

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RUSHBURY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 20th OCTOBER 2025 AT
7:30PM AT THE COMMITTEE ROOM, RUSHBURY VILLAGE HALL**

72. WELCOME

Cllr Richards welcomed everyone to the meeting of Council.

73. PRESENT

Cllrs A Richards, M Lowndes, A Dixon, R Madeley, P Bodimeade, F Turner.
Shropshire Cllr C Stanford.
Clerk N Green.

74. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr J Hartley, E Riley, N Pugh.

75. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS

None disclosed.

76. PUBLIC SESSION

None present.

77. MINUTES OF THE OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 15th SEPTEMBER 2025.

It was proposed by Cllr Bodimeade and seconded by Cllr Lowndes that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 15th September 2025 be adopted, it was resolved that the Chairman sign them as a true record.

78. CHAIRMANS REPORT

Cllr Richards stated that a Parishioner had enquired about the condition of the fencing between Wall corner and the Village Hall. He stated that he would discuss it later in the meeting.

Cllr Richards stated that he attended the recent Rushbury Village Hall Committee meeting and provided a summary.

Cllr Richards stated he wanted it minuting that it was cold in the Village Hall Committee Room in the winter and that despite this he had been asked not to alter the wall mounted heating controller. It had been explained that a wall heater would be installed. He considered that when persons were paying to use the Committee Room it should be available at an acceptable temperature.

79. CLERKS REPORT

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

The Clerk stated that he had submitted the recently signed CIL forms as required and posted them on the web page.

The Clerk stated that he had contacted Connexus regarding the strip of land in Morgans Field and it was an ongoing matter to identify the owner of the land.

The Clerk stated that he had inspected the bus shelter at Wall and would report later in the meeting.

The Clerk stated that he had posted the Reserves Policy on the web page.

The Clerk stated he had emailed the Police Crime Survey to Cllr Dixon for completion.

The Clerk stated he had emailed Mr Pye concerning the BT kiosk adjacent to Rushbury School.

80. SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr Stanford stated that finances dominate everything at SC at the moment. He explained they were setting up an advisory board with a view to reducing costs. Social / adult care along with children's transport are the main issues.

Cllrs discussed the Memorandum of Understanding they had been asked to sign with SC. Cllr Lowndes considered that it lacked detail and it wasn't clear. Cllrs Stanford agreed that it wasn't clear what was being suggested although its ambition was to establish what might be possible with collaboration. He clarified that some Parish Councils had signed it whilst others chose not to. It was agreed that a watching brief would be maintained.

Cllr Stanford stated that he sat on the Shropshire Hills Natural Landscape board in order to represent Corvedale. He explained that he considered the board needs to liaise better with Landowners / Farmers.

Cllr Stanford stated that he is meeting with the headteacher at Rushbury School with a view to becoming a Governor.

81. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Cllr's considered the planning applications detailed below:

Reference: 25/03149/FUL (validated: 30/09/2025)

Address: Proposed Agricultural Workers Dwelling East of Longville Farm, Longville in the Dale, Shropshire.

Proposal: Siting of temporary agricultural workers dwelling and associated works.

Cllr's discussed the application and stated they didn't understand why a temporary dwelling had been applied for rather than a permanent property. It was suggested that this was probably following advice. The application was unanimously supported on the basis it kept the farm viable and provides employment with the associated economic benefits.

Action – Clerk to update planning portal.

82. FINANCIALS

The following list of accompanying invoices were reviewed; Members also received the latest bank reconciliation (Sept) which brought the accounts to the 30th September 2025 to £16,388.30. 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	£24.60
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	HMRC	LGA 1972 S.112(2)	£175.05

83. POTENTIAL PROJECTS

The Clerk stated that following the entry in the Honeypot he had received contact from a Parishioner concerning the condition of the bush shelter in Wall and also the footpaths that run from The Plough to the Village Hall. It was considered the footpaths are the responsibility of highways. The Clerk was asked to make an entry on Fix my Street concerning the footpath. The bush shelters are a separate item (see below).

Action – Clerk to put an entry on Fix my Street concerning the footpaths and respond to the Parishioner.

Cllr Richards stated that he had spoken about the condition of the fencing from Wall corner to the Village Hall with the Village Hall Committee. It was not documented who was responsible for the fencing and explained that the Morgans had allowed the footpath to be put in place some years ago providing it did not become a public right of way. The fencing is in a poor state of repair and a local contractor has agreed to repair the fencing at a cost of £200.00. Cllr Richards stated that he considers this is a community asset, that it is used widely and that it was beneficial to keep it in good order. The Village Hall Committee are going to consider repairs to fencing they are responsible for. It was proposed by Cllr Bodimeade and seconded by Cllr Dixon that the repairs are authorised.

Action – Cllr Richards to arrange the works.

Cllr's discussed the tennis court nets and it was agreed a quote was obtained to replace the nets and posts for the 2026 season.

Action – Cllr Dixon stated he would obtain quotes.

Cllr Bodimeade stated that the bus shelter in Longville required minor repairs to include wood preservative, a new Perspex window and ridge repairs.

The Clerk stated that the bus shelter in Wall required minor repairs to include wood preservative and clearing of debris around the structure.

The Cllr's and Clerk agreed that the works could be completed by themselves rather than instruct contractors.

Action – The Clerk to obtain materials and liaise to arrange works.

84. KEY COUNCIL DOCUMENTATION - RISK ASSESSMENT / STANDING ORDERS

Councillors considered the contents of the Standing Orders.

Cllr Dixon proposed and Cllr Bodimeade seconded and it was unanimously resolved that the Standing Orders be re adopted.

Councillors considered the contents of the revised Risk Assessment.

Cllr Turner and Cllr Lowndes seconded and it was unanimously resolved that the revised Risk Assessment be adopted.

Action – Clerk to update web site.

85. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk stated that the local Police had enquired regarding the PC current priorities. Cllr Turner stated that they should remain as they are – Farm theft / Road Safety and Anti-Social Driving.

Action – Clerk to update local Police.

The Clerk stated that he had tried to establish via Connexus who owned the strip of land in Morgans Field that a bus shelter could be installed. He explained that he needed to send a further email and that the land could be owned in a trust or possibly by Shropshire Council. The Clerk is going to send a further enquiry to Connexus and Cllr Stanford agreed to make enquiries with Shropshire Council.

Action – Clerk to contact Connexus and copy in Cllr Stanford.

Cllr Bodimeade raised the issue of ‘white gates’ being installed in Longville as a safety measure. It was mentioned that a previous meeting with SC had a negative response. Cllr Stanford agreed to try and obtain a contact within SC that could provide advice.

Action – Cllr Stanford to provide contact.

86. COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Cllr Dixon enquired if any contact had been made from Atlas Tower concerning the communications mast. The Clerk stated he had not received anything.

Cllr Dixon raised the issue of the logs outside of the Plough with regards to safety. Cllr Richards stated that following a fix my street enquiry SC had stated it was not their responsibility.

Cllr Richards stated that he had received a number of scam emails from unknown persons purporting to be fellow Cllrs. Numerous Cllr’s stated they had also received emails and it was noted to be cautious.

87. PARISH MATTERS

Nothing raised.

88. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

The Clerk stated he intended to introduce the financial regulations at the next meeting.

89. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled for 7.30 pm on the 17th November 2025 at the Committee Room, Rushbury Village Hall.

Cllr Richards thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.45pm.

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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.