

Rushall Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 17th July 2025

7.30pm, Rushall Village Hall

Attendees:

Mr. Colin Gale (Chairperson) (CG)
Dr. Richard Tilbury (RT)
Mr. Nigel Carson (NC)
Mrs. Claire Ridge (Clerk) (CR)

Mr. Paul Oatway (PO)

1. Apologies:

Mr. John Rogers (JR)
Mr. Iain Goodfellow (IG)

Action

2. Minutes of PC Meeting 22nd May 2025

Minutes acceptance proposed by RT, second by CG

3. Declaration of interest

None

4. Correspondence

- BKV – Rushall won the first round (Small Village, Kennet Region)
- Rob Marsh, Foundation Governor for Rushall School, sent an email to the clerk. The PC have responded.

5. Matters arising from Minutes of Meeting 22nd May 2025

- Top Soil offer from the Manor House was withdrawn
- Potential cost of the notice board; NC wanted to confirm that the price was actually £278 for the noticeboard that he had identified. If the design is different, we will need to confirm with the village hall. CG will pass images to the VHC. The replacement of the current noticeboard was not considered to be urgent.

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6. Budget/Precept/Annual Audit

• Current balance: £24,798.37 • Audit: completed and submitted . • Outgoings: Footpath outside Hazlenut Cottage and Wheelwright £5,000 and Phase 3 of the footpath outside Elm Row £5,000. Clerk Salary for August 2025, also paying £4.25 per month bank fee's. CR to check all regular outgoings have been billed.	CR
7. Police Report Two reports received. Quarter 2 – April to June 2025 Two crimes and two incidents recorded in the area. No further information but no reports of dwelling burglaries or thefts of vehicles. No speeding enforcements, however, separately Rushall have a notification from the speed enforcement officers on 19th June and was informed 13 drivers will be offered a speed awareness course or points on their licence. Further information can be gained with the link below: Wiltshire PCC home (wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk)	
8. Planning Applications Considered • None received – one development in the village may be within permitted building rights but may need building regs because it is a building structure. CR to write to the owner.	CR
9. Village Hall Matters • Coffee mornings have been extremely successful. Cheese and Wine evening on 26th July, bookings by Friday 18th July. Also Bingo nights.	
10. Community Speed Watch • The team have been out three times the last quarter. Successfully slowing down drivers.	
11. Local Highways and Footpath Improvement Group (LHFIG) • Should have drawings for Phase 4 at the next meeting – 30th July	

2025. • Substantive grant funding approved. Construction for Phase 3 should start in March 2026. Two BT poles will be moved before. • Footpath was completed to the north of the village, which also works well as traffic calming.	
12. Newsletter CG produced the summer newsletter 15th July, the next newsletter will be distributed in Autumn. Included a piece appealing to villagers to help collect litter on their walks and NC's excellent repair of the stocks on Church Lane.	CG
13. Website CR keeping it up to date.	CR
14. Safe Pedestrian Access Scheme See section 11	
15. AOB a) Flood Task Force; meeting on 18th June. CG met Highways regarding flooding at the ditch, they will attend to it this year. Highways have cleared Church Lane. They are concerned about the village pond; the filtration may not be effective when the water levels are high. RPC to monitor. Parish Steward will need to ensure that the ditch is kept clear to take any over flow. b) Rushall School – Farewell service in the Church on Wednesday 23rd July. c) Highways – Parish Steward is working well, attends to strimming and other jobs raised by CG. He's on Ragwort duty next month. d) Community Emergency Plan – Completed for 2025. e) BKV – Rushall won the Kennet round. Items raised by the judges in the report – noticeboard is being addressed, a contractor has been booked to paint the phone box (£475) will take four days to complete. The history boards by the stocks were faded. CG has asked for a quote for a new board. Also looking at a new board for the Church. Tree guard for the walnut tree, CG has been quoted approx. £220. Voted that the tree guard will be purchased. NC repaired the stocks. The inspection report was very good. f) Data Protection – ICO paid, May 2025. g) Speeding Petition – ongoing. h) SID – will be deployed at Rushall Bridge more often. i) Risk Assessments – Updated for 2025. j) Salt Bins – didn't use them in 2024/2025 winter so still full. k) Whistledown Path –CG strimmed Rushall's end of the footpath. PO added that the management committee have challenged Wiltshire Council; still awaiting a response. Upavon PC have discussed the large vehicles damaging the bank and so are looking to add a kerb to stop erosion. UPC will request 30 mph before Whistledown. CG	ALL CG/NC

explained there are comments on the initial planning as there were concerns raised about the vehicles that speed along that road. RPC would welcome slowing down of vehicles on that particular section of road. l) VDS questionnaire – received request for businesses asking to take part in the questionnaire. When originally discussed the commercial businesses were missed, largely because there were fewer businesses when the original VDS went out. CG sent the questionnaire to all local businesses. 54% of the questionnaires returned from villagers but no returns from businesses. A meeting will be arranged in Sept/Oct to discuss the results. m) Defib – JR has been maintaining the defib in Rushall; located at the phone box. n) SID – second SID will be arriving in Rushall soon and placed at the bridge. o) Spring Clean – took place on 5th April 2025. Very successful.	ALL
17. Dates of next meetings: 7.30pm, Thursday 27th November 2025	
Meeting concluded at 20.25hrs	
Signed:	