

ROWSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

For the Annual Meeting of the Council held on Monday 18 May 2026 in the WI Room at Rowsley Village Hall

Present: Councillor V Friend Chair
Councillor K Rowney Vice Chair, Councillor R Hockley, Councillor K Potter, Councillor J Wildgoose

In Attendance: S Stockdale – Locum Clerk

27/1 Election of Chairman

The first item of business transacted was the election of Chairman. Councillor R Hockley proposed and Councillor J Wildgoose seconded that Councillor V Friend be elected as Chairman. **RESOLVED:** That Councillor V Friend be elected as Chairman of the Parish Council for the period to the next Annual Meeting of the Council

27/2 Election of Vice Chairman

Councillor J Wildgoose proposed and Councillor R Hockley seconded that that Councillor K Rowney be elected as Vice Chairman. **RESOLVED:** That Councillor K Rowney be elected as Vice Chairman of the Parish Council for the period to the next Annual Meeting of the Council

27/3 Apologies for absence

Councillor S Hobson

27/4 Declarations of Interest

None

27/5 To approve Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2026 Annual Governance Statement (Section 1)

The Responsible Financial Officer certified that the financial position of the authority and its income and expenditure presented fairly the financial position in accordance with Regulation 12 (1) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015. The Clerk submitted the Annual Governance Statement (Section 1) of the Annual Return. This was considered by members and approved.

RESOLVED: That the Annual Governance Statement (Section 1) Is approved and that the Chairman and Clerk be authorised to sign the return.

**27/6 To approve the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2026
Accounting Statements (Section 2)**

The Clerk submitted the Accounting Statements (Section 2) of the Annual Return. This was considered by members and approved. RESOLVED: That the Accounting Statements (Section 2) Is approved and that the Chairman and Clerk be authorised to sign the return.

27/7 To note the Internal Audit Report for 2025/26

The Internal Auditors report was noted.

27/8 To approve the Accounts for 2025/26

The Accounts for 2025/26 were approved.

27/9 To agree the terms of engagement for the 2026/27 Internal Audit

The Terms of engagement for the 2026/27 Internal Audit were agreed.

27/10 Appointments to outside bodies

Councillor J Wildgoose was elected as the representative on the Village Hall Committee.

Councillor R Hockley was appointed to carry out car boot checks.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm.