

Riston Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held on April 1st 2026

7pm Riston Village Hall

Present: Cllrs. J Darling, B Drake, D Hammond, Rev R Major, L Purdison-Roe, P Swallow, S Turner, A Woodward

Ward Councillor S Christon-Whyte

Clerk Nicki Salvidge

8 Members of the public

1. Apologies for absence.

Cllr A Taylor

2. Welcome new councillors and receive acceptance of office forms and register of interest.

3. To elect officers for this meeting

Chairman – Cllr Rev R Major nominated and agreed to act as chair

Vice chair – Cllr D Hammond nominated and agreed to stand as vice chair

4. To open the meeting to the public for a maximum of 15 minutes (limited to 3 minutes per person)

Cllr Darling thanked everyone for coming forward and stated that it is hoped the new council can make a positive re start and create a good relationship with residents.

5. To receive declarations of interest

Non pecuniary interests given by

Cllr P Swallow, Cllr S Turner, Cllr J Darling - Members of the Playing Fields Committee

Cllr A Woodward – Member of Friends of Riston Village Hall

Rev R Major – Wife secretary of Playing Fields Committee

Cllr L Purdison- Roe – Husband caretaker of Village Hall

6. Finances

Clerk working on accessing bank accounts

All present agreed the most urgent payment is the caretaker wages being brought up to date.

7. Correspondence

Request from RPPFA to read out statement

Request from Village Hall charity group that the letter from the previous council be retracted to allow new Village Hall Committee members to work with the PC on a positive way forward for the hall.

All councillors present voted unanimously to retract the letter sent by the previous council.

8. Any urgent business

Request that reference 26/00275/UNTIDY be supported by the parish council to tidy up the area next to the former Travellers Rest. Clerk and Ward Cllr Christon-Whyte have both been in touch with planning enforcement regarding this issue. Member of the public spoke up that he had received a message to say a site visit planned this week.

Village Hall- documents to be drawn up allowing the charity Friends of Riston Village Hall to run the hall. Members are Maggie Taylor, Anne Woodward, Nicole Darling, Julie Richardson, Sue Sherwood, Lin Pediston.

To enrol the help of ERVHN to draw up legal documents making Parish Council custodian trustees and Friends of Riston Village Hall Trustees.

To check on Village Hall Insurance.

Clerk is having trouble accessing the parish council laptop, various offers of help given.

Items to be added to next agenda- Clerk

9. To agree Date of next meeting. 6th May 2026 7pm