

RUSHBROOKE WITH ROUGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 7th September 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), Cllr Sarah Whitlow (SW), Cllr Debbie Hockey (DH), Christine Mason (CM) Parish Clerk, and a representative from the Innovation Centre, Bury St Edmunds and one member of the public.

07/09/31 **Apologies**

County Cllr Simon Aalders

07/09/32 **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.

07/09/33 **Approval of Minutes**

Amendment to minutes: Agenda item 07/09/39 to read 'Locations have been identified with confirmation given by Cllr Aalders that the cameras and posts can be installed at agreed locations'. All Councillors resolved to accept the amended minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 6th July 2026. SM-W to sign the minutes as a true reflection of the decisions made.

Matters arising from the minutes included positive feedback relating to the footpath at Kingshall Street, the village warden has been contacted and he is happy with completing a time sheet.

07/09/34 **County & District Reports**

A written report from County Cllr Aalders was read out by SM-W.

Comments regarding the lack of a clear water resilience and water capture plan at the new Rougham Airfield development have been put into the broader SCC submission; there is also a significant challenge regarding archaeological exploration across the whole site; the LGR process for Suffolk has been withdrawn by the Government, this saves Suffolk at least £40m and doesn't derail all the improvements that are being delivered in the various departments for Children and Young Peoples.

SM-W's report included the West Suffolk Local Plan Call For Sites, developers and landowners have put forward sites for consideration for housing, employment infrastructure etc; West Suffolk Council will now be assessing each of the 328 sites in line with Government guidance; Rougham Airfield master plan, this site was allocated for homes and employment growth in the current local plan. Once the master plan is adopted by West Suffolk Council it will inform the developer's planning application for this site; Planning and Infrastructure Act 2026, the Government has introduced changes to the way planning applications are dealt with by Councils; Rougham Hill development, planning permission was granted in August for the redevelopment of Rougham Hill former household waste site.

07/09/35

Public Forum

There is still a need for someone to come forward to regularly check the defibrillator at the shop; for safety reasons, a very large tree at Wheelwright Close needs to be inspected, along with the adjacent Oak Tree, Damien Parker, WSC Leisure & Parks Manager to be contacted.

On behalf of Innov8 Workshops, an alternative education provider for young people facing challenges in mainstream education, the parish council were asked whether they would consider providing a letter of support for the change of use planning application proposal for a new building allowing the charity not only to expand their capabilities but to increase employment with the creation of 11-14 new jobs. Following discussion, it was unanimously agreed the parish council would write a letter of support of the application to the planning authority, with an added request that additional appropriate parking signage is provided at Intech House.

07/09/36

Finance

a. All Councillors confirmed receipt of the bank reconciliation prior to the meeting and agreed this matched the bank statements to 31st July 2026. Balance of the Community Account stands at £4,4474.44 and with £37,067.48 in the Premium Account, the Parish Council has £41,541.92 in the bank.

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

Presented cheque	625.92
Warden's salary July	176.11
Clerk's salary	519.28
Clerk's salary August	519.48
Admin x 6 months	156.00
Warden's salary August	176.31
Room hire	20.00
Rougham Estate rent	56.14
ICO	52.00

The income against budget figures from April – September were reviewed and accepted.

S106 monies from Kingshall Street, earmarked for recreational purposes will be known shortly, an agenda item at the November meeting.

Simon Edell to be contacted for an update on the school car park and fencing, to be discussed at the November meeting.

A bank account for Mouse Lane play equipment is to be closed and the balance of £894.21 will be transferred to the Parish Council by cheque. With repairs

required to the bench , it was agreed the cost to be met by the extra income. Wednesday Warriors to be approached to ascertain whether they would be willing to restore the bench as part of a community project. A thank you was given to Hayley for all the work she has previously carried out.

As part of the food pantry at the church, SM-W offered to pay for a new box from her locality budget, JH to liaise with SM-W. A request for a grant to the Wednesday Warriors was considered and the sum of £200 was approved.

07/09/37 **Planning**

No further planning applications.

07/09/38 **Rougham Airfield Master Plan**

Concerns were raised that although health facilities are included in the Master Plan, the ICB have turned down the opportunity to provide much needed health care provision at the allocated site. A letter from the PC to be sent to the MP and CEO of ICB. SM-W and the clerk to liaise.

07/09/39 **Speed signs**

With additional items required prior to the installation of the speed devices, a definitive list for all updated costs to be discussed at the November precept meeting, JH to action. A quotation for four poles to be obtained by JN, Michael Nunn to be asked to requote for the installation costs.

07/09/40 **Footpaths**

At an extra cost, Tony has cut back the overgrown hedge between Smithy Close and the school; confirmed a section of the pathway from Kingshall Street to High Rougham is narrow but passable.

07/09/41 **Mouse Lane Playa Area**

Concerning an email from a resident regarding his fence and the weeds, the parish council agreed to ask Tony to cut as close as possible, thereby, avoiding damaging the fence. The resident to be informed of the decision

07/09/42 **Correspondence**

Parish Council was advised that Rougham Estates would no longer be paying for rat treatment in the school car park. The situation will be monitored and school requested to ensure no litter is left in the car park. The new homes at the Kingshall Street development have all sold bar one. Still no action on the overgrown gardens at Smithy Close.

07/09/43 **Any other business to be noted**

The Parish Council Christmas Walk will take place on Saturday 12th December at 3.30 following a sing-along in the pub at 1.30pm.

Concert to be held on Wednesday 9th December at 7.00pm.

07/09/44 **Chair to close the meeting**

With no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.40pm.

07/09/45 **Date of next meeting**

23rd November 2026 at 7.00pm.

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