Rimpton Parish Council

DRAFT Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on

Tuesday 7th January 2025

Present: Cllr Le Hardy, Cllr P Copeland, Cllr Ford and 14 members of the public.
In attendance Councillors Mr H Hobhouse, Mr K Messenger Mrs A Tuck, Clerk.
Before the start of the meeting Members of the public were given the right to talk.

The Chairman opened the meeting and informed everyone that The New Vicar Rev Richard Horner was being inducted at Mudford Church the following evening by the Bishop and the Arch Deacon.

2025.01 **Apologies:** Cllr Caruth, Cllr L Diment

2025.02 **Declarations of Interest:** None..

2025.03 **The Minutes** of the last meeting were read, approved and signed.

2025.04 **Matters arising**: None

2025.05 **County/District Councillors report.** Somerset Council is in the middle of budget setting, they expect to be £50,000 short of setting a balanced budget next year. Should be better from the following year onwards. The whole country has been given a it of £500 mil to repair potholes, we will get a share - not sure how far it will go! Cllr Hobhouse was asked what the criteria was for section 106 and CIL money. Section 106 and CIL needs to be in place before planning is applied for. The builder has to make a profit on the sell of 15% plus before paying anything. The plot has to be of a certain size, Cllr Hobhouse will check what that is ie 6 or 10 houses and email us?

2025.06 **Planning**

2025.07 **Community Issues:**
a) Highways: Road closures as per the agenda were noted.

c) Need to clarify status of highway maintenance regarding ditches, drains and road sweeping. New contractors are in place and have started working, will keep onto John Nicholson and keep reporting problems on the website.

2025.07 **Foot paths** The Ryalls have spread muck on the field and are ploughing – you can just about walk on the footpaths though part of the footpath has been damaged by the ploughing. Most footpaths are in a bad state because of the weather.

2025.08 **Playing Field/ Mower Installation** The new mower is currently working away quietly the grass is looking good. The mounds will need strimming, the goal nets need replacing and will need lifting for grass cutting.

2025.09 **The LCN meetings** - the cost to the County for these was £650,000 pa to pay officers, is it a good use of money? Cllr Hobhouse reported the youth programme in the Wincanton area is working well, a working group of the Scrutiny Committee are looking into the LCN's, without finances its just a talking group.

2025.10 **a)Finance:** Payments were approved to D L Crease, electrical work for mower. Landpower for the robotic mower, Elite Playgrounds for the 4 inspections in the next year. Grass cutting pre rbo mower for the Marden field and for the Church, the Clerks salary and Tax.
The accounts for the year 23-24 were presented. The Agar forms were reviewed and signed.

2025.11 **Correspondence –** None

2025.12 **Any Other matters raised with permission of the Chairman**
None

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 4th March 2025 at 7.30pm
The meeting closed at 9.15pm