

MINUTES TO THE MEETING HELD ON

WEDNESDAY 7th JANUARY 2026 AT 7:30 PM, IN THE VILLAGE HALL

The Chair Welcomes Members

Present: Councillor RF Wilson (Chair); M Khuri (Vice); RS Wilson; P Brown; J Britton; D France; J Aston; A Taylor

Clerk: S Rounding

1. Apologies: All members were present

2. To agree to open the meeting to Ward Councillors and members of the public

(Time is limited to 10 Minute period where the public has an opportunity to raise matters of interest)

1 Representative from baby and toddler group, advising that their last session will be 25th March 2026, due to their own children growing up, it is time for them to move and with no volunteers to take over they will be stopping the sessions.

S/Sgt Jonathan Dunning-Davis, he attended to provide an update on his recent and ongoing work around the villages, he has been working with the Councillors to assist with traffic concerns, speeding, parking around the village, this will be an ongoing initiative over the next couple of months to gain data and relevant information to find the best action to proceed.

3. Declaration of Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interest: Nothing to declare

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Approved and signed the minutes of the Meeting held on 5th November and 2nd December 2025

All in agreement, Proposed Cllr M Khuri, Seconded Cllr P Brown

5. Correspondence and items for information and action

- a. ERNLLCA Newsletters, Circulated, to note employment information and assertion 10, clerk to reshare details
- b. Concerns raised over Grit bins, where a number of correspondences regarding the grit levels, the Councillors have within their spare time managed to work round all the Parish Council owned bins and top them up with the grit kindly donated by Enviro Aggregates Ltd, The Parish Council send appreciation for there support. With the bins now fully stocked, we encourage residents to use them where needed during icy conditions to help keep paths and roads safer for everyone. A little help can make a big difference.
- c. Parish Defib Locations, You can find your nearest defib on www.defibfinder.uk (They are located, Village Hall, Riston Primary School, Oasis Garage, The Bay Horse Inn, times and availability are noted on the finder)
- d. Request for Letter of support for PFC (MUGA Refurb), All in agreement to write a letter of support for the PFC, Clerk advised that it may be to late for there Grant applications, the Council still wish to show their support for the continued work the PFC do.

6. Working Parties Reports (To receive updates from members and note key points detailed below)

- a. **Events:** Cllr RF Wilson advised the Decorated house competition raised a total of £20, which will be added to the £10 raised by the scarecrow competition, along with a generous £20 donation bringing the total to £50 to be split equally between the PTFA, PFC and St Margaret's Church
- b. **Street Scene**
 - Agreed to enquire if planning is required to add Toughened glass window to the bus shelter.
 - Agreed necessary approvals to remove ivy from bus shelter
 - Agreed next steps regarding speed concerns within and around the village, S/Sgt Jonathan Dunning-Davis is going to work alongside the Councillor's is combating our concerns.
- c. **Volunteer Group:** Cllr Khuri advised once the weather picks up, he will be arranging a litter picking session.

7. Agreed to the creation and terms of a Working Group for all things Cycle Path All in agreement Proposed Cllr J Aston
Seconded Cllr A Taylor

8. Finance and Accounts

- a. **Account Balance**
 - Virgin Money account balance as of 28.12.2025 £13,667.40
 - Hinckley & Rugby Savings balance as of 28.12.2025 £1,000
- b. Agreed the Finance Pack, Including
 - Schedule A – Payments for approval
 - Schedule B – Payments and transfers made under delegated authority
 - Schedule C – Income received since the last meeting
 - Bank Reconciliation

9. Other Financial Matters

- a. Reviewed suggested budget for 2026/2027
- b. Agreed and set the Precept for 2026/2027 All in agreement to remain at £12,465
- c. Agreed to apply for funding / grants to cover the village gates / general village aesthetics, Clerk to locate relevant funding options, obtain and review quotes and liaise with the relevant authorities to proceed.

10. To receive update and agree Emergency Plan, Cllr Khuri advised the Plan is still progressing, there are a few amendments to make before it can be finalised.

11. Exclusion of the press and public (0013)

It was resolved That under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business due to the confidential nature of matters to be considered.

The meeting moved to a Closed session 21.35

Following consideration of confidential legal and governance matters, it was Resolved that the council authorises Cllr RS Wilson, Cllr M Khuri in consultation with the Chair and Clerk to issue formal correspondence and take further action if required.

Meeting closed 22.02

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 4th March 2026