

Rushall Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 26th February 2026

7.30pm, Rushall Village Hall

Attendees:

Mr. Colin Gale (Chairperson) (CG)
 Mr. Nigel Carson (NC)
 Mr. John Rogers (JR)
 Mr. Iain Goodfellow (IG)
 Mrs. Claire Ridge (Clerk) (CR)

 Mr. Paul Oatway (PO)

1. Apologies:	Action
Dr. Richard Tilbury (RT)	
2. Minutes of PC Meeting 29th November 2025 Minutes acceptance proposed by JR, second by NC.	
3. Declaration of interest None	
4. Correspondence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correspondence regarding the ground water flood levels – that tables have increased due to the rain in January and February. • Contact through the website asking if U3A could advertise a permanent notice on the PC Notice Board. CR to respond explain okay for three months. Possibly smaller than A4. 	CR
5. Matters arising from Minutes of Meeting 29th November 2026 None	
6. Budget/Precept/Annual Audit	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current balance: £15,404.82 • Precept – not yet Published by Wiltshire Council. • Outgoings: Insurance. 	
<p>7. Police Report</p> <p>Road Safety update received for the Pewsey Area Board, further information can be gained with the link below:</p> <p>Wiltshire PCC home (wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk)</p>	
<p>8. Planning Applications Considered</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None received for Rushall. 	
<p>9. Village Hall Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Events well supported, next event is the Easter Bingo. • Shed is now in place. • IG raised the issue regarding the projector – idea to jointly fund a projector, along with the WI. IG requested the PC contribute towards the cost approx. 1/3. Speakers also need replacing. CG requested costings and for IG to present a proposal. 	<p>IG</p>
<p>10. Community Speed Watch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IG -Volunteers have been unable to venture out, due to weather conditions. Dangerous for drivers. Camera is back with Rushall, and there are two sessions next week. 	
<p>11. Local Highways and Footpath Improvement Group (LHFIG)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CG – meeting mid-February. Don't know the outcome for the substantive grant bids, delayed due to additional work on budget to support the council as a whole. Deferred decisions on future projects until next meeting. This does not impact Phase 3 for the footpath – works start on 13th April with road closures for three weeks. 	
<p>12. Newsletter</p> <p>CG to produce a Spring Newsletter in the next week.</p>	<p>CG</p>

<p>13. Website</p> <p>Up to date.</p>	<p>CR</p>
<p>15. Safe Pedestrian Access Scheme</p> <p>The drop kerb outside the school house needs attention. CG will survey the area to see if there are any other areas that deserve work.</p>	<p>CG</p>
<p>16. AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Flood Task Force; drains have been able to take the volume of water from the winter rain. Church Lane has been impacted to a degree, but fortunately the top ditch at Church Lane has been able to handle the capacity. The overflow to the pond is working. Road from Woodbridge to the Chapel has been affected; road works have been in place to deal with the flooding. PO – report commissioned by Wiltshire Council has highlighted the weather conditions specific for North East Wiltshire. CG: A345 near Whistledown is badly affected by the weather; high volume of potholes and deterioration of the road. PO explained £15m has been taken out of the Highways budget. CG: haven't needed to use the gel sacks. Parish Emergency Assistance Scheme (PEAS) announced that after next year the sandbags and gel sacks will not be provided by Wiltshire Council. CG will ensure that we replenish our supplies and add to our budget from 2027. CG to put in the request for the Discretionary Gulley Service. b) Highways – CG reported issues in the village to MYWILTS, such as the deterioration of the area around the Yew Tree. Also, the crossroads where the car ploughed through the fence and damaged the post. c) Community Emergency Plan – completed and will be circulated. d) BKV – CG has reviewed the previous reports. Remedials are in hand. Application needs to be submitted by 19th April and judging starts in May. Spring Clean booked for 7th March to combine with the coffee morning. CG received notification that the phone box was overflowing with books. CG displayed a notice to discourage villagers dumping books – asked that they 'swap' books. e) Data Protection – paid to date f) Speeding Petition – ongoing; IG suggested 20 mile an hour speed limit for Rushall. CG requested the Speeding Petition be removed from the agenda, JR and IG second. g) SID – Currently have two SID's in the village. CG still moving them between villages and one needs new batteries. h) Risk Assessments – submitted to the website. i) Salt Bins – not used this winter as weather was reasonably mild. j) Whistledown Path – Phase 4 works link to Whistledown pathway. Wiltshire Council will not adopt the Whistledown pathway. Upavon Parish Council have met over the issues regarding the pathway. Only the bungalows are responsible for the maintenance. Covenant that 	<p>CG</p> <p>CR</p>

<p>was not disclosed to the residents.</p> <p>k) Defib – JR asked that villagers check to see if the window changes from green when passing – anything other than green will need to be reported to John. Lasted longer than anticipated. Budget allocated if it needs replacing.</p> <p>l) PO – Funding from council for future bus stops (£8m), Local nature recovery program, reinstating hedges, orchard and trees in the county. Waste; consulting on waste and implementing in 2027 – household recycling will move from 2 weekly to 3 weekly. Compton and Purton Recycling Sites were due to close, but this has been reversed due to public lobbying. Recycling Centres will now require you to book online. Food waste containers are coming into effect in the near future. Looking to reduce funding for the Link Scheme. Community Bus funding maybe stopped. Area Board review on how they are run. Foster Carers receive £260 per month to assist with the incredible work they do, but this will be stopped. Devolution is back on the agenda – leaders of Wiltshire and other counties are coming together-known as Heart of Wessex; there will be a Mayor to run this. Police Reform White Paper talks of a Mayor overrunning this and police reform.</p> <p>m) IG – WI would like to plant some wild flowers, would like to suggest places. CG proposed bank opposite Elm Row. WI will fund.</p>	
<p>17. Dates of next meetings:</p> <p>Thursday 28th May 2026 (AGM) *** 14 May*** New Date Thursday 16th July 2026 Thursday 26th November 2026</p>	
<p>Meeting concluded at 21.00hrs</p>	
<p>Signed:</p>	