycle path still work in progress.

Cllr Christon Whyte read out report from those present at the meeting.
The visit was organised by Ward councillor Samantha Christon-Whyte and representatives of the parish were asked to attend by either word of mouth or the media posts by the Ward councillor once it had been fully arranged. No group in the parish had any involvement in its arrangements.

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The visit was to discuss concerns and proposals in the community and highlight any help that we can obtain.

The main items discussed were:
To form a cycle/footpath between dancing lane and white cross roundabout to give better access to Leven and Beverley.
To tap into funding pots that exist to help with the following in the outset:
Solar panels and batteries to the village hall
New roof to the village hall
WIFI and hearing loop in the village hall
Upgrading the exterior of the hall building.
Projects within the scope of the playing fields
School projects if any – the school not scheduled in visit, but mayor did find time to pop in.
Church funding
Making the village hall a safe space in the case of an emergency in the area.
Digital notice boards to enable up to date PC information and parish group events to be posted more readily and in real time, for instance, should a local road be closed due to an incident or the bus service being suspended for any reason or any important situation that might affect the parish.
Increased bus availability and frequency, a suggestion that the Leven to Beverley route is extended to cover Long Riston was made.
General help from the Mayor office and Ward councillor Samantha Christon-Whyte in moving the parish forward.
Cllr Christon – Whyte spoke of arranging the mayors visit, only getting notice late on Friday that the mayor could visit the following Thursday, and with the itinerary decided over the weekend, only confirmed Monday Tea time, this only allowed her press piece to go out Tuesday morning.

On booking the village hall she had asked for a word-of-mouth notice of the meeting to be given, as the visit was intended for Riston residents only and she didn't want residents from other areas eg Hornsea coming and taking over the meeting and had hoped that her notice would be the one advertising the visit.

Cllr Woodward thanked Cllr Christon-Whyte for organising the meeting.

11. Residents' concerns

Responses to residents' concerns brought to councils' attention between meetings.

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.

Resignation from Steve Turner being advertised as legally required. Question on needing advertising so close to the elections next year checked by clerk and due to time frame the clerk has followed correct procedure.

To note Cllr Woodward is now running the parish council Facebook page and has worked hard on getting many new followers.

Letter from resident with numerous questions, clerk to respond.

13. Date of next meeting 4th November 2026 6.30pm

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Meeting closed 7.40pm

Signed_____4th November 2026

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