

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RUSHBURY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 15th JUNE 2026 AT
7:30PM AT THE COMMITTEE ROOM, RUSHBURY VILLAGE HALL**

17. WELCOME

Cllr Richards welcomed everyone to the meeting of Council.

18. PRESENT

Cllrs A Richards, M Lowndes, J Hartley, P Bodimeade, A Dixon.
Clerk N Green.

19. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs E Riley, F Turner, R Madeley.

20. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS

Cllr Richards disclosed an interest in planning application 26/01878/FUL, the circumstance being his employer has submitted the application.

21. PUBLIC SESSION

None present.

**22. MINUTES OF THE OF THE PARISH COUNCIL AGM HELD ON 18th MAY 2026 AND PARISH
COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18th MAY 2026.**

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23. CHAIRMANS REPORT

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

Cllr Richards provided an update from the recent SALC meeting. They stated that SC was developing its local plan and wanted the thoughts of Parish Councils. SC are required to identify potential sites for development and build 40000 new dwellings by 2046. Cllr Richards noted that the Rushbury Parish had Conservation areas within it and was in the Shropshire Hills Nation Landscape area. SALC also highlighted the pilot scheme for Parish Road Wardens. They explained that volunteer wardens were being trained at a cost of £400 to Parish Councils and they would supervise / arrange some works on local roads. Rushbury PC is not taking part in the pilot.

Cllr Richards noted that some pothole works had been completed.

1949 – Cllr C Stanford joined the meeting.

24. CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk stated that the audit was completed and he had received the documents back from the Auditor. There were no issues but some recommendations for 26/27 would be implemented. He explained he will now ensure the documents are displayed on the PC web site as required.

The Clerk stated he had paid all invoices as instructed.

The Clerk stated that he had supplied the code for the defib cabinet to the Village Hall committee.

The Clerk stated he had sent an email to Highways concerning the process for a 20mph zone around Rushbury School.

25. SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr Stanford stated that SC was developing a local plan with housing development projections to 2046 that had to meet Government targets. He noted that he could not see anyway of feeding into it at the moment and it was in its early stages.

Cllr Stanford stated that the Council had spent around £60Million of the monies loaned from the Government. He noted that he had been informed there were signs of SC managing to save monies.

26. PLANNING

Reference - 26/01878/FUL

Proposed - Erection of a replacement dwelling and all associated works, to include part change of use of adjoining field to residential curtilage

Location - Jacks Cottage, 5 East Wall, Much Wenlock, Shropshire, TF13 6DU.

Cllr's discussed the application and noted that it had previously been supported by the PC and subsequently withdrawn regarding the flood plan. It was unanimously agreed that the application should be supported on the basis the property is currently uninhabitable and needs to be rebuilt to become habitable. Cllr Richards did not take part in the voting process.

Reference - 26/01468/FUL (validated: 01/06/2026)

Address - Field North Of Gilberries Hall Farm, Gilberries Lane, Wall Under Heywood, Shropshire

Proposal - Formation of field access

Cllr's discussed the application and noted that highways would manage the splay / access requirements. It was unanimously agreed that the application should be supported to ensure any animal welfare issues can be managed.

Cllr's noted the approval of the planning applications below:-

Reference: 23/05086/FUL (validated: 28/11/2023)

Address: Proposed Affordable Dwelling SW Of The Oaks, Stone Acton Road, Wall Under Heywood, Shropshire

Proposal: Erection of affordable dwelling and garage

Decision: Grant Permission

Reference: 26/01100/FUL (validated: 10/04/2026)

Address: Upper Stanway, Rushbury, Church Stretton, Shropshire, SY6 7EF

Proposal: Erection of agricultural building

Decision: Grant Permission

27. FINANCIALS

The following list of accompanying invoices were reviewed; Members also received the latest bank reconciliations (May) which brought the accounts to the 31st May 2026 to £20324.47. 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	IT	LGA 1972 S.111	£7.20
3	IT	LGA 1972 S.111	£82.80
4	Village hall	LGA 1972 S.133	£16.50
5	Web site	LGA 1972 S.142	£11.99 (Direct debit)
6	Clerk Salary	LGA 1972 S.112(2)	£918.15
7	Groundworks	HA 1980 S.96	£386.50
8	SID warranty	LGA 1972 S.111	£281.33
9	Auditor fee's	LGA 1972 S.111	£150.00

Action – Clerk to pay relevant invoices.

28. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN

A. Presentation and Acceptance of 2025/2026 Accounts

Councillors reviewed and accepted the 2025/2026 Accounts for the Council.

Cllr Lowndes proposed, Cllr Dixon seconded and it was resolved to accept the 2025/2026 Accounts as presented and that the Chairman and Clerk sign on behalf of the Council.

B. Receipt and Noting of Annual Internal Audit Report

Councillors noted the contents of the Internal Auditor's Report for 2025/2026. It was noted there were some recommendations for consideration.

C. Review, Consideration and Approval of Annual Governance Statement

Councillors reviewed the assertions contained within the Annual Governance Statement. Each assertion was considered and Councillors agreed the assertions as set out in the completed document.

Cllr Dixon proposed, Cllr Hartley seconded and it was resolved to accept the assertions as set out in the Annual Governance Statement and that the Chairman and Clerk sign on behalf of the Council.

D. Presentation and Approval of 2025/2026 Accounting Statements

Councillors considered the contents of the Accounting Statements for 2025/2026.

Cllr Bodimeade proposed, Cllr Lowndes seconded and it was resolved to accept the 2025/2026 Accounting Statements as presented and that the Chairman sign these on behalf of the Council.

E. Presentation and Approval of Certificate of Exemption

Councillors noted the criteria for the Parish Council to claim exemption from full reporting requirements to the external auditor. It was noted that although the Council may claim exemption, all documents would be displayed on the Council's website.

Cllr Hartley proposed, Cllr Dixon seconded and it was resolved that the Chairman and Clerk sign the Certificate on behalf of the Council.

F. Noting of the Commencement Date for the Exercise of Public Rights

Councillors noted the commencement document setting out the Exercise of Public was to be published on the Council's web page on the 16.06.26.

29. CORRESPONDENCE

Cllr's discussed a request from the Acton Scott Heritage Trust for donations to assist with its financial position going forward. The Trust explained that it was launching an appeal for a £150,000 to maintain and develop the farm into the future. The Cllr's generally agreed that it was a good community asset and felt the PC should support it where possible. Cllr Bodimeade suggested a donation of £1 per parishioner could be provided, however, Cllr Lowndes stated that this would be a large percentage of the PC's precept. Cllr Richards stated that it seems right to give a reasonable sum and it was agreed a donation of £250.00 would be provided.

Action – Clerk to arrange payment.

30. COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Cllr Hartley provided feedback from a questionnaire that had been circulated at the pop up pub to try and ascertain what Parishioners would like the PC to do. 23 Parishioners had completed the form which included some prompted suggestions with the following results:

- 8 requested efforts to reduce the speed limit to 20mph around the school.
- 7 requested more speed indicators.
- 4 requested maintenance of amenities such as the ball court and bus shelters.
- 3 requested white gate style entrances to the villages,
- 1 requested a bus shelter on Morgans Field.

Further unprompted requests included:

- Better parking facilities at Rushbury School.
- The creation of Team sports clubs.
- The clearance of the footpaths adjacent to the village hall.
- Re-Cycling points to be created.
- The reduction of speed in Longville to 20mph.
- Repair of the Perspex in Longville bus shelter.

Cllr Richards stated that this was very positive and gave indicators as to what should be looked at.

It was decided that efforts would be made to clear the hedges adjacent to the village hall, repair the roof and window of the bus shelter and pursue efforts to secure the 20mph zone.

Action – Cllr Richards stated he would sort out the repair to the bus shelter roof and the Clerk would order some Perspex.

31. PARISH MATTERS

The condition of the tennis court net was discussed. Cllr Dixon stated he would obtain a quote for a new net.

32. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

20mph zone.

33. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled for 7.30 pm on the 20th July 2026 at the Committee Room, Rushbury Village Hall.

Cllr Richards thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.55pm.

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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.