

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RUSHBURY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 17th MARCH 2025 AT
7:30PM AT THE COMMITTEE ROOM, RUSHBURY VILLAGE HALL**

173. WELCOME

Cllr Richards welcomed everyone to the meeting of Council.

174. PRESENT

Cllrs A Richards – Chairman, M Lowndes – Vice Chairman, F Turner, E Riley, R Madeley, C Stevenson, A Dixon, P Bodimeade, J Hartley.

Member of the Public x 1.

Clerk N Green.

175. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

176. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS

None declared.

177. PUBLIC SESSION

Cllr Richards invited the member of the public to speak if they wished to do so. However, she stated that she was just here to listen and get a feel for what happened at the meetings.

178. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 17th FEBRUARY 2025

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

179. ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Clerk reviewed the actions from the previous meeting as follows:-

The Clerk reported the HSBC review was ongoing (Action Open).

The Clerk reported he had written to SC and requested grit bins be located at Wall under Heywood and Longville, response awaited (Action Closed).

The Clerk reported that he still needed to put the exact location of the defibs on the boxes and obtain a new sticker for the box in Longville (Action Open).

The Clerk reported that he had put details of the highways report re Luchcott Lane and the Post Office reply regarding the Letter box on the web page (Action Closed).

The Clerk reported he had instructed the Auditor and the Groundwork Company to act on behalf of the PC (Action Closed).

The Clerk reported that he had placed details of the election and its processes on the web page and in the Honeypot (Action Closed).

The Clerk reported that he had contacted SC concerning the Lillywood public footpath, he clarified the path was in the Eaton under Heywood Parish and had informed their PC (Action Closed).

180. CHAIRMANS REPORT

Cllr Richards stated that he had attended the recent Chair's meeting for the SALC. He reported that they discussed fly tipping issues / fix my street and were of the opinion that SC were trying their best with limited resources.

Cllr Dixon commented that he had received acknowledgement from fix my street concerning his report about Derby Lane. It was noted that Parishioners were using fix my street but there was no feedback to the PC from SC.

Cllr Richards also commented that there was some discussion about the cost of the up coming elections to the Parish Councils even if they were uncontested.

Action – The Clerk was asked to contact SALC to identify any potential costs.

Cllr Richards also commented that repair works had been completed on Lushcott Lane and the Longville bank.

181. CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk informed the Cllrs that he was in possession of electoral packs if they wanted them and that details of the election had been placed on the web page and in the Honeypot.

182. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Cllr's considered the planning application detailed below; they did not consider it required a formal response from the PC.

Reference: 25/00602/PAAFC (validated: 20/02/2025)

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

Proposal: Application for prior approval under Class R of the General Permitted Development Order 2015 (Part 3 of Schedule 2) for the change of use from agricultural buildings to Use Class E (c) (iii) (workshop).

Cllr's noted the planning application detailed below.

Reference: 25/00761/AGR (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

Address: Land associated to Home Farm, Longville in the Dale, Shropshire, TF13 6DS

Proposal: Erection of extension to existing agricultural building to provide livestock housing.

Cllr's noted the planning decision detailed below.

Reference: 25/00075/TPO (validated: 13/01/2025)

Address: Manor Cottage, Stanway, Rushbury, Church Stretton, Shropshire, SY6 7EF

Proposal: Fell 1no. Acer (T1), reduce 1no. limb overhanging field by max. 50% from 1no. Red Oak (T2) and reduce limbs adjacent to Acer by 1 to 3 metres from 1no. Beech (T3) protected by The Council of the South Shropshire District Council, (Stanway Manor & Estate Rushbury) TPO 1978 (SS/00011/78)

Decision: Grant Permission

183. SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr Motley was not present.

184. 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 2025 to £12,046.45. All documents will be signed off by the Chairman and it was **RESOLVED** to authorise these payments to be made.

REF	DESCRIPTION	STATUTES	Account
1	IT data backup	LGA 1972 S.111	£14.40
2	Village hall	LGA 1292 S.111	£16.50
3	Web Site	LGA 1972 S.133	£11.99 (direct debit)
4	Clerk Salary	LGA 1972 S.111	£426.64

185. CORRESPONDENCE

Cllr's discussed the most recent communication from Atlas Tower which detailed they will be applying for permission via Prior Approval from Shropshire Council. They also provided examples of responses from other Parish Councils to projects in their areas. Cllr Riley stated that he considers it to be a benefit and that it's not visually impactful.

Action - The Clerk was asked to send a response to Atlas Tower which supported the project. He was also asked to put an entry in the Honeypot and update the web page to ensure Parishioners are aware of the proposed development.

Cllr Stevenson summarised the contact he had had with the Post Office via Stuart Anderson MP concerning the stolen letter box in Wall Under Heywood. He explained that post the last update the Post Office had stated they were not going to replace the letter box because there was alternative box within a statutory distance of residents. Cllr Richardson questioned if it was worth making representations regarding this and had drafted a written response.

Action – The Clerk was asked to send the letter to the Post Office and copy in Stuart Anderson.

The Clerk stated that an email had been received from BT concerning the phone box adjacent to the school in Rushbury. A consultation process is ongoing until June this year to establish if the phone box should be decommissioned. It was highlighted that the phone box had only been used once in the last twelve months and was not in an area of high suicide frequency or RTA's. He clarified that the box was listed and that there was a process whereby it could be adopted (£1.00 cost) by the landowner or the Parish Council. If no one adopts the box then BT will simply secure it.

Cllr's discussed the matter and considered adoption should be considered if it is decommissioned.

Action – The Clerk was asked to contact Rushbury School and Church concerning the matter.

186. COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

The Clerk reminded the Cllr's that the annual Parish Assembly was due to take place in April.

Action – The Clerk was asked to invite Rushbury School, the Village Hall and the Wainwright Trust to attend.

187. PARISH MATTERS

Cllr Madeley stated that a Parishioner had queried with him if the plastic bollards that had been concreted into the verge adjacent to Stone House on the lane to Rushbury had been approved by Highways. Cllrs decided to note this but take no further action.

188. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Cllrs were invited to nominate items for the next agenda.

189. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled for 7.30 pm on the 19th May 2025 at the Committee Room, Rushbury Village Hall.

Prior to the conclusion of the meeting Cllr Richards noted that Cllr Stevensons was standing down at the election and it was his last meeting after many years on the Parish Council. He thanked him for his time and effort during this period.

Cllr Richards thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.25 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.