THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RUSHBURY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 19th OCTOBER 2026 AT 7:30PM AT THE COMMITTEE ROOM, RUSHBURY VILLAGE HALL

50. WELCOME
Cllr Richards welcomed everyone to the meeting of Council.

51. PRESENT
Cllrs A Richards, M Lowndes, P Bodimeade, R Madeley, F Turner, E Riley, C Stanford (Shropshire Councillor).
Clerk N Green.

52. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Cllrs J Hartley, N Pugh, A Dixon

53. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS
None.

54. PUBLIC SESSION
None.

55. MINUTES OF THE OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 21st SEPTEMBER 2026.
It was proposed by Cllr Lowndes and seconded by Cllr Bodimeade that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 21st September 2026 be adopted, it was resolved that the Chairman sign them as a true record.

56. CHAIRMANS REPORT
Cllr Richards stated that he had not been contacted by any Parishioners.

Cllr Richards stated that he was concerned about the ongoing issue of water collecting on the road at the bottom of Wall Bank. He noted that with the onset of winter ice could make to road condition more dangerous. As a result he has reported the issue by Fix my Street. He also asked the Clerk to inform the local Police to ascertain if they could highlight the issue to Highways.

Action – Clerk to notify local Police as above.

Cllr Richards stated that at the recent Rushbury Village Hall Committee meeting he asked if they would like to take over responsibility for the ball court. They declined to do so. He went on to say that he was going to assist them to mark out the boundary between the Village Hall and the ball court.

Cllr Richards stated that there was a plan to create a wildflower meadow on the Millenium Green which would affect the area to be mown by the grounds worker.

Action – Cllr Richards to forward the ground worker details to the wildflower meadow organisers.

57. CLERKS REPORT
The Clerk stated all invoices were paid as instructed.
The Clerk stated Cllr Dixon had completed PCC survey.
The Clerk stated he had informed the auditor an interim audit was not requested by the Cllr's.

The Clerk stated the Village Hall committee meeting rota had been circulated.
The Clerk stated he had circulated the new meeting date for December and new email address.
The Clerk stated the Planning Portal had been updated as required.
The Clerk stated he had responded to the Village Hall regarding land registration.
The Clerk stated he had contacted Severn Trent re a flooding presentation and was awaiting a power point.
The Clerk stated he had contacted SALC as requested for information about village white gates and their response had been circulated.

58. SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLORS REPORT
Cllr Stanford stated that there was an opportunity to respond to SC with feedback concerning the Hills Ford Stages Rally.

Cllr Stanford explained that the Government had introduced a new National Scheme of Delegation for planning authorities. He was concerned that this would allow planning authorities to bypass the current more demographic processes.

Cllr Stanford stated that he had spoken with SC Highways regarding the potential for a 20mph zone around Rushbury School. SC had informed him that Rushbury School was not identified as a priority for the next round of surveys. This was based on data that had been collected during a previous traffic survey. The Traffic Engineer offered to attend Rushbury to discuss concerns and also stated that a new traffic data survey could be conducted at the Parish Council cost.

The Cllr's discussed the current situation at the School with regard to parking and issues caused by the number of students. It was noted that two potential incidents had been reported to the school concerning the issue.

Action – The Clerk was asked to invite the Traffic Engineer for a site visit.

Cllr Stanford stated that £90million had been 'borrowed' by SC from the Government and the interest payment was estimated to be £18million.

59. PLANNING
Cllr's noted the approval of the planning application below:-

Address: The Lodge, Stanway, Rushbury, Church Stretton, Shropshire, SY6 7EF
Proposal: Fell 1no. Ash (T1) and 1no. Lime (T3), and reduce crown by 3m of 1no. Lime (T2) protected by The Council of the South Shropshire District Council, (Stanway Manor & Estate Rushbury) TPO 1978 (SS/00011/78)
Decision: Grant Permission

60. FINANCIALS
The following list of accompanying invoices were reviewed; Members also received the latest bank reconciliations (September) which brought the accounts to the 30th September 2026 to £15,754.08. 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	£36.00
2	HMRC	LGA 1972 S.112(2)	£183.60
3	Stationary	LGA 1972 S.111	£8.00

4	Village hall	LGA 1972 S.133	£16.50
5	Web site	LGA 1972 S.142	£14.98 (Direct debit)
6	Groundworks	HA 1980 S.96	£386.50

Action – Clerk to pay the relevant invoices.

61. KEY COUNCIL DOCUMENTATION - RISK ASSESSMENT / STANDING ORDERS

Councillors considered the contents of the Standing Orders.
Cllr Riley proposed and Cllr Madeley seconded and it was unanimously resolved that the Standing Orders be re adopted.

Councillors considered the contents of the revised Risk Assessment.
Cllr Riley proposed and Cllr Madeley seconded and it was unanimously resolved that the revised Risk Assessment be adopted.

Action – Clerk to update web site.

62. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk stated that the local Police had contacted the PC to establish the Policing priorities. The Cllr's decided to maintain the current priorities: Anti-Social driving, Speeding and Thefts from farms.

Action – Clerk to respond to local Police.

The Cllr's discussed the circulated Village Hall meeting dates and attendance. They decided to manage attendance by a Cllr on an 'as and when' available basis.

The Clerk stated that SC and the organisers of the Hills Ford Stages Rally had requested feedback. The Cllr's considered that the rally was well organised and of benefit to the community. However, it was noted that a Parishioner had complained about the speed of vehicles through Rushbury. The Clerk was asked to provide a balanced response to both.

Action – Clerk to provide response.

63. COMMUNITY AFFAIRS / PARISH MATTERS

Cllr Bodimeade raised the issue of village white gates and suggested the PC could consider potential funding following a recent circulation from the OPCC office. Cllr Bodimeade stated he would complete some research into the matter.

Cllr Bodimeade to progress the matter as above.

Cllr Riley asked if there was information concerning the potential for volunteers to clear drains and ditches given the weather was turning wet. He was particularly concerned about Gilberies Lane. It was noted that 'Fix my Street' was still the recommended method of reporting such issues. Cllr Lowndes considered that the issue of volunteers may be raised in the future following ongoing trials in some Parishes. Cllr Stanford stated that he would make some enquiries with Church Preene PC.

Action – Clerk to contact SALC and the auditor for information concerning the use of volunteers.

Cllr Richards asked if the Cllr's wanted to participate in the Tree Fest celebration planned for November. It was decided that a place would be requested and Cllr Madeley stated he would provide a tree.

Action – Clerk to request a place with the organisers.

64. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA
Financial Regulations, 2027/28 Budget.

65. NEXT MEETING DATE
The next meeting is scheduled for 7.30 pm on the 14th December 2026 at the Committee Room, Rushbury Village Hall.

Cllr Richards thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.00 pm.

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Chairman Date

These minutes will remain in draft format until signed by the Chairman as a true record.