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Minutes of the Meeting of Red Lodge Parish Council.

Date: Tuesday 24 June 2025
Time: 19:00
Venue: St. Christopher's Church, Boundary Road. Red Lodge. IP28 8JQ.

Present: Cllr. Rachel Ahmed
Cllr. Michael Berry
Cllr. Jonathon Burns
Cllr. Sandra Dwan (Chairman)
Cllr. Sue Houlder
Cllr. Ian Thompson (Vice-Chairman)

In Attendance: Clerk/RFO

Non-Attendee: 0

Absent: Cllr. Andy Drummond
Cllr. Patricia Judd

Members of Public: 5

	Item	Action
1.	The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Noted	Clerk
2.	All those present are reminded of The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 and that the meeting may be filmed or recorded by any members of the public. Noted	
3.	Apologies were received and accepted by all Members, for the following absence: Cllr. Drummond – work commitments Cllr. Judd – health reasons Resolved Cllr. Dicker – work commitments. Noted	
4.	Declaration of pecuniary and local non-pecuniary interests <p>(i) To receive declarations of pecuniary, local non-pecuniary interests and personal interests in items on the agenda and their nature including gifts of hospitality exceeding £50.</p> <p>Cllr. Houlder declared an interest on item 10.2. Noted</p> <p>(ii) To receive requests for dispensation</p> <p>None received. Noted</p>	
5.	Members of the public are invited to speak on any item on the agenda for up to 3 minutes. (Public session is maximum 15 minutes)	
5.1	No members of the public spoke. Noted	
6.	Members declined a co-option application. Resolved	Clerk
7.	Confirmation of Minutes of the meetings held on 27 May 2025 and the Confidential Report. The minutes for the above meeting and Confidential Report were agreed as accurate records and duly signed by the Chairman. Resolved	Clerk
8.	Reports and Invited Speakers:	

8.1	County Councillor Drummond had circulated a report. Noted	
8.2	District Councillors: No reports. Noted	
8.3	Police Newsletter had been circulated to Members. Noted	
8.4	Update from the Events Working Party (EWP): The organising of the VK Fun day is going well and plans are in progress for an event at Christmas. Noted	
9.	Financial and Clerk Reports	
9.1	Members noted that the bank reconciliation statements for May 2025 have been verified and signed by Cllr. Thompson. Noted	
9.2	Members approved the Receipts and Payments in May 2025 for the following: (i) Parish Bank Account (ii) Deposit Bank Account (iii) Petty Cash Council (iv) Petty Cash Pavilion (v) Credit Card Resolved	
9.3	Members noted the Bank Balances as of 18/06/25, for the following accounts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parish Bank Account £540,396.59 Deposit Account £109,685.73 Noted	
9.4	Members noted the Ear Marked Reserves as of 18/06/25. Noted	
10	Discuss and approve any purchase (LGA 1972, s.111).	
10.1	Members all agreed the grant application from Red Lodge Under 11's F.C. for £250. Resolved	Clerk
10.2	Members agreed the grant application from the Sewing Angels, for £250. Resolved	Clerk
10.3	Members agreed the payment for the invoice for the repairs to the decking, Dave Norman, £4500. Members also agreed the invoice for the installation of an extra balustrade, to enclose the far side of the decking, Dave Norman, £150. Resolved	Clerk

11.	Planning Applications	
11.1	<p>APP/F3545/W/25/3360644 – DC/24/1306/FUL Proposal: one-self-build dwelling Location 12 Warren Road, Red Lodge Suffolk IP28 8JU</p> <p>Members noted that the appeal is allowed and permission granted. Noted</p>	
12.	Correspondence Received	
12.1	<p>Members reviewed and approved the Play Area inspection reports for June 2025, from West Suffolk Council. Resolved</p>	
12.2	<p>Members noted the Chairman's Quarterly Report from the Red Lodge Millennium Centre. Noted</p>	
12.3	<p>Members all agreed the request from a coffee vendor, Emerald Coffee Co., to trade near the Sports Pavilion. Members agreed to review this after 6 months. Resolved</p>	Clerk
12.4	<p>Members acknowledged the Suffolk People in the King's Birthday Honours List 2025. Members commended Margaret Chilstone, the Leader of the 1st Red Lode Scouts group and acknowledged her dedication. Noted</p>	Clerk
12.5	<p>Members discussed the deferred site survey for electric vehicle charge points, to improve the signal for the electric vehicle charging points, at the Millennium Centre. A few Members had visited the site and informed the meeting that there would be no issues to install an antenna, behind the garages and away from housing. Resolved</p>	Clerk
13.	<p>To confirm the date of the next Red Lodge Parish Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday 29 July 2025 at 19:00, St. Christopher's Church, 2 Boundary Road, Red Lodge, IP28 8JQ.</p> <p>The next meeting was confirmed as above. Noted</p>	Clerk
14.	<p>Members resolved under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded from the meeting, on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted. Resolved</p>	

14.1	Members discussed a staff issue – Refer to 1.1 in Confidential Report 240625. Resolved	
14.2	Members discussed a business request - Refer to 1.2 in Confidential Report 240625. Resolved	
14.3	Members discussed a business request - Refer to 1.3 in Confidential Report 240625. Resolved	
14.4	Members discussed a business issue - Refer to 1.4 in Confidential Report 240625. Resolved	
15.	Close of the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 19:50. Noted	