

MINUTES OF RIMINGTON & MIDDOP PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21 MAY 2025
AT 7.30 PM
IN RIMINGTON MEMORIAL INSTITUTE

Present: Tony Perry (Chair), Gary Bolton, David Briscoe, Rosemary Duckworth, Stan Fitzgerald, Keith Pilkington, Clerk

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Jacqui Lynch

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 16 APRIL 2025

The Minutes of the meeting of 16 April 2025 were accepted as a true record of proceedings and duly signed.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Virgin Money £18.836

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

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| Tony Perry | Expenses for event | £171.95 |
| NW Air Ambulance | Donation | £420.00 |
| LALC | Annual subscription | £86.90 |
| Ian Woolstencroft | Internal auditor | £10.00 |
| Clear Insurance Ltd | Annual insurance premiums | £717.05 |
| Information Commissioner | Annual data protection fee | £52.00 |

It was noted that Tony Perry intended to visit Virgin Money in Burnley to talk about his online banking device which had still not arrived.

YEAR END MATTERS 2024/25

The Clerk confirmed that the accounts and supporting paperwork had been subject to an internal audit and that the internal auditor had not found any issues to report.

The meeting considered the Annual Governance Statement and agreed that the following summarised matters could all be answered in the affirmative for the year under review, namely

1. the statement of accounts was prepared in accordance with appropriate regulations
2. an adequate system of internal control was maintained

3. there are no matters of actual or potential non-compliance which could have a significant effect on the ability of the council to conduct its affairs
4. there was proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of electors' rights under appropriate regulations
5. a risk assessment has been undertaken
6. an adequate system of internal audit of the council's records was maintained
7. appropriate action has been taken on matters raised in internal and external audit reports
8. the council has considered whether any litigation, liabilities or commitments could have a financial impact on the council

The Annual Governance Statement was accordingly approved by the meeting and Tony Perry and Cathy Holmes proceeded to sign the Statement as Chair and Clerk respectively.

The Clerk advised that it was necessary for the meeting to approve the accounts for the period ended 31 March 2025. The accounts were duly approved and signed by Tony Perry and Cathy Holmes as Chairman and Clerk respectively. The Clerk explained that Parish Councils where the higher of gross income or gross expenditure was £25,000 or less and met qualifying criteria could certify themselves as exempt from a limited assurance review. It was explained that Rimington & Middop parish council could qualify for such an exemption and it was accordingly agreed that the appropriate exemption certificate be signed and returned to the external auditors.

HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS ((to include CCTV cameras)

It was noted that many residential properties in the parish already had private CCTV cameras so the need for cameras on a public building was queried. It was also pointed out that, where CCTV had assisted in identifying the culprits of crime, it had not lead to recovery of stolen property. The Clerk cautioned that any consultation with the public regarding CCTV needed to be carefully handled so as to avoid misinformation being circulated, as had occurred in certain other villages. The Clerk was asked to find out which other local villages had successfully installed CCTV cameras.

It was reported that the landowners of the footpath by Rufus Carr were happy for improvements to be made to the surface. Reports of an overgrown stile and bench/waste bin were made and Gary Bolton advised these would be brought to the attention of the lengthsman.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MATTERS

Holly House, 8 Station Road, Rimington

There were no objections to this application and it was noted it was an improvement on the previous application.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 23 July 2025 at 7.30 pm in the Institute.

