

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RUSHBURY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 18th MAY 2026 AT
7:30PM AT THE COMMITTEE ROOM, RUSHBURY VILLAGE HALL**

1. WELCOME

Cllr Richards welcomed everyone to the meeting of Council.

2. PRESENT

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

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr E Riley, A Dixon.

4. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS

None disclosed.

5. PUBLIC SESSION

None present.

6. MINUTES OF THE OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 16th MARCH 2026.

It was proposed by Cllr Lowndes and seconded by Cllr Turner that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 16th March 2026 be adopted, it was resolved that the Chairman sign them as a true record.

7. CHAIRMANS REPORT

Cllr Richards stated that he had emailed highways at SC on two separate occasions concerning a 20mph zone in Rushbury but had received no response.

Action – Cllr Turner stated she would contact Church Preen school to establish if they have any contacts or further information.

Cllr Richards provided an updated from the Village Hall committee meeting.

Cllr Richards stated that there was a proposal for an environmental project on the Millenium Green to rewild a section. It is understood that the Millenium Green Trust had reservations and alternative locations may be sought.

8. CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk stated that he had completed the annual AGAR audit / account documents and was attending a meeting with the Auditor the following day to discuss them. He also intended to discuss the new Article 10 requirements to ensure the PC is compliant.

The Clerk stated he had paid all invoices as instructed.

The Clerk stated that he had reported back to the local Police with the Parish priorities.

9. PLANNING

There were no planning matters to discuss.

10. SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLORS REPORT

The Clerk read out a report on behalf of Cllr Stanford which is appended to the minutes.

11 . FINANCIALS

The following list of accompanying invoices were reviewed; Members also received the latest bank reconciliations (Mar and Apr) which brought the accounts to the 30th April 2026 to £21,452.11. 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	£7.20
2	Village hall	LGA 1972 S.133	£16.50
3	Village hall	LGA 1972 S.133	£22.00
4	Web Site	LGA 1972 S.142	£11.99 (direct debit)
5	Web site	LGA 1972 S.142	£11.99 (Direct debit)
6	Groundworks	HA 1980 S.96	£386.50
7	Groundworks	HA 1980 S.96	£386.50
8	Insurance	LGA 1972 S.111	£678.39
9	Stationary	LGA 1972 S.111	£21.56

Action – Clerk to pay relevant invoices.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk stated that a Parishioner had contacted him concerning the condition of Derby Lane. The Parishioner had reported the matter via Fix my Street but was also concerned about the poor way in which repairs are completed.

Action- Clerk to submit report on fix my street and notify local Councillor.

13. COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

None raised.

14. PARISH MATTERS

Cllr Richards noted that there had been a number of local thefts and that fly tipping was still an issue.

Cllr Turner raised the subject of public engagement and Cllr Riley's suggestion that the Pop up Pub could be utilised as a method of contact. It was agreed that Cllr Turner would prepare a 'flyer' for the next event to obtain the views of Parishioners.

15. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Audit / Accounts and Bus Shelter

16. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled for 7.30 pm on the 15th June 2026 at the Committee Room, Rushbury Village Hall.

Cllr Richards thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.15pm.

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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.

SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL NEWS from Councillor Colin Stanford. May 2026

Our National flag, the Union Jack or Union Flag is causing controversy in our County. For patriots it represents all that is good about our Country, for others it is seen as a political weapon for extreme views. Shropshire Council has decided, or at least the Council leaders have decided, to uphold the law and remove flags that have been placed illegally on public property. I might venture to suggest that when resources for The Council and The Police are so stretched we might focus on more pressing matters such as provision of good quality social care in our rural areas and fixing our roads which are not only dangerous but an embarrassment. Some might argue that this is censorship and suppressing freedom of expression. Afterall what we have called graffiti in the past, placed illegally but somehow tolerated, has bizarrely become collectable art!

Shropshire Council has officially recognised that along with over 50 other English counties it cannot meet the requirement for provision of Food Waste Collection which was required by statute from April this year. Unfortunately, the costs are too high at 3.6 million pounds and more time is needed to set up the necessary infrastructure.

Thanks to the generosity of the British Heart Foundation, a new defibrillator has been installed in Corfton (to the left of the garage doors at Lower House, Lower Corfton). This cabinet is not locked so it can be accessed without a code or the need to make a phone call.

The Corvedale won two prestigious West Midlands tourism awards recently out of only 11 awards. They were Westhope Country Retreats and Acton Scott Camping and Glamping site. Well deserved and great to see our area being recognised.

On Council finances, as a condition of the Exceptional Financial Support that the Council has received it has to undergo a "Finance and Governance Review" which is undertaken by an independent body – CIPFA or Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accounting and will be starting soon. The Council is also working on a new Corporate Plan.

The devolution agenda, now renamed Street Scene by the Council has been started this month and 4 councils have adopted all or part of the new responsibilities on offer.

Shrewsbury and Broseley have gone for full adoption ie street cleaning, grounds maintenance, verge cutting, footpaths, public waste bins and upkeep of public spaces. Shropshire Council will retain overall governance to meet statutory duties. However, decision making and basic funding is devolved to town and parish councils taking on these added responsibilities.

Shifnal has taken on " minimal " additional responsibility essentially maintaining lines of communication to enable partnership working and align priorities!

Oswestry has taken on partial devolution which is green spaces, parks, footpaths and some environmental services.

To date no new arrangements have been agreed with Parish Councils although some are in discussions with the Council to understand past expenditure thought to be erroneously attributed to their parish. Certainly, a clear understanding of the likely costs of any future responsibilities that parish councils might want to undertake seems an essential starting point.

As part of my Council work I am involved with the cross party Scrutiny Committee on health. Last week we interviewed and questioned the new providers of the Out of Hours GP service that replaced Shropdoc called Healthhero. I was pleased with what we saw, especially the level of patient satisfaction with the new service which started 6 months ago.