

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RUSHBURY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 15TH JULY 2024
AT 7:30PM AT THE COMMITTEE ROOM, RUSHBURY VILLAGE HALL**

55. WELCOME

Cllr Richards welcomed everyone to the meeting of Council.

56. PRESENT

Cllrs A Richards – Chairman, M Lowndes, R Madeley, E Riley, Dr C Stevenson, A Dixon,
P Bodimeade, C Motley (Shropshire Councillor).

Clerk N Green.

57. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Non-Applicable

58. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS

None declared.

59. PUBLIC SESSION

None present.

60. MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 17th June 2024

Proposed by Cllr M Lowndes, seconded by Cllr C Stevenson that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17th June 2024 be adopted and it was resolved that the Chairman sign these as a true record.

61. COUNCILLOR VACANCY

The Clerk confirmed that no contact had been received from interested parties, Cllr Richards stated that there was one Parishioner showing some interest but they were undecided. A discussion took place to suggest a way of promoting interest.

Action – Clerk to write to Rushbury Primary school head to see if they could promote the position via any of their publications, etc.

Action – Clerk to generate ‘flyers’ for notice boards / bus shelters, etc.

Action – Clerk to generate notice for village hall foyer.

62. CHAIRMANS REPORT

Cllr Richards stated that he had received positive feedback on the SID devices since they were installed. Some suggestions had also been made to him concerning alternative locations. It was noted that the batteries were still running on the initial charge and that they would be monitored as required.

Cllr Richards noted that Cllr’s Lowndes and Stevenson had attended the recent SALC committee meeting. Cllr Lowndes informed the Council concerning two points from the meeting. Firstly, a presentation had been made by a member of Shropshire Council who was

an enabler that assisted with applications for affordable housing. Secondly, that there was a discussion concerning what could be done about derelict buildings.

Cllr Lowndes highlighted on that subject that the Longville Arms was looking very run down / untidy and considered what could be done about it.

Councillor Mrs C Motley joined the meeting.

Cllr Motley was asked her opinion on the subject. She stated that Shropshire Council used to have staff that dealt with empty / vacant properties but they did not any longer, she also noted that it was unknown what the intentions of the owner of the property were. She suggested that the Parish Council could discuss the matter with the Shropshire Council enforcement team for advice.

Action – Clerk to contact enforcement team at Shropshire Council.

63. SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr Motley stated that they did not know what the new Government will do going forward and that her fear is that we are vulnerable due to our rural area. There were two areas of specific concern (1) planning regulations being reviewed, and (2) the lifting of a ban on onshore windfarms farms.

Cllr Motley considered it was important that rural areas have strong voices. She commented that Stuart Anderson (Con) had been successful in our area as the newly elected MP for South Shropshire and that we would need to use him to support the areas rural issues. She noted that he had been made deputy chief whip and hoped it would not take him away from local issues. Cllr Motley updated the meeting on the other locally elected MP's.

Cllr Motley highlighted that we need the new Government to deal with the issues surrounding Social Care and Children, highlighting the wait times for children to access mental health care.

Cllr Motley stated that Shropshire Council is required to save £62 Million from its 24-25 budget, a proportion of which will have to come from her portfolio of Adult Social Care and Public Health.

Cllr Motley explained that they were working on falls prevention to aid the elderly because of the impact a fall can have and the associated care going forward. They are also introducing more technology and are using a 'robot' called GENIE. The device is none moving but assists people (who can remain in their home) with daily activities, for example, medication reminders.

Cllr Motley stated that they were busy catching up after a period when some work stopped due to the election. She explained that they were making every effort to remain solvent and avoid the financial issues other Councils have faced. She noted that sadly some redundancies were being made but certain essential roles were not being cut.

Cllr Motley left the meeting.

64. CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk presented the Fixed Asset Register now updated with the Speed Indication Devices. He stated that the Auditor had confirmed it was satisfactory in its current format. The Cllr's approved the content and a copy will be signed by the Chairman. A discussion took place concerning the condition and monitoring of the assets, such as the bus shelters. It was agreed that the condition of these assets will be monitored on a casual basis by the Councillors and any issues will be identified.

The Clerk presented the Risk Assessment now updated with the requirements of the Speed Indication Devices. Cllr Stevenson noted that there were a number of issues which he had highlighted.

Action - Clerk to review Risk Assessment.

65. PLANNING

Planning Applications Received:

Cllrs noted there were no applications to consider.

Planning Decisions Advised:

Cllrs noted there were no application decisions to consider.

66. FINANCIALS

The following list of payments and accompanying invoices were reviewed, Members also received the latest bank reconciliation (Apr to Jun) which brought the accounts to the 30th June 2024 to £22,404.93. 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	Groundworks	HA1980 S.96	£367.89
2	IT data backup	LGA 1972 S.111	£7.20
3	IT data Backup	LGA 1972 S.111	£7.20
4	Meeting Room Provision	LGA 1972 S.134 (4)	£16.50
5	SID padlocks	LGA 1972 S.111	£38.98
6	SID Clips	LGA 1972 s111	£75.70
TOTAL		£513.47	

The Clerk stated he would seek approval from the Chairman and Vice-Chairman before making any further payments prior to the September meeting.

It was highlighted that the bank account signatories and address require updating.

Action – Clerk to consult with HSBC regarding the process.

67. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk presented a survey request from the Office of the Police Crime Commissioner. Cllr A Dixon agreed to complete the survey on behalf of the Parish Council.

Action – Cllr Dixon to complete the survey.

68. COMMUNITY MATTERS

Cllr Dixon commented that the Council seem to have been filling in some of the potholes within the Parish. Cllr Richards also noted that he had received some feedback from the ‘fix my street’ system.

Cllr Dixon commented about speeding concerns on the road up to Stone Acton from Wall Bank. A discussion took place as to what action could be taken. It was suggested that the Speed Indication Devices could be sited on Wall Bank as a deterrent. It was also noted that it is a National Speed Limit area and Highways staff had previously commented in these circumstances that there is a requirement to drive to the road conditions.

69. PARISH MATTERS

Cllr Madeley commented that there had been an increase in the number of fly tipping incidents.

70. SPEED INDICATION DEVICES

Cllr Lowndes stated that a check of the batteries would be completed as required and by the end of the month. He also stated that the OPCC required a quarterly update regarding the monies spent on the devices.

Action – Cllr Lowndes to review the update requirements.

71. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING’S AGENDA

Longville Arms – Enforcement, Plough Inn – Appeal outcome.

72. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled for 7.30 pm on the 16th September 2024 at the Committee Room, Rushbury Village Hall.

Cllr A Richards thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.15pm.

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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.