

The Civil Parish of Ryton on Dunsmore
Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 4th March 2026 at The Village Hall at 7.00pm

At 7.00pm the Chair opened the meeting.

Present:

Councillors: Steve Witter, Simon Miller, Stuart Tetlow, Marcus Henry, Paul Elden, Claire Johnson,
Jamie Mitchell, Sam Smyth

Borough Cllr:

County Cllr:

Public: 9

Ian Castledine

Ms Lindsay Foster (Clerk)

340/ 25-26 Apologies

Cllr Bahra, Cllr Jones, Cllr J Keeling, Cllr D Keeling (arrived late) Cllr J Bennett

341/ 25-26 Declarations of interests with regard to items on the agenda

None

342/ 25-26 Police Report

None

Borough Council

No update.

County Council

Grant pot available. Investigating improvements to 20mph signage around school.

Prologis Report

Festival Committee

Now registered as a charitable organisation. Temporary events notice has been issued by RBC.

Pawprints will be in attendance. Flyer to be shared with Parish Council to be added to noticeboards.

Grant form to be sent to group.

Village Hall

Previous quote for front door works to be circulated to village hall committee. Internal door works required.

343/ 25-26 Public participation session

Village directory out of date on website, Clerk to update or remove.

To discuss cutting hedge at Village Hall, add to next agenda.

344/ 25-26 To approve minutes of the last meeting

Proposed by Cllr Henry, seconded by Cllr Tetlow agreed by all present.

Unanimous

Finance

345/25-26 To approve payments to be made.

Proposed by Cllr Miller, seconded by Cllr Henry agreed by all.

Unanimous

The situation regarding the water supply was explained as Pozitive Water have now taken on supply and have billed for water used since May 2025. We will receive reimbursement from Waterplus.

346/25-26 To note bank reconciliation

Noted

347/25-26 To discuss purchase new keys and locks

New key set required, investigate what keys and locks are required bring to next meeting.

Unanimous

348/25-26 To note water update and approve new contract

Await response

349/25-26 To approve streetlight works Cedar Avenue £390+VAT

Proposed by Cllr Witter seconded by Cllr Smyth agreed by all present

Unanimous

350/25-26 To approve payment for gas boiler service £90

Proposed by Cllr Johnson seconded by Cllr Smyth agreed by all present

Unanimous

351/25-26 Section 106 update

Funds received from RBC.

352/25-26 Planning

- **To approve response to Local Plan**

Draft provided comments to be provided prior to closure of consultation and submit to RBC.

353/25-26 Correspondence

354/25/26 To discuss response to local government reorganisation consultation

Respond to consultation, preference 1 Unitary council

355/25-26 To discuss bin location Holly Drive

As a resident, welcome the installation of a new bin however current location not suitable. Proposal to relocate to other side of the path at no cost to Parish Council. Resident happy to carry out the works. Check with resident on opposite side of footpath if they are happy the Parish Council is happy for the bin to be relocated.

356/25-26 To discuss Freeboard Lane Concerns

Proposed new commercial units and issues with potholes and size of vehicles using this road. Cllr Keeling has reported that the potholes have been repaired and discussed the possibility of a weight restriction.

Items for this meeting

357/25-26 Play equipment.

Order replacement parts. Gate requires attention. Grass seed around net has been sown.

358/ 25-26 Water Meadow

Tractor has been purchased and is road legal.

359/ 25-26 To discuss allotment issues

Trees still require attention, Cllr Keeling assisting in discussions with WCC.

360/25-26 pavilion update

Goals update no longer required. Look into permanent goals installed with funding. Pavilion requires attention.

361/25-26 The Orchard

Trees to be ordered.

362/ 25-26 Burial Ground

Works required during churchyard tidy-up.

363/25-26 Recreation ground development project

2 companies will provide quotes and 1 has carried out a site visit.

364/25-26 Village Hall refurbishment places

Front door specification has been provided. Ceiling issues to be investigated.

365/25-26 Subway update

Await reply from artist.

366/25-26 Review feedback from bin emptying team

Signage to be added to bins at recreation ground. Bins to be swapped between noticeboard at recreation ground and vehicle entrance gate.

367/ 25-26 Report of the Chair

368/25-26 Member reports

Hedges have been reported to WCC regarding overgrown areas around the village.

369/25-26 Confidential Items

Proposed to move into confidential session approved by all.

370/25-26 To discuss burial ground proposal

Further legal advice required and submit a separate proposal to National grid. Council not happy with current offer.

371/ 25-26 Date of the next meeting

The meeting unanimously resolved that the next Parish Council meeting will be held on 1st April at the village hall at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 20.15 pm.

Signed _____ Chairman Date _____

Payments to be made in March			
to whom			
Clerk	salary	****	
WCC	pension contributions	****	
HMRC	tax and ni contributions	****	
N Meggitt	handyman	£140.00	
S Summer field	reimburse village works	£16.99	already paid
gh gas	boiler service	£90.00	
steetley meadows	parish grant	£500.00	
water meadows	parish grant	£500.00	
pozitive water	allotment water (9 months)	£335.36	
Steve Summerfield	post Crete	£75.00	
lm cleaning	bus shelter cleaning and vh windows	£554.00	
s witter	dog bags	£72.90	
RBC	bin emptying	£345.60	

direct debits			
BT	taken on 24th February	£0.00	office internet and phonline
microsoft	taken on 9th feb	£8.49	laptop subscription
Paid by card			
defib world	pads	£73.19	
defib world	battery pads	£412.99	