

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RUSHBURY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 17<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2025 AT  
7:30PM AT THE COMMITTEE ROOM, RUSHBURY VILLAGE HALL**

**90. WELCOME**

Cllr Richards welcomed everyone to the meeting of Council.

**91. PRESENT**

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

**92. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr N Pugh.

**93. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS**

Cllr A Richards disclosed an interest in planning application 25/03907/FUL and would not take part in the decision.

**94. PUBLIC SESSION**

None present.

**95. MINUTES OF THE OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 20<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2025.**

It was proposed by Cllr Lowndes and seconded by Cllr Madeley that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> October 2025 be adopted, it was resolved that the Chairman sign them as a true record.

**96. CHAIRMANS REPORT**

Cllr Richards wished to pass on and record his condolences to the family of Cliff Lippett. He commented that Cliff had done a lot behind the scenes for the Parish.

Cllr Richards stated that he was grateful to Mr Corfield for completing the fencing work on the path to the Village Hall.

Cllr Richards noted that he had received two reports from 'fix my street' re fly tipping in Rushbury Road and Wall Corner. He suggested that we keep an eye on the situation.

Cllr Richards stated the Rushbury Village Hall Committee were trying to encourage Parishioners to support events and generate new bookings. He also explained that a member of the RVH Committee had enquired if the PC could get involved with the 'Local Nature Recovery Scheme'.

The Cllr's discussed the 'LNRS' and it was agreed that the PC would be supportive to any suggestions that are put forward. It was noted that the PC could possibly link in with the Millenium Green Committee in the Spring to generate a wildflower area.

Action – Clerk to write to the RVH Committee member.

**97. CLERKS REPORT**

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

The Clerk stated that he had reported the condition of footpaths reported by a Parishioner via fix my street – parishioner updated.

The Clerk stated that he was awaiting a response from Connexus regarding the strip of land in Morgans Field.

The Clerk stated that he had purchased the stain for the bus shelters and it was available for use.

The Clerk stated that he had posted the Risk Assessment and Standing Orders on the web page.

The Clerk stated he had updated the local Police with the PC priorities.

## **98. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Cllr's considered the planning applications detailed below:

Reference: 25/03907/FUL (validated: 28/10/2025)

Address: Jacks Cottage, 5 East Wall, Much Wenlock, Shropshire, TF13 6DU

Proposal: Erection of a replacement dwelling and all associated works, change of use of agricultural land to domestic garden

Cllr's discussed the application. Cllr Bodimeade considered it was a large property but had no specific objection. It was also highlighted that the property is uninhabitable and suffers from flooding; it was proposed to raise the level of the building. The Cllr's supported the development unanimously, they considered it lifted the property out of the flood area and created an environmentally sustainable property for future use.

Action – Clerk to update planning portal.

Reference: 25/04064/VAR (validated: 06/11/2025)

Address: Rushbury C Of E Primary School, Rushbury, Church Stretton, Shropshire, SY6 7EB

Proposal: Variation of Condition 1 attached to permission 15/04705/VAR dated 21 December 2015 to allow for the retention of the demountable accommodation for a further temporary period of 10 years.

Cllr's discussed the application and it was supported unanimously. A response to the planning portal was not considered necessary.

## **99. KEY COUNCIL DOCUMENTATION – FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**

Councillors considered the contents of the Financial Regulations.

Cllr Dixon proposed and Cllr Lowndes seconded and it was unanimously resolved that the Financial Regulations be adopted.

Action – Clerk to post on PC web site.

## **100. FINANCIALS**

The following list of accompanying invoices were reviewed; Members also received the latest bank reconciliation (Oct) which brought the accounts to the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025 to £15,784.91. 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)
4	Ground Main	HA 1980 S.96	£375.25
5	Fencing Repairs	HA 1980 S 146(1)	£200.00
6	Stain for Bus Shelter	LG (MP)A 1953 S4	£49.99
7	Ink and Paper	LGA 1972 S.111	£30.49

The Clerk stated that he would prepare and circulate a proposed budget for 26/27. He asked the Cllr's if there were any items that they considered should be included in the budget. Cllr Bodimeade suggested white speed fences could be considered and Cllr Riley suggested the proposed bus shelter could be considered. Cllr Lowndes stated that he thought these items may take some time to implement and suggested they are left of any precept request / budget until further information is available.

Action – Clerk to prepare and circulate budget proposals.

The Clerk commented that the Millenium Green Insurance should be paid in December. He was concerned that the invoice was posted to the previous Clerk last year and that he may not receive a copy; he had requested that the MGT register the Insurance Policy at a Committee members address. Cllr Madeley stated he would follow this up.

Action – Cllr Madeley to make enquiries concerning the invoice and the Clerk to ensure payment.

#### **101. SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Cllr Stanford stated that Shropshire Councils finances were in a bad position and that a £60 Million loan had been requested from the Government to tide them over until March. The main over budget costs are adult / children's social care along with taxis for children's transportation. The Council could declare itself 'bankrupt' which would result in Government intervention. The new CEO has stated they will not be making further redundancies.

With regards to Highways he stated that he was aware that the traffic lights at Beambridge were causing delays but they were being worked on. He has requested a meeting to discuss the implementation of safety measures on the B4368 and commented that Highways stated 31000 potholes have been repaired in the year.

Cllr Stanford noted that there seemed to be little uptake by PC's with regard to the MOU proposed by SC.

Cllr Stanford noted that Community and Neighbourhood hubs were being discussed and implemented as a central resource for services.

Cllr Stanford stated that the Shropshire Hills National Landscape plans to shrink the number of members to facilitate decision making. It was now linked to the National Trust for funding.

Cllr Turner left the meeting.

#### **102. CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk stated he had been advised the PC will be invoiced £125 for the May election costs.

The Clerk stated he had received and circulated an email concerning a consultation for the New Design Guidance Documents regarding planning. The Cllrs did not consider a response was required.

The Clerk stated he had received an email from an organisation called the Hills Ford Stages motor racing. There is a proposed rally which will require the closure of Gilberries Lane on the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2026 between 0600 and 2000. The Organisation will be visiting the residents affected to discuss the proposals.

The Clerk stated he had received an email from a Parishioner as a result of the request for project ideas. They suggested a repair club / men in sheds scheme at the Village Hall would provide a service to the community and allow men to meet given the pub was now closed. They also suggested an Age Concern group at the Village Hall for over 60's would help with regards to isolation.

The Cllr's agreed these were good ideas but and they would support any proposals but it needs someone outside of the PC to 'run / develop' the ideas. Cllr Bodimeade stated that they offer services like these at the Mayfair in Church Stretton and he would contact them so they could advertise these in the Honeypot.

Action – Clerk to forward the information to the Village Hall Committee and write to the Parishioner.

### **103. PARISH MATTERS**

Cllr Dixon stated he was aware there had been some interest in the Plough Inn building but it had not been possible to arrange viewings.

### **104. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

The Clerk stated he intended to circulate a budget for the Precept.

### **105. NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting is scheduled for 7.30 pm on the 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at the Committee Room, Rushbury Village Hall.

Cllr Richards thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.50pm.

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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.