



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 25th June 2026 7pm

The Village Hall, Hill Ridware, Rugeley, Staffordshire, WS15 3QT

MINUTES

In Attendance: Cllr's Kate Mason (Chairman), Sharon Lycett, Neil Cox, Vinay Patel Raaj, Barbara Steele & Martin Brown.

Parish Clerk: Robert Pritchard

Guest Councillors: None

Members of Public: 6

MEETING STARTED: 7:00PM

26/79 Apologies: Cllr Ian Lowe. In addition District Councillor K Vernon and County Councillor J Higgins.

26/80 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations: Cllr Sharon Lycett declared a conflict of interest on item 26/89.

26/81 Minutes: The minutes for the Annual Council Meeting held on 28th May 2026 were approved with an amendment to 26/68 – "Cllr Lowe reported that he had met with the neighbourhood plan steering group regarding monitoring of the neighbourhood plan. Work is ongoing." Moved by Cllr Cox and seconded by Cllr Mason.

26/82 Public Participation: A residents raised concerns about the overgrown condition of an allotment .

26/83 Reports from County and District Councillors (for information) if present. None

26/84 Clerk's Report: The report was approved. Moved by Cllr Mason and seconded by Cllr Steele.

26/85 Reports of Parish Councillors (for information): Cllr N Cox reported that the neighbourhood plan steering group will be approaching the council to confirm its views on the effectiveness of the Neighbourhood Plan.

26/86 Financial Matters

26/86.1 The following payments made under delegated authority were approved. Moved by Cllr Mason and seconded by Cllr Raaj.

ITEM	AMOUNT
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Planters	£49.00
Training	£48.00
Village Hall Hire	£61.00
Allotment Tap Repairs (CIL)	£150
Bouncy Castle Hire	£547.20
Printer Ink	£39.00
Annual Parish Assembly Expenses	£151.97
Training	£48.00
Flowers	£85.00
Staffing Costs	£1093.52

26/86.2 To approve pending payments. None

26/86.3 The financial reconciliation for May 2026 was approved. Moved by Cllr Mason and seconded by Cllr Steele.

26/87 Planning: There were no planning applications.

26/88 Update Bank Signatories: The council resolved to make all councillors signatories of Unity Trust Bank account. Moved by Cllr Raaj and seconded by Cllr Steele.

26/89 Grant Application: The council approved the grant application of £500 to Mavesyn Ridware PCC. Moved by Cllr Raaj and seconded by Cllr Steele.

26/90 Christmas Tree: To council resolved to seek permission to place a tree on the highways verge. Moved by Cllr Lycett and seconded by Cllr Steele.

26/91 Council Projects and Community Events: Cllr Cox reported that the scarecrow trail has 17 entrants this year. The event will be the same as in previous years, the winner of the scarecrow competition will be announced on Monday 29th June. Community Fest is on 12-4 Sunday with activities for families and all ages.

26/92 Items for next meeting: Q1 Budget Report & Strategic Plan discussion.

26/93 Date of next meeting: Council Meeting: Thursday 30th July 2026 at 7pm.

The meeting finished at 7.24pm.