

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RUSHBURY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 16th FEBRUARY 2026 AT 7:30PM AT THE COMMITTEE ROOM, RUSHBURY VILLAGE HALL

122. WELCOME

Cllr Richards welcomed everyone to the meeting of Council.

123. PRESENT

Cllrs A Richards, M Lowndes, R Madeley, P Bodimeade, E Riley, A Dixon.
Clerk N Green.

124. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr F Turner.

125. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS

None disclosed.

126. PUBLIC SESSION

None present.

127. MINUTES OF THE OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 19th JANUARY 2026.

It was proposed by Cllr Madeley and seconded by Cllr Riley that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 19th January 2026 be adopted, it was resolved that the Chairman sign them as a true record.

128. CHAIRMANS REPORT

Cllr Richards noted that fly tipping was an ongoing issue and there had been incidents in Brockton and Bourton.

Cllr Richards stated that he had met with Glen Lovelock from Shropshire Highways and discussed the poor road drainage which was causing damage to the roads and pothole repairs. He was told that SC is trying to complete repairs although budgetary constraints are an issue.

Cllr Richards noted the reporting facility that had been circulated for the fix my street system.

129. CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk stated that following a conversation with Cllr's A Richards and M Lowndes he had submitted an article to the Honeypot detailing the Precept increase and potential for devolved services from SC.

The Clerk stated he had updated the Planning Portal as required.

The Clerk stated he had instructed the groundworker to continue as the previous year.

The Clerk stated that he had informed all parties concerning the date for the Annual Parish Assembly.

The Clerk stated that he had recently checked the defibrillators at Longville and the village hall and that both showed faults. However, he reported that both are now functioning properly and it was possible the damp / cold weather had affected them.

Action – Clerk to recheck devices and contact RVH to confirm if power is still going to the box.

The Clerk stated that he had received an email from ElanCity concerning warranties for the speed devices. The warranties are due to expire in May 2026 and they are offering three year warranties at £199.00 plus VAT per device for each year. He further reported that he could not identify an alternative provider via internet searches.

Following conversation it was proposed by Cllr Bodimead and seconded by Cllr Dixon that the contract is signed by Cllr Richards for approval. Cllr Richards signed the contract on behalf of the PC.

Cllr Bodimeade suggested that going forward we should consider building into the annual budget a provision to purchase new devices for when the existing ones come to the end of their life.

Action – Clerk to forward contract.

130. PLANNING

Cllr's considered the applications detailed below:

None for consideration.

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

None to be noted.

131 . FINANCIALS

The following list of accompanying invoices were reviewed; Members also received the latest bank reconciliation (Jan) which brought the accounts to the 31st January 2026 to £13,785.01. 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	£11.99 (direct debit)

Action – Clerk to pay relevant invoices.

The Clerk stated that he had contacted the Auditor used for previous years regarding the audit process for 2026. He confirmed that he was prepared to act on our instructions and that the cost would be between £100.00 – £150.00. It was proposed by Cllr Lowndes and seconded by Cllr Madeley that the Clerk instruct the auditor.

Action – Clerk to instruct the auditor.

20:00 – Cllr Stanford arrives at the meeting.

132. SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr Stanford explained that SC were seeking a £120million loan from the Gov't to cover it's shortfall. He stated they had failed to recover £39million spent on consultants for the Northwest relief road and the settlement from the Gov't is less than expected. It is £15million short over three years and the 3rd worst in the Country. As a result Council tax will rise by 9%.

Cllr Stanford stated potholes were an ongoing issue and he had written to Highways over a number of issues.

Cllr Stanford stated that during the recent meeting held at Ludlow concerning devolution spreadsheets had been distributed detailing what SC had spent in each Parish. It was suggested that some services paid for by SC to contractors had not been carried out.

Action – Clerk to obtain spreadsheet detailing spending within RPC.

Cllr Stanford provided costing details concerning the installation of white gates to village entrances.

Cllr Stanford stated that 11 options had been put forward for the future of Shirehall and that a Task and Finish group had been set up to determine the best option. It currently costs £280K per year to maintain.

Cllr Dixon provided an update from the pub group. They had now given up on any prospect of purchasing the Plough and were considering the development of a pub on a greenfield site.

133. POTENTIALLY DEVOLVED SERVICES

The Clerk stated he had added this as an agenda item to try and identify any potential services that could be devolved to the PC. He clarified that other than highways issues he could only think of a number of bins that SC empty.

The Cllrs did not identify any other services that SC could potentially withdraw and the Clerk was asked to obtain the spreadsheet already identified in minute 132.

134. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk stated that he had received contact from the organisers of the proposed rally in September that would require the closure of Gilberries Lane. He explained that this was now a consultation period where the PC could make representations. The Cllrs confirmed they had received no contact from Parishioners and did not require a response to be sent.

135. COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

None raised.

136. PARISH MATTERS

None raised.

137. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Cllr Dixon raised the issue of white gate entrances and asked if we should consider them. The Clerk stated he would contact the supplier used by Morville Parish Council.

Action – Clerk to contact supplier.

138. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled for 7.30 pm on the 16th March 2026 at the Committee Room, Rushbury Village Hall.

Cllr Richards thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.45pm.

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Chairman

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Date

These minutes will remain in draft format until signed by the Chairman as a true record.