

AYTHORPE RODING PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

28TH JULY 2028

MINUTES

Present:

Phil Coward-Whittaker (Chairman)

Simone Lander

Richard Lister

Gina Sykes

Jackie Newstead

Will Radbourne

No members of the Public or Press

Chairman's Welcome

35. Apologies and reasons for absence

No apologies for absence.

Debra Barrell, Clerk/RFO, still off sick.

36. Declarations of interest

Cllr Phil Coward-Whittaker and Cllr Gina Sykes declare interest regarding Drury Lane and the Village Hall.

37. Village Hall

Still waiting return of representative from RCCE before further meetings can be arranged regarding the Parish Council taking over the Village Hall as Sole Trustee.

38. Discuss the position of the Clerk/RFO

Clerk remains off sick until the end of August.

Councillors agreed for Cllr Sykes, Cllr Landa and Cllr Newstead to start formal investigation into the mismanagement of public funds by the Clerk/RFO.

Cllr Coward-Whittaker to email the Clerk again requesting relevant passwords for Council OneDrive and Email accounts, and also to confirm that the AGAR audit has been sent to PKF Littlejohn.

39. Discuss Drury Lane and maintenance

Councillors agreed to refund money to everyone who paid towards the lane repair.

40. Finances

Vat refund was discussed but there was no further action.

41. Date of next meeting and any correspondence

Date agreed as 25th August 2026 at 7:0pm at the Village Hall.

Meeting Closed

..... **Signed by Chairman**