

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RUSHBURY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 19th JANUARY 2026 AT
7:30PM AT THE COMMITTEE ROOM, RUSHBURY VILLAGE HALL**

106. WELCOME

Cllr Richards welcomed everyone to the meeting of Council.

107. PRESENT

Cllrs A Richards, M Lowndes, R Madeley, P Bodimeade, F Turner, E Riley, N Pugh, J Hartley
Clerk N Green.

108. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr A Dixon.

109. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS

None disclosed.

110. PUBLIC SESSION

None present.

111. MINUTES OF THE OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 17th NOVEMBER 2025.

It was proposed by Cllr Bodimeade and seconded by Cllr Turner that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 17th November 2025 be adopted, it was resolved that the Chairman sign them as a true record.

112. CHAIRMANS REPORT

Cllr Richards stated that he had attended the recent Chairpersons meeting of SALC and highlighted their continuing concern about Shropshire Councils deficit and the impact it may have on services. The issue of Fly Tipping was also raised and it was noted there had been a few incidents in the Parish which had been reported via 'fix my street'. There had also been an increase in the number of stolen vehicles, in particular Nissan Navara 4x4's.

Cllr Richards stated the recent Rushbury Village Hall meeting had been cancelled due to the weather. However, they have reported issues with the wooden floor being scratched by tables and chairs which they are trying to resolve.

Cllr Lowndes was invited to report on his recent attendance at the Cardington Parish Council meeting where Alex Wagner (Deputy leader of SC) gave a presentation about the potential devolution of services they will no longer be able to fund.

Cllr Lowndes reported that AW stated services were being cut to prevent bankruptcy due to the financial constraints of providing Social Care. He went on to explain that they are trying to promote the provision of services via Town and Parish Councils who could raise funds through an increased precept. The scheme is currently being piloted with a number of Town and Parish Councils and AW stated that SC was there to help find solutions rather than being obstructive.

Cllr Lowndes stated that Church Preen were considering providing some services with volunteer Parishioners and a meeting was planned.

Cllr Bodimeade stated that given the population of RPC it would be difficult to raise significant funds.

Cllr Riley stated that he thought it could work with local input to resolve local issues.

113. PLANNING

Cllr's considered the applications detailed below:

Reference: 25/04777/FUL (validated: 18/12/2025)

Address: Proposed Dwelling West Of Woodside, Longville In The Dale, Shropshire

Proposal: Erection of one dwelling, detached garage with new vehicle access, to include removal of trees

Cllrs discussed the proposed development. Cllr Bodimeade stated that he considered it was in line with developments supported in the past and doesn't consider it out of proportion. Cllr Riley stated that he thought access could be an issue with the new driveway position. Cllr Richards agreed about access concerns but stated that highways should manage these.

The Cllr's supported the development and requested the Clerk updates the Planning Portal as follows. 'Councillors supported the application unanimously on the basis the plot is ideal for development and appropriate in size. However, they wished it noted that concerns about access were raised given the proximity of the proposed access to the corner in the road as it enters / exits Longville'.

Action – Clerk to update planning portal.

Reference: 25/04425/FUL (validated: 02/12/2025)

Address: Hargrove, Wall Under Heywood, Church Stretton, Shropshire, SY6 7DP

Proposal: Residential link

The Cllr's requested that it was minuted that they chose not to hold an extraordinary meeting during the December break concerning the above application because it was simply a 'link' between the house and pool area and is not visible to the public.

Reference: 25/01447/OUT

Proposal: Outline application for the erection of 9 dwellings

Address: Yard at Home Farm, Longville in the Dale, Shropshire, TF13 6DS.

The Cllrs noted that the above application had now gone to appeal following its refusal and they had been invited to submit a response (appeal 26/03442/Ref). They requested that the Clerk responds and highlights their continuing support for the project, disappointment at the outcome and considered a workable solution to access issues could be found.

Action – Clerk to submit response to appeal.

The Cllr's noted the decisions taken on the planning applications detailed below:

Reference: 25/04064/VAR (validated: 06/11/2025)

Address: Rushbury C Of E Primary School, Rushbury, Church Stretton, Shropshire, SY6 7EB

Proposal: Variation of Condition 1 attached to permission 15/04705/VAR dated 21 December 2015 to allow for the retention of the demountable accommodation for a further temporary period of 10 years

Decision: Grant Permission

Reference: 25/03268/FUL (validated: 15/09/2025)

Address: Rushbury Manor, Rushbury, Church Stretton, Shropshire, SY6 7EB

Proposal: Installation of solar pv panels and air source heat pump

Decision: Grant Permission

Reference: 25/03149/FUL (validated: 30/09/2025)

Address: Proposed Agricultural Workers Dwelling East Of Longville Farm, Longville In The Dale, Shropshire

Proposal: Siting of temporary agricultural worker's dwelling and associated works

Decision: Grant Permission

114. CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk stated he had responded to a RVH committee member, as requested, concerning biodiversity and the Local Nature Recovery Scheme.

The Clerk stated he had updated the planning portal as required.

The Clerk stated the Revised Financial regulations have been posted on website.

The Clerk stated he had prepared a Budget forecast and circulated it.

The Clerk stated the NFU insurance for the Millenium Green had been paid.

115. BUDGET

The Clerk presented to Councillors the projected expenditure for 2026/27 together with a number of scenarios in relation to the Precept requirement dependent upon the items of expenditure agreed for the year.

Councillors noted the advice from Shropshire Council that to maintain a 0% increase in contribution per household, the level of Precept could be increased to £8,753.00. Councillors considered the requirements for 2026/27 and projected expenditure.

Cllr Turner suggest that the PC should increase the precept and Cllr Bodimeade said that an increase of around 3% seemed reasonable because we may need to provide services that we haven't in the past. Cllr Madeley stated that the PC could leave it as it is if we have enough money. After due consideration it was decided a Precept level of £9,000.00 was to be requested.

Cllr Bodimeade proposed and Cllr Lowndes seconded and it was unanimously resolved that the Parish Council request from Shropshire Council the sum of £9,000.00 for the Precept for 2026/27.

Action – Clerk to submit precept request.

2009 – Cllr Pugh leaves meeting.

116. FINANCIALS

The following list of accompanying invoices were reviewed; Members also received the latest bank reconciliation (Nov / Dec) which brought the accounts to the 31st December 2025 to £14,097.00. All documents will be signed off by the Chairman and it was **RESOLVED** to authorise the payments that have been made or were to be made.

REF	DESCRIPTION	STATUTES	Account
1	IT	LGA 1972 S.111	£14.40
2	Village hall	LGA 1972 S.133	£16.50
3	Web Site	LGA 1972 S.142	£23.98 (direct debit)
4	HMRC	LGA 1972 s.112(2)	£175.20
5	Salary	LGA 1972 .112(2)	£700.50
6	Election Costs	RPA 1983 S.36(5)	£125.00
7	Insurance	LGA 1972 S.111	£290.70

The Clerk stated that some of the invoices had been paid prior to the meeting because a meeting was not held in December. These invoices had been authorised for payment by Cllr Richards and Lowndes.

Action – Clerk to pay relevant invoices.

117. SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr Stanford did not attend the meeting.

118. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk stated that the groundworker had been contacted and he stated there would be an uplift of 3% in his costs. The Cllr's agreed that this was reasonable and requested that the Clerk instructs him to carry on.

Action – Clerk to instruct groundworker.

The Clerk stated that Shropshire Council had forwarded a notice regarding authority for the Midland Manor Motor Club Clee Hills Classic Trial – 25th January 2026

The Clerk stated that Hillsfordstages had responded to him concerning the proposed rally in Sep 26. They stated they were going to conduct some door knocking to discuss the rally with affected residents. The Clerk had not heard anything since from the organisers or Parishioners.

The Clerk stated that Claire Braddock from Shropshire Council had contacted them inviting them to a meeting concerning Partnership Working opportunities between Town and Parish Councils, and Shropshire Council. The Cllr's stated that they would not be in a position to attend and would await more information.

119. PARISH MATTERS

The Clerk stated that a date for the annual Parish assembly needed to be identified. It was suggested the 20th April should be ok for all attendees and the Clerk was asked to notify the relevant parties.

Action – Clerk to circulate date.

120. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

None identified.

121. NEXT MEETING DATE

