



Rendlesham

Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at 6:00pm on Monday 19th May 2025 in Room 16, Rendlesham Community Centre, Walnut Tree Avenue, Rendlesham, Suffolk IP12 2GG.

THIS MEETING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC & MAY BE RECORDED

AGENDA

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence

Apologises from Cllr J Bird

2. Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting

No Annual Parish meeting was held last year, so no meeting to approve.

3. Chair's Report

Chairman M. Eley-Kemp delivered a report reflecting on the past 12 months, acknowledging a challenging year while expressing optimism for a more structured and positive 2025-26.

4. Reports from Local Groups and Organisations

None in attendance.

5. Reports from Elected Representatives

District Councillor Tim Wilson was unable to attend the meeting. County Councillor Alexander Nicoll extended his best wishes to the council in its efforts toward renewal and rejuvenation. He provided a brief update on current developments within the county and district councils, including an overview of local traffic concerns related to the Sizewell project. Councillor Nicoll also reminded the council that his locality budget has been renewed and is available to support community initiatives, encouraging Rendlesham Parish Council to consider applying.

6. Open Discussion with Electors

Local Community First Responder Colin introduced himself and shared that he, along with a group of fellow responders, is offering free Defibrillator (Defib) and CPR training sessions to local communities.

David Edwards, Village Recorder for the Suffolk Local History Council, announced his intention to step down from the role after five years of service. He explained that he submits an annual report, which is archived for future generations to access, and noted that the past 12 months have been particularly eventful within the community. David congratulated everyone for their perseverance and extended his best wishes. He reflected that a key takeaway from the past year has been the importance of communication, and acknowledged that a new, more constructive tone has now been adopted moving forward.

The council discussed the new proposal for 150 homes behind Redwald Road and noted the upcoming public consultation on the development. County Councillor A Nicolls will send his comments to the consultation.

7. Closing Remarks

Chairman M. Eley-Kemp concluded by reaffirming the council's commitment to clear communication, getting things right, and being present for the people of Rendlesham. He

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emphasised that the council aims to be the voice of the community and encouraged residents to continue reaching out and engaging with them.

Mrs Louise Rayment

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Clerk to the Council and Responsible Finance Officer.

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