



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 30th July 2026 7pm

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

MINUTES

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

Parish Clerk: Robert Pritchard

Guest Councillors: Keith Vernon (LDC) & Janet Higgins (SCC)

Members of Public: 6

MEETING STARTED: 7:00PM

26/94 Apologies: Cllr's Ian Lowe & Kate Mason (Chairman). In the absence of Cllr Kate Mason, Vice Chairman Cllr Barbara Steele acted as Chairman for the meeting.

26/95 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations: None.

26/96 Minutes: The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the Thursday 25th June 2026 were approved.

26/97 Public Participation: Residents raised the following issues. A resident reported they have received a copy of the Neighbourhood Steering Committee minutes from their last meeting. A perceived lack of pride in the village by the community was also raised, this was following comments on Facebook about dog waste in the parish. Roadworks on School Lane have caused rumours of housebuilding, the roadworks are related to drainage issues. The national scheme of "Tables of Welcome" was raised as a scheme to look into for the Community Spirit Group.

26/98 Reports from County and District Councillors (for information) if present:

Cllr J Higgins (SCC) reported on the Governments decision on Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) in Staffordshire. Cllr Higgins said she has held back some funding that council can apply for to help fund a Christmas Event. The give way sign at School Lane was raised as a concern by the Parish Council.

Cllr Keith Vernon (LDC) followed up with additional comments on LGR from Lichfield District Council perspective.

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26/99 Clerk's Report: The report from the Clerk and the arising actions were approved.

26/100 Reports of Parish Councillors (for information): The issue of dog waste was discussed, and residents were encouraged to report instances to Lichfield District Council.

26/101 Financial Matters

26/101.1 The following payments made delegated authority were approved.

ITEM	AMOUNT
Staffing Costs - June	£1093.52
MRPCC Grant	£500
Event Prize Costs	£90.00
Village Hall Hire	£19.00
Cable Ties	£4.50
Walk Leaflets	£91.00
Planters	£49.00

26/101.2 There were no pending payments.

26/101.3 The financial reconciliation for June 2026 was approved.

26/101.4 The budget report for 26/27 financial year (April - June 2026) was approved.

26/102 Planning: There were no applications to consider.

26/103 Strategic Plan Discussion: The council discussed how to update the Strategic Plan and the working group will report back at a later meeting.

26/104 Items for next meeting: Strategic Plan

26/105 Date of next meeting: Council Meeting: Thursday 24th September 2026 at 7pm.

26/107 Move in to closed session: The council resolved to move into a closed session and exclude the public and press, in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, due to the commercial or sensitive nature of business to be discussed.

26/108 Grass Cutting Tender 27/29: The council approved a draft grass cutting tender and delegated authority to the Clerk to make any minor amendments as required, in consultation with Councillors.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

CHAIRMAN SIGNATURE _____ **24th September 2026**

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