



Rushmere St. Andrew Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18th June 2026 at 7.30pm at St Andrew's Church Hall

CHAIRMAN:	Cllr R Whiting
PRESENT:	Cllr R Whiting, Cllr M Newton, Cllr J Wright, Cllr B Ward, Cllr R Nunn, Cllr M Odam, Cllr R Silburn, Cllr A Sayles, Cllr A Jeffreys
APOLOGIES:	Cllr M Brown, Cllr S Taylor, Cllr P Blundell, Cllr P Phillpot, Cllr D Francis
OTHER PRESENT:	Cllr E Bryce
CLERK:	Mrs S Stannard
ALSO PRESENT:	1 Members of the public

1. APOLOGIES, APPROVAL OF ABSENCE, PROTOCOL & CONDUCT REMINDERS

RESOLVED: To approve the apologies for absence were received as above.

2. DECLARATIONS OF COUNCILLOR INTEREST

Cllr Wright declared a non-pecuniary interest in SCL Landscape Management Ltd and KJ Fencing. Cllr Newton declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 6d.

TO SIGN, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7th MAY 2026

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 7th May 2026 be signed by the Chairman as a true record and adopted by the Council.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

a. Members of Public/Parish Councillors may Raise Items Relating to this Agenda or any Matter Concerning the Parish

It was reported that there were no litter at the seat opposite Limes Pond. Cllr Sayles completed her SALC training and found this very informative.

b. County Councillor's Report and District Councillor's Report

A County Councillor's report and District Councillor's Report were distributed to councillors prior to the meeting.

Matters arising: District Cllr Bryce updated Councillors on the Quarry application in Westerfield. She promised to send a HGV map and information about the traffic order process to the Clerk. Cllr Whiting made her aware of the objections against 155 The

Street. Clerk to email these to her to take up at the District. County Cllr Jeffreys updated councillors on the proposed island type crossing at Foxhall Road.

4. TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON 21st MAY 2026

The minutes of the environment and services committee meeting were distributed prior to the meeting.

NOTED: draft minutes noted.

5. FINANCE

a. To note expenditure authorised under delegated authority

None.

b. To note Community Infrastructure Levy received April 2026

The clerk informed councillors that the council received £37,500 CIL money and this was paid into the Parish Council's general account on 24/04/2025. The Council has 5 years to spend the money.

NOTED: councillors noted this.

c. To consider and approve the budget reconciliation and budget monitoring for April 2026 and May 2026

Budget reconciliations and budget monitoring were distributed prior to the meeting. The RFO explained the figures to councillors.

RESOLVED: To approve the budget reconciliations for April 2026 and May 2026. To approve the budget monitoring for April and May 2026.

d. To consider funding application submitted by Rushmere Baptist Church – Donations Fund 2026/27

The funding application was received from Rushmere Baptist Church for ITFC Foundation Course. £300 was requested. Councillors debated the merits of this application.

RESOLVED: To approve grant funding for £300 for the Rushmere Baptist Church in accordance with the funding application. Cllr Newton abstained.

e. Other Matters

None.

6. TO CONSIDER AND AGREE LAND TRANSFERS TO PARISH COUNCIL – BIXLEY FARM

Chater Land Holdings Ltd contacted the Council to ask whether it wished to accept the transfer of several parcels of land at Bixley Farm. The land would be gifted to the Parish Council; however, the Council would be responsible for the associated legal fees. Quotes for the legal work were requested from Birketts, Prettys and Attwells Solicitors, with some quotations still awaited. Councillors discussed the merits of accepting the land and the potential future maintenance costs. The land will be used as a village green and public open space.

RESOLVED: To approve, in principle, the transfer of the land at Bixley Farm to the Parish Council and to approve a maximum budget of £5,000 for the associated legal fees. Delegated authority was granted to the Environment and Services Committee to appoint a solicitor for the land transfer. If grant funding is not available, the earmarked reserves for land transfers (£2,000) and open space improvements (£3,000) will be used.

7. GENERAL PARISH MATTERS & CORRESPONDENCE

a. General Parish Matters

No matters arising.

b. Correspondence received

None

8. DETERMINATION OF ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

None

9. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.08pm.

