Rimpton Parish Council

DRAFT Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday

1st September 2026 at7.30pm

Present: Cllr Le Hardy, Cllr Caruth, Cllr Ford Cllr DIment, Cllr Copeland, 9 members of the public.
In attendance Councillors Mr H Hobhouse, Mr K Messenger Mrs A Tuck, Clerk.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30pm Members of the public were invited to speak in the open forum at the start of the meeting. Members of the public complained about hedges and trees overhanding footpaths making it difficult to use the footpaths with pushchairs meaning they have to walk in the road. Could residents be reminded to cut their hedges and trees?

Mr Kemp soke about the Ark magazine and asked if the Council could increase its grant in the next financial year from £150 to £230 as the cost of the new magazine is higher than the previous one.

Mrs Brady stated that the Council had filled over a drain with a tarmac patch opposite her house, the clerk will email the information to Cllr Hobhouse who will speak to Tracy Harris when she's back off holiday next week, hew will also remind TEracy Harris about work that was still outstanding form their meeting.

2026.50 **Apologies:** None

2026.51 **Declarations of Interest:** None.

2026.52 **Matters arising** Mrs Walton was concerned that no one had taken responsibility for the defibrillator, she is trying to organise a training session and will email the clerk the circuit information and serial number so she can take over the admin on the website. The Council will ask residents if they will take it on.
A new metal gate has been fitted on the footpath in place of the stile at the back of the stream. Cllr Copeland has reported the bridge which isn't a bridge but wood over a spring which the clerk had reported to Somerset Footpath officer Eve Wynn after the last meeting.

2026.53 **County/District Councillors report.** Cllr Hobhouse reported that there is sa scrutiny meeting on |Thirsday which can be watched online where the flood mitigation money will be discussed as item 3 on the agenda,

2026.54 **Planning** Nothing new to report. The planning granted in Back Lane at Tree Tops was discussed, but due to the flood mitigation work Cllr Le Hardy has done he hasn't had time to follow this up. Cllr Ford will see if he can speak to someone at Land Registry as it appears the tree tops land was sold in 2014 the land registry at that point stated there is no covenant on the land. C=Cllr Ford to report to Cllr Le Hardt who will talk to Mr McKay.

2026.53 **Community Issues:**
Highways, Roads. Grit bins are both full. Cllr Le Hardy would like a few surplus bags of grit for areas with no grit bins.
JM Clarke will do another road sweep on Tuesday 8th September. We will probably need another one in December.

2026.56 **Foot paths**

2026.57 **Flood Mitigation** Discussed at the additional meeting at 6.30pm before this meeting.

2026.58 **Playing Field/ Mower** The playing field is looking good, we are due an inspection next week but Cllr Caruth will not be home to sign the document, Cllr Ford will sign it if he is at home when they call. Teenagers are using the round a bout – Cllr Caruth to make a sign as it is only designed for small children and it costs over £1,000 to replace the bearings. The wooden benches are in need of some work, a parishioner offered to take a look at them.
The mower is working but hasn't had a lot of grass to cut.

2026.59 **Finance** The clerk had emailed a set of accounts and budget v spend out, to Councillors, together with bank reconciliations. Cllr Diment asked if they could be emailed in advance of meetings in future. Payments were approved.

2026.60 **Correspondence –** all emails forwarded to Councillors, re the Bus franchise Rimpton has no buses so they were not interested.

2026.61 **Any Other matters raised with permission of the Chairman**
It was decided to design a certificate of thanks form the Parish Council for Parishioners who help, to be presented at the summer fair or Harvest Supper. It was noted that people have always heled and not received this thanks before.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 3rd November 2026 at 7.30pm at RImpton Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm