

**THE ANNUAL MEETING OF RISTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 27TH MAY 2026 AT 6.30PM,
AT VILLAGE HALL, RISTON
Minutes**

Present - Cllrs J Darling, D Hammond, L Perdersen-Roe, B Drake, Rev R Major, P Swallow, A Taylor, S Turner, A Woodard
Ward Councilors J Holtby, S Christon-Whyte
Clerk Nicki Salvidge
PCSO Bainton
20 members of the public.

1. To receive apologies

Ward Councilor A Talbot

2. Election of Chairman

Cllr Andy Taylor proposed by Cllr Drake seconded Cllr Woodward agreed by all with show of hands

3. Chairmans report –

Cllr Taylor welcomed everyone to the first Annual meeting with the newly formed council in which they plan a uniformed council fully transparent and accountable to the residents of Long Riston and Arnold residents. And to re-unite the community and residents and provide a happy place to reside in.

Due to limited access to information due to the block resignation of previous councilors and clerk access to information has been difficult and the clerk has had to spend many hours resolving issues and we thank her for her support, determination and professionalism.

The council is working hard to get things in place, probably costing the village financially and in time in the process.

We are getting an unacceptable amount of traffic through the clerk questioning everything we are doing or not doing, distracting us from acting in a focused manor. The clerk received as at 23rd May at least 15 emails raising 36 issues of compliance mainly from previous Parish Councilors and one from a ward councilor regarding a reply. Following on from the extreme scrutiny we are being put under it is only right for us to follow some housekeeping set by the previous council in their standing orders.

The intended length of any meeting will be less than 2 hours, and public speaking at beginning of each meeting will be limited to 10 minutes with each contributor limited to 3 minutes.

For this meeting we are not limited to 10 minutes speaking time, but each speaker will be limited to 3 minutes.

After the public session the public will not be able to join in unless at the chair's discretion only 1 person may speak at a time and the meeting will be paused, if necessary, if any unnecessary disturbance the meeting will be closed. This is in the interest of everyone attending the meeting

4. Election of Vice Chairman

Cllr Dave Hammond nominated by Cllr Darling seconded by Cllr Swallow, agreed by all with a show of hands.

5. Declaration of Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interest

(To Record declarations of interest by any member of the Council)

Declarations of interests

Councillor	Pecuniary	Non Pecuniary
John Darling		Member of PFC /Partner on FoRVH
David Hammond		
Lisa Pedersen-Roe	Husband Caretaker Village Hall	
Brian Drake		Partner Treasurer of PFC
Rev Richard Major		Wife member of PFC
Peter Swallow		member of PFC
Andy Taylor		Wife trustee and Chair of Friends of Riston Village Hall
Steven Turner		Member of PFC
Anne Woodward		trustee of Friends of Riston Village Hall

village hall(FoRVH)

PFC

Formal request by Cllr Taylor below under section 13 of our standing orders to enter into discussions and vote on matters relating to the village hall.

The information required under section 13.f is as follows:

- the nature of my interest is nonpecuniary that my wife is chairman of the Friends of Riston village hall.
- I would like to be able to participate in discussions and to vote.
- I would like this dispensation to commence from the meeting this evening (27 may 2026) and to extend for the remainder of my current tenure as a councillor.
- I feel that it is a benefit for the village to allow all councillors to have an input into this important asset of the village.

All agreed by show of hands proposed Cllr Drake seconded Cllr Swallow.

6. Minutes of Previous 2025 Annual General Meeting

All agreed minutes by show of hands

7. Confirmation of the Meeting Schedule for 2026-2027

Planned but can be changed -meetings to be held on 1st Wednesday of the month

1st July

5th August

2nd September

7th October

4th November

2nd December

6th January

3rd February

3rd March

7th April

5th May

8. Public Questions and Open Forum (Open floor for parishioners to raise questions, concerns, or ideas. Any matters of local interest or concern to be addressed.)

Each person can speak for up to 3 minutes.

Resident asked if they would be able to view the 2025-26 accounts, the clerk stated that they would go on the web site and anyone wishing to view in person, could do so by appointment.

Resident stated that questions asked of the clerk had not had a suitable answer. Principle of the question being asked was characteristics of the meetings held by the new council so far have not been in accordance with standing orders and do we feel decisions taken so far are lawful as they do not match the standing orders. Wants a simple yes or no but not had answer. Has raised numerous times but is outstanding question.
No comments made and residents thanked for contribution.

Resident – Register of interest’s caveat is it relevant and legal, Cllr Taylor replied it is lawful according to standing orders produced by previous council.

Cllr Bainton said that it was nice to see the council back together and explained that this year’s Lifestyle was out now and gave information.

Resident found it difficult to hear the meeting and a councilor voiced same concerns.

Meeting closed.

To be followed by the May Parish Council meeting.

Signed _____ Date _____