

RUSHBROOKE WITH ROUGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 6th July 2026 at the Sports Hall, Rougham at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs Sara Mildmay-White (SM-W), Jeff Horner (JH) Tracey Skoyles (TS) John Newman (JN), Christine Mason (CM) Parish Clerk Suffolk County Cllr Simon Alders

06/07/15 **Apologies**

Cllr Debbie Hockey, Cllr Sarah Whitlow.

06/07/16 **Declarations of Interest**

No declaration of Interests were made.

Dispensation

Councillors noted no requests for dispensations had been received and none were requested at the meeting.

06/07/17 **Approval of Minutes**

All Councillors resolved to accept the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 28th May 2026. SM-W to sign the minutes as a true reflection of the decisions made.

06/07/18 **County & District Reports**

SM-W's report was previously circulated. Topics included the first stage of the new local plan, known as a scoping exercise, which runs from 7th June to 28th July; Crest Nicholson are consulting on their master plan for Rougham Airfield for the next seven weeks, a drop in session is to be arranged by the parish council at Rougham Sports Hall; challenging time for residents with changes to the bin collections, report uncollected bins and similarly if bins have not arrived on the WSC reporting tool; the annual electoral canvass is now being

carried out; exhibition Edmund and the Great Hethan Army is running until 4th October at Moyes Hall; regarding the proposed asylum seekers accommodation, WSC has written to the Home Office stating that WSC does not consider this to be suitable to house over 1000 asylum seekers.

06/07/19 **Public Forum**

No members of the public were present.

06/07/20 **Finance**

a. All Councillors confirmed receipt of the bank reconciliation prior to the meeting and agreed this matched the bank statements to 30th June 2026.

Balance of the Community Account stands at £5,795.75 and with £37,067.48 in the Premium Account, the Parish Council has £42,863.23 in the bank.

b. It was resolved payments to be approved at the meeting and payments made since the last meeting be accepted.

Internal Auditor	160.00
Community Heartbeat	162.00
Playing Field bins	183.04
Warden's salary May	176.31
Clerk's annual expenses	191.64
Clerk's Salary May	519.48
Hall hire	20.00
Warden's salary June	176.31
Clerk's salary June	519.48

06/07/21 **Planning**

DC/26/0764/HH

Proposal: Householder planning application - single storey outbuilding for use as garage/storage building Oakwood Mount Road Rougham Suffolk IP31 2QX

Parish Council response: Difficult to comment due to lack of details.

DC/26/0915/RM

Proposal: Reserved matters application - a. submission of details under outline planning permission DC/15/2483/OUT the means of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for Northern Neighbourhood Phase 5A pursuant to condition one of Outline Planning Permission Reference DC/15/2483/OUT

for the construction of 126 dwellings (Use Class C3) (consisting of 87 Build to Rent dwellings and 39 affordable homes), internal access roads, public open space, car and cycle parking, landscaping, tree works, Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems, and associated infrastructure b. discharge of conditions 8,10,11, 22 of DC/15/2483/OUT

Land South Rougham Hill Rougham Hill Bury St Edmunds Suffolk Mr Robert Eburne, Denbury Homes Limited.

Parish Council response: No comments.

DC/26/0890/HH

Place Farm Barns: Householder planning application - single storey detached annexe.

It is a class Q so we are only consultees. The PC agreed to put in an objection on highway safety as the proposed access does not meet required visibility standards for a 60mph road.

06/07/22

County Report

Matters raised included the planning application for Cargate and the need for properly constructed passing places, currently being progressed by Highways; Rougham Airfield masterplan is out for consultation; concerns were expressed that much needed health facilities have been turned down by the Integrated Care Board; the protests outside RAF Barnham in relation to the Home Office decision to house asylum seekers at the camp will continue every Sunday and also if it is opened in January. WSC and SCC have both written to the Home Office expressing their opposition to the plans; £18.9 million pounds of capital funding has been agreed for SEN provision.

06/07/23

Play equipment grant – future investment

An agreement set up in 2009 between the Sports Hall and the parish council to pay £500 towards play equipment maintenance costs was discussed and for vat purposes, a certain sum was agreed to be ringfenced within the PC's bank account each year. Specific details to be discussed at the November budget meeting. The Sports Hall to informed of the decision.

06/07/24 **Speed signs**

A thank you to JH and the Wednesday Warriors for unpacking and putting together the two new solar speed signs. Locations have been identified and once approval has been given by SCC for the new posts, the speed cameras will be activated. Additional clips and brackets will be required, details to be sent to the clerk, JH, to action.

Following a request for signage at Mouse Lane, it was agreed that four A2 signs saying 'Children Playing' are purchased and attached to the lamp posts. Cost per sign £26 – unanimously approved. Contact JH if any additional signage is required elsewhere in the village.

06/07/25 **Use of events funds**

A suggestion put forward is for a rounders match to be organized. JH to speak with a neighbour for details.

06/07/26 **Kingshall Street Footpath**

A resident has complained that the footpath installed by Barley Homes is not up to standard and does not satisfy the requirement for a link to the existing rights of way. In response, Frank Cracknell stated the footpath, marked by posts and ropes, is only temporary in both material and location due to possible alternative routes within any proposed future developments.

Bus stop opposite the Kingshall development - the disputed ownership of the grass verge is ongoing.

06/07/27 **Correspondence**

The next West Suffolk Town and Parish Forum will be held on 28 July 2026 from 18.45 to 20.30 at Newmarket.

06/07/28 **Any other council business to be noted for inclusion in a future meeting**

Identified within the meeting.

06/07/29 **Confidential section of the meeting**

To resolve that, in accordance with the public bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

a. Review of Warden’s role

Cllrs agreed that for transparency purposes, a monthly time sheet ought to be completed by the village warden. SM-W to make contact with DL.

b. Annual pay increase

Deferred until the LGA approve the annual pay rise.

06/07/30 **Chair to close the meeting**
The meeting closed at 8.55pm

Date of next meeting 7th September 2026 at 7.00pm.

Signed

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