

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

139. WELCOME

Cllr Richards welcomed everyone to the meeting of Council.

140. PRESENT

Cllrs A Richards, M Lowndes, J Hartley, F Turner, E Riley.
Clerk N Green.

141. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr P Bodimeade, R Madeley, A Dixon, N Pugh.

142. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS

None disclosed.

143. PUBLIC SESSION

None present.

144. MINUTES OF THE OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 16th FEBRUARY 2026.

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

145. CHAIRMANS REPORT

Cllr Richards noted that fly tipping was an ongoing issue and two reports had been notified via Fix My Street.

Cllr Richards stated that following a recent planning application in Longville a speed survey had been requested by SC.

Cllr Richards stated that there had been some conversation at Rushbury Village Hall concerning the potential construction of a pub within its grounds. However, there was some confusion with regards restrictions on the land and these required clarification.

146. CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk stated he had contacted RVH and requested that the power supply to the Defib is checked. He also stated that he had suggested the Village Hall could hold the code to the Defib in a secure box to avoid having to call 999 to access the number in an emergency, a response is awaited.

The Clerk stated he had forwarded the warranty for the speed devices as required.

The Clerk stated he had paid all invoices as instructed.

The Clerk stated that he had instructed the Auditor as required. He also commented that an IT policy was now required for the Audit and he was in the process of drafting one.

Action – Clerk to draft IT policy.

The Clerk stated that he had requested a copy of the spread sheet from SC which details services they have provided to our Parish.

The Clerk stated that as instructed he had contacted a company for an estimate concerning village white gate entrances. He reported that the cost for two pairs of one meter gates, signage, installation and delivery would be approximately £3900.00 plus VAT.

The Cllrs discussed the estimate and concluded it was too expensive to proceed.

The Clerk raised the issue of Cllr Stanford's email which identified that the strip of land in Morgans Field belonged to Connexus. He stated that he had completed some preliminary research and that a wooden bush shelter would cost around £3K to £6K.

Cllr Riley stated that he thought it worth exploring further to establish if it was viable to invest in one and if it was wanted by Parishioners. Following further discussion it was suggested that in the first instance we contact suppliers to establish costs and obtain some advice to establish if the location is viable.

Action – Clerk to contact suppliers.

The Clerk stated that the bus shelter in Wall had now been cleared of debris and stained. The surrounding footpath area had also been cleared. The accumulated pile of waste had been reported via Fix My Street for clearing by SC.

147. PLANNING

Cllr's considered the applications detailed below:

Cllr's noted the below application for information only.

Reference: 26/00820/AG1 (validated: 02/03/2026)

Address: Field At Gilberries Hall Farm, Gilberries Lane, Wall Under Heywood, Church Stretton, Shropshire, SY6 7HZ

Proposal: A new road - Emergency and contingency measure to tend to livestock in the event the brook floods, and therefore cuts off access from the adjacent field.

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

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

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

Proposal: Residential link

Decision: Grant Permission

148 . FINANCIALS

The following list of accompanying invoices were reviewed; Members also received the latest bank reconciliation (Feb) which brought the accounts to the 28th February 2026 to £13,742.12. 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	Web Site	LGA 1972 S.142	£11.99 (direct debit)

Action – Clerk to pay relevant invoices / Salary.

149. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk stated that a Parishioner had contacted him to suggest flood equipment and signage may be beneficial in poor weather. The Clerk stated he had written back to clarify what equipment he had in mind.

The Clerk stated that the Clerk from Leebotwood Parish Council had contacted him for information concerning our purchase of speed devices.

The Clerk stated that following contact from a Parishioner concerning the use of the ball court for netball sessions he had written back to them. He informed them that they were more than welcome to use the court and suggested they get in touch with regards to the potential for marking out the court, a response is awaited.

The Clerk stated that the local Police had contacted him requesting an update on our priorities. The Cllrs decided that they should remain the same (Anti-Social driving, Speeding and Theft from Farms).

Action – Clerk to respond to local Police.

The Clerk raised the issue of contact from SC which stated Town and Parish Councils could take responsibility for assets within their area that SC could no longer manage or fund. The Cllrs considered that there are no such assets within RPC.

150. COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

None raised.

151. PARISH MATTERS

Cllr Lowndes commented that the fly tipping between Longville and Gretton had not been collected or disposed of. Cllr Riley stated that he considered the situation was getting worse.

2014 – Cllr Stanford arrived.

152. SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr Stanford explained that the Government had agreed loans with SC for £70Million this financial year and £121Million next. The loans are on a drawdown basis at which 5% interest is payable. He went on to state that the increase in Council Tax raised £8.8Million and they were increasing fees on other services provided.

He stated that he was now a Governor of Rushbury School and represented the Local Authority.

153. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

IT Policy and Audit

