

RODMARTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE RODMARTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN
RODMARTON VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 24th FEBRUARY 2025**

Present: Cllrs Paul Drake, John Kinmont, Sarah Biddulph, Charlotte Hudson, Claire Trehearne & Emily Olsen
Presiding: Cllr Paul Drake
Clerk: Roz Morton
In attendance: 2 members of the public

29 **Apologies** – received from Rod Oldfield (co-option candidate)

30 To consider and agree to Co-opt councillors to fill the four vacancies on the Council

It was **RESOLVED** to co-opt Claire Trehearne, Charlotte Hudson & Emily Olsen to the Council. Proposed Cllr Drake, seconded Cllr Biddulph, all in favour.

ACTION: Clerk to organise training for new and existing Councillors.

31 To receive Declarations of Acceptance of Office

The Clerk received and signed Declarations of Office from Cllrs Trehearne, Olsen & Hudson.

ACTION: Clerk to inform CDC of the new appointments and to circulate a Register of Members Interest form to be completed.

ACTION: Cllrs Trehearne, Olsen & Hudson to complete and return the Register of Members Interest to CDC within the required timescale.

32 **Declarations of Interest on items on the Agenda** – None received.

33 To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 27th January 2025

It was **RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 27th January 2025 are a true and accurate record of the proceedings. Proposed Cllr Kinmont, seconded Cllr Biddulph – 3 in favour 3 abstentions.

34 Matters arising

1. Gigaclear – see item 42
2. Watershed Magazine – defer to March meeting
3. Phonebox refurbishment – defer to March meeting

35 To agree to adjourn the meeting for Public Participation – if members of the public are present. Agreed.

36 To receive questions from the public – (there is a 10-minute time limit) –
No questions were asked.

37 To agree to reconvene the meeting following Public Participation, if applicable.
Agreed.

Procedures & Policies

38 To consider and agree to adopt the following policies

1. Financial Regulations
2. Code of Conduct
3. Standing Orders

The Clerk and the Councillors discussed each of the policies. Changes were made to the spend levels in items 5.15, 5.18 & 6.6 of the Financial Regulations.

It was RESOLVED to adopt the policies as amended, proposed Cllr Drake, seconded Cllr Kinmont, all in favour.

It was agreed that the policies will be reviewed later in the year

ACTION: Clerk to amend the policies and publish on the website

ACTION: Clerk to add policy review to the July Agenda.

Finance

39 To receive an update on the banking situation.

The Clerk now has full access to the Lloyds account.

Cllr Drake is a signatory and has applied for online access.

40 To consider and agree to appoint banking signatories to ensure that there is a minimum of three authorities.

Cllrs Hudson and Kinmont agreed to be bank signatories and get online access.

ACTION: Clerk to change the bank mandate accordingly.

Other business

41 To receive an update on the Gigaclear build in Tarlton and to agree any actions.

Cllr Drake reported on an email exchange with Roisin McGettigan. Gigaclear are planning to start work on the build in Tarlton in May. Gigaclear do not appear to have taken account of any of the suggested routes that have been suggested however the exact route that the build will take has not been finalised. The Council is concerned that the potential for damage is high and the impact on residents will be considerable. The principle of having access to fast broadband is not in question and the ultimate outcome will be positive for the village.

The Parish Council has not given Gigaclear permission to build across the green in Tarlton or the road in front of 59 Tarlton as both are in the ownership of the Parish Council.

The Council agreed that it was imperative to push for a meeting with Gigaclear to agree the route, ideally face to face but if necessary online.

The Parish Council can request that the green boxes are situated underground.

ACTION: Cllr Drake to circulate email correspondence to Council

ACTION: Cllr Drake to contact Roisin McGettigan and request a meeting asap.

Cllr Drake asked whether WIFI could be made available to the Council when using the Village hall. Mr J Biddulph agreed to pass on the relevant log in details.

Mr Rod Oldfield has stood for Co-option and can be co-opted at the meeting in March if no other candidates come forward.

42 Date of next meeting: Monday 17th March 2025 7.00pm.

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There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.00pm

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