



Rendlesham

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council at 7pm on Monday 10th February 2025 in Room 16, Rendlesham Community Centre, Walnut Tree Avenue, Rendlesham Suffolk IP12 2GG.

THIS MEETING WAS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Present:

Councillor M. Eley-Kemp (Chair), Councillor E. Points (Acting Clerk), Councillor J. Weller, Councillor M. Stevenson, Councillor F. Johnson, Councillor D. Moore, and 22 members of the public.

1. It was resolved (unanimously) that Cllr E. Points be appointed as Acting Clerk until the appointment of a new salaried Clerk
2. It was resolved (unanimously) that Cllr M. Eley-Kemp is appointed as Chairman
3. It was resolved (unanimously) that Cllr J. Bird is appointed as Vice-Chairman
4. It was resolved (unanimously) to accept apologies for absence from Cllr J. Bird
5. During the public forum there were several questions raised:
 - a. A member of the public raised a question about the state of the finances and the precept increase. Cllr M. Eley-Kemp explained that our website houses the financial information and the precept increase was misreported in the EADT and is a 17.56% increase. Cllr E. Points also explained the financial position of the council, summarising how it reached this point and outlining planned actions to restore financial stability
 - b. A member of the public raised a question about not receiving an answer to a previous enquiry. Cllr M. Eley-Kemp explained that due to recent resignations of councillors some enquiries had been missed but assured that a response would be provided shortly
 - c. A member of the public asked who was in the office and was informed by Cllr M. Eley-Kemp that there are currently no staff working in the office
 - d. A member of the public asked about the fireworks and the associated funds. Cllr M. Eley-Kemp confirmed the fireworks were in storage and we are exploring options for their use
6. No declarations of interests were made
7. Councillors noted the resignation of Nickie Delacamp, Olivia Johnston, Gareth Moir and Rob Routledge with effect from 30th January 2025
8. It was resolved (unanimously) to co-opt Ms Fanny Johnson and Mr D Moore to the Council
9. It was resolved (unanimously) to approve the minutes of the previous meeting (24th January 2025)
10. It was resolved (unanimously) to appoint Cllr J. Weller as Chair of the Community Centre committee and to add Cllr D. Moore as a committee member
11. No report was received from the county councillor. District Councillor Tim Wilson provided a written report which will be made available on the website
12. The Clerk's report was provided to the Council and will be published on the website
13. It was resolved (unanimously) to defer the decision on the printer costs to the next meeting
14. It was resolved (unanimously) to approve a £50 donation to FORS (Friends of Rendlesham School) for their support at the Christmas event
15. It was resolved (unanimously) to defer the tractor service decision to assess its current condition, as nearly £2,000 was spent on it in the previous year
16. It was resolved (unanimously) to approve a £30 winter workwear purchase
17. It was resolved (unanimously) to defer the decision on the health and safety audit due to confusion regarding whether the paperwork pertained to a full health and safety assessment or only a fire assessment

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18. It was noted that Cllr M. Stevenson has remedied the red risk item. Quotes for the amber repairs were sought and received, with additional quotes expected in the coming week. The report will be made available on the website, subject to upload size limitations
 - a. It was resolved (unanimously) to set aside £6000 (excluding VAT) for the repair work and to proceed as soon as practicable, subject to available funds
19. It was resolved (unanimously) to set up a working party to contact Stocks to facilitate the funfair during the normal weekend of the Rendlesham Show.
 - a. The working party consists of Cllr E. Points, Cllr D. Moore, Cllr F. Johnson, Cllr M. Stevenson, Sam Earrey and Julie Oliver.
 - b. The working party will provide a hire agreement and ensure the correct insurance is in place as well as any other necessary preparations
20. The RFO report was provided to the council and will be published on the website
 - a. It was resolved (unanimously) to approve the payments presented on Appendix A
21. It was resolved (unanimously) to defer the decision regarding the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) application for the Assistant to the Clerk to the Council
22. It was resolved to exclude the public and the press due to the confidential nature of the items to be discussed
23. It was resolved (unanimously) (during private session) that previous councillors be authorised to sign any bank declarations or associated documents necessary to add the existing council members as authorised signatories