

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RUSHBURY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 19th MAY 2025 AT
7:30PM AT THE COMMITTEE ROOM, RUSHBURY VILLAGE HALL**

1. WELCOME

Cllr Richards welcomed everyone to the meeting of Council.

2. PRESENT

Cllrs A Richards – Chairman, M Lowndes – Vice Chairman, F Turner, E Riley, R Madeley, A Dixon, J Hartley, R Madeley.
Clerk N Green.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Bodimeade.

4. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS

None declared.

5. PUBLIC SESSION

None.

6. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 17th MARCH 2025

It was proposed by Cllr Madeley and seconded by Cllr Lowndes that the minutes of the meeting on the 17th March 2025 be adopted, it was resolved that the Chairman sign them as a true record.

7. CHAIRMANS REPORT

Cllr Richards stated that he had no specific updates since the previous meeting. However, he wished to compliment the students and staff from Rushbury School who gave an excellent presentation at the Annual Parish meeting. He also stated that next year the Parish Council should try to encourage more Parishioners to attend.

8. CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk stated that he had contacted SALC and they confirmed that election costs should be approximately £180.

The Clerk stated that he had written to the Post Office concerning the stolen post box in Wall via Stuart Anderson MP. Mr Anderson had forwarded the letter on behalf of the Parish Council providing his support.

The Clerk stated he had spoken with the Wainwright Trust via Martin Pye concerning the BT phone Box in Rushbury. He stated they have confirmed they wish to adopt the Phone Box should it be decommissioned but would like to consult with the wider community as to its use.

The Clerk stated he had written to Atlas Tower providing the Parish Councils support for the communications development. He also confirmed that he had put an entry in the Honeypot and on the web page.

The Clerk stated that the Audit process was ongoing and documents would be submitted to the Auditor as required.

9. COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Due to the recent election process a vacancy has occurred for a new Councillor. The Clerk stated that we were in a position to Co-opt, however, it was unclear if there was a requirement to advertise the position.

Action – Clerk to clarify if there is a requirement to advertise the position.

10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Cllr's considered the planning applications detailed below:

Reference: 25/01447/OUT

Proposal - Outline application for the erection of 9 dwellings

Location - Yard At Home Farm, Longville In The Dale, Much Wenlock, Shropshire, TF13 6DS.

The Cllr's discussed the potential for affordable properties and that from a local point of view it would be beneficial if more affordable houses were built. However, they conceded that the financial constraints on development could be a barrier to this. It was noted that these properties were not section 106 developments. There was unanimous support for the development on the basis it was a suitable location and there was an appropriate mix of house sizes. It was also noted that none of the Councillors had been contacted by Parishioners concerning the development.

Action – Clerk to submit a response on the Planning portal.

Reference: 25/01605/TEL

Proposal - 24/7 telecommunications cell site

Location - Land At Gilberries Hall Farm, Gilberries Lane, Wall Under Heywood, Church Stretton, Shropshire.

The Cllr's noted that this development had already been discussed and that a letter of support had been provided. They consider the location suitable and that any improvement to communications was beneficial. They did not consider a further response was required.

11. SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLORS REPORT

The Clerk stated that he had not been contacted by the new Shropshire Councillor for Corvedale since the election.

Action – Clerk to write to the new Councillor inviting him to attend meetings or submit a report.

12. SPEED INDICATION DEVICES

Cllr Lowndes stated that the batteries were not lasting as long and that they were now out of warranty. Cllr's discussed purchasing new batteries that were around £50.00 each (8 required). It was decided that a local supplier may be beneficial so they could be returned more easily if there was an issue. Solar was discussed but there are cost and installation issues.

Action – Cllr Madeley stated he would make enquiries with a local supplier to facilitate a purchase.

13. FINANCIALS

The following list of accompanying invoices were reviewed; Members also received the latest bank reconciliation (April) which brought the accounts to the 30th April 2025 to £19,879.27. 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 data backup	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	Bank Charges	LGA 1972 S.111	£8.00
5	HMRC	LGA 1972 S.112	£438.47
6	IT data backup	LGA 1972 S.111	£7.20
7	Ground Main	HA 1980 S.96	£375.25
8	SALC Membership	LGA 1972 S.111	£396.70
9	Village hall	LGA 1972 S.133	£22.00

The Clerk stated that he had submitted a VAT reclaim for the 23/24 and 24/25 tax periods which amounted to £1541.09. The monies were awaited.

The Clerk stated that he had renewed the Microsoft license and an invoice was awaited.

The Clerk stated that the Council Insurance was due for renewal on the 01.06.25. The previous premium was £560.29 on a three year deal. The new annual premium had been provided as £715.84, however, the Clerk had spoken with the provider who offered a discounted one year premium at £690.88 or a three year premium at £673.69.

Action - The Clerk was instructed to accept the three year deal.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

Cllr's stated that they did not wish to pursue the 'We don't buy Crime' initiative from West Mercia Police.

The Clerk provide the Councillor's with a number of letters from students at Rushbury School. They had written to the Parish Council to highlight the 'No Mow May' initiative. The Cllr's each read a selection. It was decided that the Chairman should write back to the students and that next year it would be possible to involve the school with the Millenium Green grass cutting. It was suggested the students could identify an area for not mowing and that margin around the outside of the field could be left for a wildlife corridor.

15. COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

None applicable.

16. PARISH MATTERS

Cllr Madeley stated that signs had now been put up along the Lillywood Path.

17. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Cllrs were invited to nominate items for the next agenda.

18. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled for 7.30 pm on the 16th June 2025 at the Committee Room, Rushbury Village Hall.

Cllr Richards thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.33 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.