Rimpton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on

Tuesday 4th November 2025 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Le Hardy, Cllr P Caruth, Cllr P Copeland, Cllr E Diment, Cllr G Ford and 6 members of the public.
In attendance Mrs A Tuck, Clerk.

The chair opened the meeting at 7.30pm and welcomed people to the meeting.
The open forum followed no one had any comments.

2025.68 **Apologies:** None

2025.69 **Declarations of Interest:** None.

2025.70 **Minutes of the Meeting on 2nd September 2025** were approved

2025.71 **Matters arising**:

2025.72 **County/District Councillors report.** Cllr Hobhouse reported that Somerset Council's financial troubles were not over yet, they will go into transformation to save £100 m. Due to a good financial officer they had saved £35m last year, they still have to find £66m before they use the reserves. There is a new 151 Officer. Adult and social care take most of Somerset's money, for each child that attends Chilton Cantello school it costs the County £100,00 per year. Wessex Water has enough phosphate savings to commit to build 18,000 houses in Somerset. The EA has withdrawn funding to clear banks and depth dredge but a lot of this has been undertaken by SRA. Cllr Hobhouse will speak to Tracey Harris tomorrow and bring her to look at the drains in Rimpton. Chairman asked that a date be arranged when he is available, There is one drain particularly that they are concerned about in Slade Lane, they would also like her to look at Back Lane re the planning application at Tree Tops.

2025.73 **Planning** The planning restrictions are now lifted, things should be back to normal though There are still some 1200 applications to go through.

2025.74 **Highways:** J M Clarke will sweep the village once this winter in addition to the County sweeping it twice. The Clerk has asked highways when they are likely to sweep the road but has had no reply. Cllr Copeland said they swept the roads last week.

2025.75 **Temp Road Closures ttro334920S -** High Street, Queen Camel 11th November 2025 and last for 2 days (09:30 - 15:30)

2025.76 Nothing to report

2025.77 **Playing Field, Grass cutting and hedges.**
Sovereign has done their inspection and has serviced the zip wire/There is a problem with the edges, the robot mower is struggling as it is getting caught in branbles. Will Draper has been asked to deal with this but hasn't done so, he said he had looked at it but thought someone else had done it. Cllr Le Hardy said he had attempted it but still wanted it done and asked the Clerk to contact him again.

2025.78 **Finance:** The accounts were presented and agreed, as were the invoices to pay.

2025.79 **Website and emails.** All Councillors reported that they are able to sign into emails now.

2025.80 **Correspondence** all emails had been forwarded to Councillors nothing else to report.

2025.81 **Any Other matters raised with permission of the Chairman**

Date of the next meeting: Tuesday 6th January 2026 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.30pm