

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RUSHBURY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 21st SEPTEMBER 2026 AT
7:30PM AT THE COMMITTEE ROOM, RUSHBURY VILLAGE HALL**

34. WELCOME

Cllr Richards welcomed everyone to the meeting of Council.

35. PRESENT

Cllrs A Richards, M Lowndes, P Bodimeade, A Dixon, R Madeley, C Stanford (Shropshire Councillor).
Clerk N Green.

36. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs E Riley, F Turner, J Hartley, N Pugh,

37. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS

None.

38. PUBLIC SESSION

A member of the public attended and discussed a potential planning application for a dwelling. The Cllr's thanked the Parishioner for the early involvement and highlighted that they could only provide formal feedback upon receipt of a planning application.

39. MINUTES OF THE OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 15th JUNE 2026.

It was proposed by Cllr Madeley and seconded by Cllr Bodimeade that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 15th June 2026 be adopted, it was resolved that the Chairman sign them as a true record.

40. CHAIRMANS REPORT

Cllr Richards stated that he had not been contacted by any Parishioners.

Cllr Richards stated that Cllr Riley attended the Village Hall committee meeting on his behalf. The committee accepted that there would be a rota basis of attendance going forward from the Parish Council although Cllr Richards would remain the Trustee.

Cllr Richards stated that presentations from a representative of Keele University and the Police and Crime Commissioner were made at the recent Chair's SALC meeting. The representative from Keele University discussed a study into the mental health of older individuals living in rural communities and Mr Campion provided an update on Policing.

Action – Clerk to circulate the rota for Village Hall Committee meetings.

41. CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk stated he had paid all Invoices as instructed.

The Clerk stated that all Audit and Financials were disclosed on the web page as required.

The Clerk stated that the Tennis court net donated by Church Stretton tennis club had been installed.

The Clerk stated that the Acton Scott payment of £250.00 had been made and clarified it was a donation and not a grant.

The Clerk stated that the Grounds worker had been instructed to complete hedge clearing around ball court and the work was complete.

The Clerk stated that a new email address for clerk had been arranged by the web site provider which costs £2.99 per month Clerk@rushburyparishcouncil.gov.uk. He explained that the Parish Council was now required to use a gov.uk email address for the Clerk and it had been highlighted in the audit.

The Clerk explained that the Parish Council audit is to be submitted on a digital platform from 2027 and he had registered as required.

The Clerk presented a draft IT policy; it had been highlighted in the audit that one was now required. The Cllr's discussed the policy, Cllr Dixon proposed and Cllr Bodimeade seconded that the policy be adopted and it was resolved the Chairperson should sign it accordingly.

The Clerk stated that he would be unavailable for the PC meeting in November and suggested that it could be moved to December. The Cllrs discussed the situation and resolved that the meeting is moved to the 14th December 2026.

Action – Clerk to update the web site and arrange the Village Hall meeting room regarding the meeting date change.

Action – Clerk to circulate the new email address.

42. SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr Stanford stated that there had been an external review into SC's finances. The report identified that the financial position was very poor with a projected £130million deficit in 26/27 rising to £180million in 27/28.

Cllr Stanford noted that there had been a lot of pothole patching work completed.

Cllr Stanford also discussed his work concerning an application for a solar farm to which he objected. He commented that whilst he supported business he considered the development was too close to the Shropshire Hills National Landscape.

43. PLANNING

Reference: 26/03179/FUL (validated: 26/08/2026)

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

Proposal: Erection of an agricultural building.

The Cllr's discussed the above planning application and unanimously agreed to support it. They considered it necessary to support the growth and development of a local business.

Action – Clerk to update the planning portal.

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

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

Decision: Grant Permission

Reference: 26/01878/FUL (validated: 19/05/2026)
Address: Jacks Cottage, 5 East Wall, Much Wenlock, Shropshire, TF13 6DU
Proposal: Replacement dwelling and change of use of land to curtilage
Decision: Grant Permission

Reference: 26/02398/VAR (validated: 25/06/2026)
Address: Land At Heath Bridge, Longville In The Dale, Shropshire
Proposal: Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission No. 24/00870/FUL to allow erection of stables to revised design
Decision: Grant Permission

Cllr Stanford left the meeting.

44. FINANCIALS

The following list of accompanying invoices were reviewed; Members also received the latest bank reconciliations (June to August) which brought the accounts to the 31st August 2026 to £16885.34. 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	£21.60
2	HMRC	LGA 1972 S.112(2)	£183.60
3	Stationary	LGA 1972 S.111	£21.20
4	Village hall	LGA 1972 S.133	£33.00
5	Web site	LGA 1972 S.142	£41.95 (Direct debit)
6	Clerk Salary	LGA 1972 S.112(2)	£918.45
7	Groundworks	HA 1980 S.96	£1259.50
8	SALC	LGA 1972 S.143	£413.41
9	Acton Scott	LGA 1972 S.111	£250.00

Action – Clerk to pay the relevant invoices.

45. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk stated that the Police and Crime Commissioner had circulated an annual survey for completion. Cllr Dixon volunteered to complete it on behalf of the PC.

Action – Clerk to forward a copy and Cllr Dixon to complete.

The Clerk stated that a representative from Severn Trent had offered to provide a presentation (in person) concerning flooding and its mitigation. Cllr Lowndes suggested that we could request a power point type presentation in the first instance.

Action – Clerk to contact Severn Trent to establish if such a presentation was available.

The Clerk stated that a Parishioner had enquired if any work was to be completed concerning drain / ditch clearance. Cllrs noted that this was the responsibility of SC and asked that the Clerk establish from the Parishioner if there are any particular areas of concern and report them via fix my street.

Action – Clerk to contact the Parishioner as above.

The Clerk stated that representatives from St Peters Church had contacted the PC to enquire if they wished to take part in Tree fest during November. Cllr Dixon commented that he considered the PC should participate. The Clerk was asked to circulate the information and list it as an agenda item in October.

Action – Clerk to circulate and list as above.

46. COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

The Clerk stated that the Apedale post at the top of Rushbury Bank was rotten and required repair. It was noted that the sign at Longville had gone some time ago. Cllr Bodimeade suggested that we could have new signposts and a competition could be held with the local children for a new design.

47. PARISH MATTERS

Cllr Richards stated that the Village Hall Committee had contacted him to establish where the boundary was for the Ball Court because they wanted to register their land ownership. He explained that the PC had a copy of the land registry documents detailing the PC ownership of the ball court. Cllr Bodimeade stated that it would make sense if the Village Hall took over ownership of the ball court because the area would be under a single ownership then. Cllr Richards stated he would raise this at the Village Hall meeting.

Action – Clerk to forward a copy of the documents and assist where required. Cllr Richards to discuss ownership of the ball court with the Village Hall.

Cllr's discussed the potential 20mph zone in Rushbury. The Clerk stated that there had been some email exchanges with Cllr Stanford, he had been in touch with the highways department who were looking at the issue. The Clerk did not know if there had been any further developments.

Action – Clerk to request an update from Cllr Stanford for the next meeting.

Cllr Bodimeade stated that he had seen some very narrow village entrance white gates and considered they could be utilised in the Parish. The Cllrs discussed the issue and it was noted a quote had previously been obtained and they were very expensive. The Clerk stated that the quote was from a company that provided the gates for a neighbouring village. Cllr Bodimeade stated that he didn't think they should be that expensive and suggested SALC was contacted to establish if they had any advice.

Action – Clerk to contact SALC and establish if they have any advice concerning the issue.

48. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Tree Fest, Standing Orders, Risk Assessment, Financial Regulations, 20mph zone.

49. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled for 7.30 pm on the 19th October 2026 at the Committee Room, Rushbury Village Hall.

Cllr Richards thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.00 pm.

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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.