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## **Rushden and Wallington Parish Council**

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026 – To Councillors :

Kate Heath (Chair), Graham Lamb, Stephen Pettyfer, Jenny Barlow, Sue Lewis

You are requested to attend the following meeting:

### **Rushden and Wallington Parish Council Meeting**

**to be held on**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 8.00pm**

**at**

**Wallington Village Hall**

Members of the public and press are also invited to attend this meeting either in person or via Zoom using the links below :

8.00pm to 8.30pm – Part 1

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74378504951?pwd=EcASUxfoDrTAUaRHm8l5z6qLOsHW7c.1>

8.30 to 9.00pm – Part 2

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74513602227?pwd=onIXHqiD2IZe0csJ9Ezf5QQsvIrfYk.1>

9.00pm to 9.30pm – Part 3

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71301644790?pwd=REeRvHL3q81a8WkOdIoICVlp5a5hXb.1>

9.30pm to 10.00pm (if required) – Part 4

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77124255851?pwd=IgLSlTNMnyFYU15oTAGbooXFe7WLvFS.1>

*Mark and Michelle Hopley  
Clerks to Rushden and Wallington Parish Council*

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## AGENDA FOR ANNUAL MEETING

| Item   | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| 26/001 | To elect the Chair for 2026-27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Action - New Chair to sign and Clerk to witness 'declaration of acceptance of Office' form in order for the new Chair to preside over the meeting.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 26/002 | To receive and accept apologies for absence.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 26/003 | Declarations of interest and dispensations <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda</li><li>b) To receive written requests for dispensations for declarable interests</li><li>c) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 26/004 | To confirm the Responsible Financial Officer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 26/005 | To consider the financial reports for the year ending 31 March 2026 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Parish Income &amp; Expenditure Report and Reserves Report</li><li>b) Year on Year Variance Analysis</li><li>c) Bank Reconciliation</li><li>d) Spend Against RW PC Budget</li><li>e) Detailed Accounts</li><li>f) Asset Register</li><li>g) Barclays &amp; Lloyds Bank Statement for Current Account</li><li>h) Barclays &amp; Lloyds Bank Statement for Savings / Reserve Account</li></ul> |
| 26/006 | To consider / approve the Annual Governance Statement (Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 25/26 Part 2 – Section 1 (Page 5)) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Action – Chair &amp; Clerk to sign the form</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 26/007 | To consider / approve the Accounting Statements (Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 25/26 Part 2 – Section 2 (Page 6)) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Action – Chair &amp; RFO to sign the form</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 26/008 | To consider/approve the Internal Audit Report (Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 25/26 Part 2 – Page 4)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 26/009 | Formal Declaration that Rushden and Wallington Parish Council are an exempt authority (Annual Governance and Accountability Return 25/26 Part 2 – Page 3 of AGAR) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Action – Chair &amp; RFO to sign the form</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 26/010 | Review ; <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Standing orders</li><li>b) Finance Regulations</li><li>c) Risk Register</li><li>d) IT &amp; Data Protection Policy</li><li>e) Planning process</li><li>f) Code of Conduct.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 26/011 | Confirm date of next Annual meeting for Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2027 and any items to be included on that agenda.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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# Rushden and Wallington Parish Council Financial Statements - 1/4/2025 - 31/3/2026

## Reserves - Income and Expenditure for the year

|                                     | 2023-24            | 2024-25            | 2025-26            |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Opening Cash Balance b/f            | £11,224.22         | £10,728.29         | £10,653.01         |
| Income (Precept & Grant)            | £4,850.00          | £4,850.00          | £4,500.00          |
| Other Income                        | £367.72            | £286.91            | £165.54            |
| <b>Total Annual Income</b>          | <b>£5,217.72</b>   | <b>£5,136.91</b>   | <b>£4,665.54</b>   |
| Wallington Neighbourhood Plan Grant | £4,270.00          | £397.84            |                    |
| <b>Total Income</b>                 | <b>£9,487.72</b>   | <b>£5,534.75</b>   | <b>£4,665.54</b>   |
| Staff Costs                         | (£600.00)          | (£600.00)          | (£600.00)          |
| Other Expenditure                   | (£3,162.60)        | (£3,589.24)        | (£2,399.72)        |
| <b>Total Annual Costs</b>           | <b>(£3,762.60)</b> | <b>(£4,189.24)</b> | <b>(£2,999.72)</b> |
| Wallington Neighbourhood Plan Costs | (£6,221.05)        | (£1,420.79)        |                    |
| <b>Total Costs</b>                  | <b>(£9,983.65)</b> | <b>(£5,610.03)</b> | <b>(£2,999.72)</b> |
| Closing Cash Balance Balance c/f    | <b>£10,728.29</b>  | <b>£10,653.01</b>  | <b>£12,318.83</b>  |
| Cash Inflow / (Outflow) in the Year | (£495.93)          | (£75.28)           | £1,665.82          |
| Check                               | OK                 | OK                 | OK                 |
| <u>Asset Register</u>               |                    |                    |                    |
| Fixed Assets                        | £4,040.00          | £4,041.00          | £4,041.00          |

## Income and Expenditure Splitting Out Respective Villages Balance carried forward to 2025-26

|                             | TOTAL           | RUSHDEN       | WALLINGTON    |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| PC Income                   | 4,665.54        | 3,097.35      | 1,568.19      |
| PC Costs                    | (2,999.72)      | (2,283.51)    | (716.22)      |
| <b>Under / (Over) Spend</b> | <b>1,665.82</b> | <b>813.85</b> | <b>851.97</b> |

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## Reconcile Total Under / (Over) Spend to Budget to Non Budgeted Spend

|                                        | TOTAL         |
|----------------------------------------|---------------|
| Total Inflow / (Outflow) - From above  | 1,665.82      |
| Total Under / (Over) Spend Vs Budget   | 1,538.53      |
| <b>Difference</b>                      | <b>127.29</b> |
| <u>Explained by Non Budgeted Items</u> |               |
| VAT Refund - RWPC                      | 87.50         |
| Bank Charges                           | (38.25)       |
| Bank Interest received                 | 78.04         |
|                                        | <b>127.29</b> |

## RUSHDEN & WALLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS FOR 2025-26

### Year-on-Year Comparison 2025-26 Vs 2024-25 (Split by Parish)

| TOTAL PARISH                  | 2023-24<br>Total              | 2024-25<br>Total              | 2025-26<br>Total              | Y-on-Y<br>Variance         | Reason for Movement in 2024-25                                                                                                                              |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>INCOME</b>                 |                               |                               |                               |                            |                                                                                                                                                             |
| Precept                       | 4,850.00                      | 4,850.00                      | 4,500.00                      | (350.00)                   | Our precept request was reduced back down to pre high inflationary levels at £4,500                                                                         |
| Interest & bank charges       | 52.31                         | 155.59                        | 78.04                         | (77.55)                    | Lower Interest rates and newly Introduced Bank charges in the year of £38.25                                                                                |
| Other                         | 315.41                        | 131.32                        | 87.50                         | (43.82)                    | Different annual VAT recovery levels depending upon what works are VAT applicable in any one year                                                           |
| Wallington Neighbourhood Plan | 4,270.00                      | 397.84                        | 0.00                          | (397.84)                   | No WNP Activity in 2025-26 as WNP was completed in 2023-24 and WNP final VAT Reclaim in 2024-25 from 2023-24 WNP Spend                                      |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>           | <b>9,487.72</b>               | <b>5,534.75</b>               | <b>4,665.54</b>               | <b>(869.21)</b>            | No WNP Grant in 2024-25 as WNP was completed in 2023-24                                                                                                     |
| <b>COSTS</b>                  |                               |                               |                               |                            |                                                                                                                                                             |
| Staff                         | (600.00)                      | (600.00)                      | (600.00)                      | 0.00                       |                                                                                                                                                             |
| Insurance                     | (738.88)                      | (741.25)                      | (734.95)                      | 6.30                       |                                                                                                                                                             |
| Maintenance                   | (1,976.94)                    | (2,272.37)                    | (1,040.00)                    | 1,232.37                   | No Wallington Tree work in 2025-26 compared to 2024-25 and there were less grass cuts in 2025-26 than the PYR.                                              |
| Subscriptions                 | (280.79)                      | (378.70)                      | (455.25)                      | (76.55)                    | Current Run rate for IT / Website support now that the PC is 100% online and updated to the .Gov.UK website domain and emails.                              |
| Other                         | (165.99)                      | (196.92)                      | (169.52)                      | 27.40                      |                                                                                                                                                             |
| Wallington Neighbourhood Plan | (6,221.05)                    | (1,420.79)                    | 0.00                          | 1,420.79                   | No WNP costs or repayments in 2025-26 as the WNP was completed in 2023-24 and the 2024-25 costs represent the repayment of the unutilised 2023-24 WNP grant |
| <b>TOTAL COSTS</b>            | <b>(9,983.65)</b>             | <b>(5,610.03)</b>             | <b>(2,999.72)</b>             | <b>2,610.31</b>            |                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>    | <b>(495.93)</b>               | <b>(75.28)</b>                | <b>1,665.82</b>               | <b>1,741.10</b>            |                                                                                                                                                             |
|                               | OK                            | OK                            | OK                            |                            |                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>RUSHDEN</b>                | <b>2023-24<br/>Rushden</b>    | <b>2024-25<br/>Rushden</b>    | <b>2025-26<br/>Rushden</b>    | <b>Y-on-Y<br/>Variance</b> | <b>Reason for Movement in 2024-25</b>                                                                                                                       |
| <b>INCOME</b>                 |                               |                               |                               |                            |                                                                                                                                                             |
| Precept                       | 3,233.33                      | 3,233.33                      | 3,000.00                      | (233.33)                   | Our precept request was reduced back down to pre high inflationary levels at £4,500                                                                         |
| Interest & bank charges       | 26.16                         | 77.80                         | 39.02                         | (38.78)                    | Lower Interest rates and newly Introduced Bank charges in the year of £38.25                                                                                |
| Other                         | 227.19                        | 87.88                         | 58.33                         | (29.55)                    | Different annual VAT recovery levels depending upon what works are VAT applicable in any one year                                                           |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>           | <b>3,486.68</b>               | <b>3,399.01</b>               | <b>3,097.35</b>               | <b>(301.66)</b>            |                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>COSTS</b>                  |                               |                               |                               |                            |                                                                                                                                                             |
| Staff                         | (400.00)                      | (400.00)                      | (400.00)                      | 0.00                       |                                                                                                                                                             |
| Insurance                     | (428.49)                      | (433.37)                      | (433.37)                      | 0.00                       |                                                                                                                                                             |
| Maintenance                   | (1,449.63)                    | (1,459.91)                    | (1,040.00)                    | 419.91                     | There were less grass cuts in 2025-26 than the PYR.                                                                                                         |
| Subscriptions                 | (187.19)                      | (252.47)                      | (303.50)                      | (51.03)                    | Current Run rate for IT / Website support now that the PC is 100% online and updated to the .Gov.UK website domain and emails.                              |
| Other                         | (125.99)                      | (131.28)                      | (106.64)                      | 24.64                      |                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>TOTAL COSTS</b>            | <b>(2,591.30)</b>             | <b>(2,677.03)</b>             | <b>(2,283.51)</b>             | <b>393.52</b>              |                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>    | <b>895.38</b>                 | <b>721.98</b>                 | <b>813.85</b>                 | <b>91.87</b>               |                                                                                                                                                             |
|                               | OK                            | OK                            | OK                            |                            |                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>WALLINGTON</b>             | <b>2023-24<br/>Wallington</b> | <b>2024-25<br/>Wallington</b> | <b>2025-26<br/>Wallington</b> | <b>Y-on-Y<br/>Variance</b> | <b>Reason for Movement in 2024-25</b>                                                                                                                       |
| <b>INCOME</b>                 |                               |                               |                               |                            |                                                                                                                                                             |
| Precept                       | 1,616.67                      | 1,616.67                      | 1,500.00                      | (116.67)                   | Our precept request was reduced back down to pre high inflationary levels at £4,500                                                                         |
| Interest & bank charges       | 26.16                         | 77.80                         | 39.02                         | (38.78)                    | Lower Interest rates and newly Introduced Bank charges in the year of £38.25                                                                                |
| Other                         | 88.22                         | 43.44                         | 29.17                         | (14.27)                    | VAT Recovery levels                                                                                                                                         |
| Wallington Neighbourhood Plan | 4,270.00                      | 397.84                        | 0.00                          | (397.84)                   | No WNP Activity in 2025-26 as WNP was completed in 2023-24 and WNP final VAT Reclaim in 2024-25 from 2023-24 WNP Spend                                      |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>           | <b>6,001.04</b>               | <b>2,135.74</b>               | <b>1,568.19</b>               | <b>(567.56)</b>            | Lower WNP Grant Income                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>COSTS</b>                  |                               |                               |                               |                            |                                                                                                                                                             |
| Staff                         | (200.00)                      | (200.00)                      | (200.00)                      | 0.00                       |                                                                                                                                                             |
| Insurance                     | (310.39)                      | (307.88)                      | (301.58)                      | 6.30                       |                                                                                                                                                             |
| Maintenance                   | (527.31)                      | (812.46)                      | 0.00                          | 812.46                     | No Wallington Tree work in 2025-26 compared to 2024-25.                                                                                                     |
| Subscriptions                 | (93.60)                       | (126.23)                      | (151.75)                      | (25.52)                    | Current Run rate for IT / Website support now that the PC is 100% online and updated to the .Gov.UK website domain and emails.                              |
| Other                         | (40.00)                       | (65.64)                       | (62.88)                       | 2.76                       |                                                                                                                                                             |
| Wallington Neighbourhood Plan | (6,221.05)                    | (1,420.79)                    | 0.00                          | 1,420.79                   | No WNP costs or repayments in 2025-26 as the WNP was completed in 2023-24 and the 2024-25 costs represent the repayment of the unutilised 2023-24 WNP grant |
| <b>TOTAL COSTS</b>            | <b>(7,392.35)</b>             | <b>(2,933.00)</b>             | <b>(716.22)</b>               | <b>2,216.79</b>            | Lower WNP costs & less tree work                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>    | <b>(1,391.31)</b>             | <b>(797.26)</b>               | <b>851.97</b>                 | <b>1,649.23</b>            | Final Year of WNP & deferred tree work                                                                                                                      |
|                               | OK                            | OK                            | OK                            | OK                         |                                                                                                                                                             |

# RUSHDEN & WALLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS FOR 2025-26

Cash Book / Bank Recor1/4/2025 - 31/3/2026

| Bank Date  | Barclays /<br>Lloyds<br>Savings<br>Account | Cumulative<br>Total | Barclays /<br>Lloyds<br>Current<br>Account | Cumulative<br>Total | Running<br>Total of<br>Combined<br>Acc's | Description                                                                                             |
|------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2025-26    | £9,652.96                                  | 9,652.96            | 1,000.05                                   | 1,000.05            | 10,653.01                                |                                                                                                         |
| 09/04/2025 | 8.17                                       | 9,661.13            |                                            |                     | 10,661.18                                | Interest on Lloyds Savings Account                                                                      |
| 10/04/2025 |                                            |                     | 2,250.00                                   | 3,250.05            | 12,911.18                                | Precept 2025-26 - Payment 1 of 2                                                                        |
| 10/04/2025 | 2,250.00                                   | 11,911.13           | (2,250.00)                                 | 1,000.05            | 12,911.18                                | Tfr to Savings a/c                                                                                      |
| 28/04/2025 | (276.26)                                   | 11,634.87           | 276.26                                     | 1,276.31            | 12,911.18                                | Tfr from Savings a/c                                                                                    |
| 28/04/2025 | (214.00)                                   | 11,420.87           | 214.00                                     | 1,490.31            | 12,911.18                                | Tfr from Savings a/c                                                                                    |
| 01/05/2025 |                                            |                     | (276.26)                                   | 1,214.05            | 12,634.92                                | Annual Subscription to HAPTC 2025-26                                                                    |
| 01/05/2025 |                                            |                     | (214.00)                                   | 1,000.05            | 12,420.92                                | Parish Council Insurance (Zurich) 2025-26                                                               |
| 06/05/2025 |                                            |                     | 87.50                                      | 1,087.55            | 12,508.42                                | VAT Refund for PC from April 2024 - March 2025                                                          |
| 06/05/2025 | 87.50                                      | 11,508.37           | (87.50)                                    | 1,000.05            | 12,508.42                                | Tfr to Savings a/c                                                                                      |
| 06/05/2025 | (195.00)                                   | 11,313.37           | 195.00                                     | 1,195.05            | 12,508.42                                | Tfr from Savings a/c                                                                                    |
| 06/05/2025 |                                            |                     | (195.00)                                   | 1,000.05            | 12,313.42                                | Rushden Churchyard Maintenance - Cuts 1, 2 & 3 w/e 4.4, 17.4 & 29.4                                     |
| 09/05/2025 | 8.02                                       | 11,321.39           |                                            |                     | 12,321.44                                | Interest on Lloyds Savings Reserves Account                                                             |
| 09/06/2025 | (130.00)                                   | 11,191.39           | 130.00                                     | 1,130.05            | 12,321.44                                | Tfr from Savings a/c                                                                                    |
| 26/06/2025 |                                            |                     | (130.00)                                   | 1,000.05            | 12,191.44                                | Rushden Churchyard Maintenance - Cuts 4 & 5 w/e 15.5 & 29.5                                             |
| 09/06/2025 | 7.53                                       | 11,198.92           |                                            |                     | 12,198.97                                | Interest on Lloyds Savings Reserves Account                                                             |
| 03/07/2025 | (130.00)                                   | 11,068.92           | 130.00                                     | 1,130.05            | 12,198.97                                | Tfr from Savings a/c                                                                                    |
| 08/07/2025 |                                            |                     | (130.00)                                   | 1,000.05            | 12,068.97                                | Rushden Churchyard Maintenance - Cuts 6 & 7 w/e 12.6 & 26.6                                             |
| 09/07/2025 | 6.43                                       | 11,075.35           |                                            |                     | 12,075.40                                | Interest on Lloyds Savings Reserves Account                                                             |
| 21/07/2025 |                                            |                     | (4.25)                                     | 995.80              | 12,071.15                                | Bank Charges - May 2025 (1st Charge)                                                                    |
| 22/07/2025 | (4.25)                                     | 11,071.10           | 4.25                                       | 1,000.05            | 12,071.15                                | Tfr from Savings a/c - May 2025 Bank Charges                                                            |
| 11/08/2025 | 7.01                                       | 11,078.11           |                                            |                     | 12,078.16                                | Interest on Lloyds Savings Reserves Account                                                             |
| 19/08/2025 |                                            |                     | (4.25)                                     | 995.80              | 12,073.91                                | Bank Charges - June 2025 (2nd Charge)                                                                   |
| 03/09/2025 | (4.25)                                     | 11,073.86           | 4.25                                       | 1,000.05            | 12,073.91                                | Tfr from Savings a/c - June 2025 Bank Charges                                                           |
| 09/09/2025 | 6.13                                       | 11,079.99           |                                            |                     | 12,080.04                                | Interest on Lloyds Savings Account                                                                      |
| 11/09/2025 |                                            |                     | 2,250.00                                   | 3,250.05            | 14,330.04                                | Precept 2025-26 - Payment 2 of 2                                                                        |
| 16/09/2025 | 1,990.00                                   | 13,069.99           | (1,990.00)                                 | 1,260.05            | 14,330.04                                | Tfr of Precept Less CGS Invoice (£2,250 - £260) to Savings a/c                                          |
| 19/09/2025 |                                            |                     | (4.25)                                     | 1,255.80            | 14,325.79                                | Bank Charges - July 2025 (3rd Charge)                                                                   |
| 30/09/2025 |                                            |                     | (47.00)                                    | 1,208.80            | 14,278.79                                | Direct Debit to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) - GDPR for 2025-26                          |
| 09/10/2025 | 6.22                                       | 13,076.21           |                                            |                     | 14,285.01                                | Interest on Lloyds Savings Account                                                                      |
| 17/10/2025 |                                            |                     | (260.00)                                   | 948.80              | 14,025.01                                | Rushden Churchyard Maintenance - Cuts 8,9,10 & 11 w/e 18.7, 7.8, 1.9 & 13.9                             |
| 17/10/2025 | (281.50)                                   | 12,794.71           | 281.50                                     | 1,230.30            | 14,025.01                                | Tfr from Savings a/c for £4.25 Bank Charges, £47 ICO DD Fee & £230.25 Wallington Common Trust Insurance |
| 20/10/2025 |                                            |                     | (230.25)                                   | 1,000.05            | 13,794.76                                | Donation to Wallington Common Trust (NFU Mutual) - Insurance to 21/10/26                                |
| 20/10/2025 |                                            |                     | (4.25)                                     | 995.80              | 13,790.51                                | Bank Charges - August 2025 (4th Charge)                                                                 |
| 10/11/2025 | (4.25)                                     | 12,790.46           | 4.25                                       | 1,000.05            | 13,790.51                                | Tfr from Savings a/c - July 2025 Bank Charges                                                           |
| 10/11/2025 | (4.25)                                     | 12,786.21           | 4.25                                       | 1,004.30            | 13,790.51                                | Tfr from Savings a/c - August 2025 Bank Charges                                                         |
| 10/11/2025 | (600.00)                                   | 12,186.21           | 600.00                                     | 1,604.30            | 13,790.51                                | Tfr from Savings a/c                                                                                    |
| 10/11/2025 | (12.99)                                    | 12,173.22           | 12.99                                      | 1,617.29            | 13,790.51                                | Tfr from Savings a/c                                                                                    |
| 10/11/2025 | (59.99)                                    | 12,113.23           | 59.99                                      | 1,677.28            | 13,790.51                                | Tfr from Savings a/c                                                                                    |
| 10/11/2025 | 6.75                                       | 12,119.98           |                                            |                     | 13,797.26                                | Interest on Lloyds Savings Account                                                                      |
| 18/11/2025 |                                            |                     | (4.25)                                     | 1,673.03            | 13,793.01                                | Bank Charges - September 2025 (5th Charge)                                                              |
| 25/11/2025 | (195.00)                                   | 11,924.98           | 195.00                                     | 1,868.03            | 13,793.01                                | Tfr from Savings a/c                                                                                    |
| 25/11/2025 | (4.25)                                     | 11,920.73           | 4.25                                       | 1,872.28            | 13,793.01                                | Tfr from Savings a/c - September 2025 Bank Charges                                                      |
| 25/11/2025 |                                            |                     | (600.00)                                   | 1,272.28            | 13,193.01                                | Clerk's Payroll (from Oct 2024 - Oct 2025)                                                              |
| 25/11/2025 |                                            |                     | (12.99)                                    | 1,259.29            | 13,180.02                                | Clerk's Expenses - Stationary & IT Equipment                                                            |
| 25/11/2025 |                                            |                     | (59.99)                                    | 1,199.30            | 13,120.03                                | NetNerd email Hosting costs (Paid by Clerk) - 2025-26                                                   |
| 25/11/2025 |                                            |                     | (195.00)                                   | 1,004.30            | 12,925.03                                | Rushden Churchyard Maintenance - Cuts 12,13 & 14 w/e 20.9, 20.10 & 19.11                                |
| 09/12/2025 | 5.73                                       | 11,926.46           |                                            |                     | 12,930.76                                | Interest on Lloyds Savings / Barclays Premium Account                                                   |
| 19/12/2025 |                                            |                     | (4.25)                                     | 1,000.05            | 12,926.51                                | Bank Charges - October 2025 (6th Charge)                                                                |
| 09/01/2026 | 6.08                                       | 11,932.54           |                                            |                     | 12,932.59                                | Interest on Lloyds Savings Account                                                                      |
| 19/01/2026 |                                            |                     | (4.25)                                     | 995.80              | 12,928.34                                | Bank Charges - November 2025 (7th Charge)                                                               |
| 09/02/2026 | 5.39                                       | 11,937.93           |                                            |                     | 12,933.73                                | Interest on Lloyds Savings Account                                                                      |
| 17/02/2026 |                                            |                     | (4.25)                                     | 991.55              | 12,929.48                                | Bank Charges - December 2025 (8th Charge)                                                               |
| 19/02/2026 | (4.25)                                     | 11,933.68           | 4.25                                       | 995.80              | 12,929.48                                | Tfr from Savings a/c - October 2025 Bank Charges                                                        |
| 19/02/2026 | (4.25)                                     | 11,929.43           | 4.25                                       | 1,000.05            | 12,929.48                                | Tfr from Savings a/c - November 2025 Bank Charges                                                       |
| 09/03/2026 | 4.58                                       | 11,934.01           |                                            |                     | 12,934.06                                | Interest on Lloyds Savings Account                                                                      |

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Cash Book / Bank Recor1/4/2025 - 31/3/2026

| Bank Date                  | Barclays /<br>Lloyds<br>Savings<br>Account | Cumulative<br>Total | Barclays /<br>Lloyds<br>Current<br>Account | Cumulative<br>Total | Running<br>Total of<br>Combined<br>Acc's | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 17/03/2026                 | (12.29)                                    | 11,921.72           | 12.29                                      | 1,012.34            | 12,934.06                                | Tfr from Savings a/c - Clerk P&S Clerk's Expenses - Stationary & IT Equipment (Microsoft Office Licence Renewal)                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 17/03/2026                 | (72.00)                                    | 11,849.72           | 72.00                                      | 1,084.34            | 12,934.06                                | Tfr from Savings a/c - Clerk P&S NetNerd Website Domain Renewal Costs for .Gov.uk (Paid by Clerk) - 3 Year Renewal for Cost Saving (2025-2027) - (no charge in 2026, 2027)                                                                                                                          |
| 17/03/2026                 | (15.99)                                    | 11,833.73           | 15.99                                      | 1,100.33            | 12,934.06                                | Tfr from Savings a/c - Clerk P&S Clerk's Expenses - Stationary & IT Equipment (Laserjet Toner Cartridge)                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 17/03/2026                 | (4.25)                                     | 11,829.48           | 4.25                                       | 1,104.58            | 12,934.06                                | Tfr from Savings a/c - Clerk P&S Bank Charges - December 2025 (8th Charge)                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 17/03/2026                 | (45.00)                                    | 11,784.48           | 45.00                                      | 1,149.58            | 12,934.06                                | Tfr from Savings a/c - Clerk P&S Hire of Wallington Village Hall for PC Meeings 2025-26                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 17/03/2026                 | (45.00)                                    | 11,739.48           | 45.00                                      | 1,194.58            | 12,934.06                                | Tfr from Savings a/c - Clerk P&S Hire of Rushden Village Hall for PC Meeings in 2025-26                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 17/03/2026                 | (290.70)                                   | 11,448.78           | 290.70                                     | 1,485.28            | 12,934.06                                | Tfr from Savings a/c - Clerk P&S Donation to Rushden Manor Trust for NFU Insurance 2026-27                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 19/03/2026                 |                                            |                     | (100.28)                                   | 1,385.00            | 12,833.78                                | Clerk's Expenses - Stationary & IT Equipment (Microsoft Office Licence Renewal), NetNerd Website Domain Renewal Costs for .Gov.uk (Paid by Clerk) - 3 Year Renewal for Cost Saving (2025-2027) - (no charge in 2026, 2027), Clerk's Expenses - Stationary & IT Equipment (Laserjet Toner Cartridge) |
| 19/03/2026                 |                                            |                     | (4.25)                                     | 1,380.75            | 12,829.53                                | Bank Charges - January 2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 19/03/2026                 |                                            |                     | (45.00)                                    | 1,335.75            | 12,784.53                                | Hire of Wallington Village Hall for PC Meeings 2025-26                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 19/03/2026                 |                                            |                     | (45.00)                                    | 1,290.75            | 12,739.53                                | Hire of Rushden Village Hall for PC Meeings in 2025-26                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 19/03/2026                 |                                            |                     | (290.70)                                   | 1,000.05            | 12,448.83                                | Donation to Rushden Manor Trust for NFU Insurance 2026-27                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                            |                                            | 11,448.78           |                                            | 1,000.05            | 12,448.83                                | Balances to latest bank statements Both Lloyds and Barclays account as at 31.3.26                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <u>Uncleared cheques</u>   |                                            |                     |                                            |                     |                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <u>Uncleared Payments</u>  |                                            |                     |                                            |                     |                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 31/03/2026                 |                                            |                     | (130.00)                                   | 870.05              | 12,318.83                                | Rushden Churchyard Maintenance - Cuts Cuts 16 & 17 w/e 4.3 & 25.3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Running Total including un |                                            | 11,448.78           |                                            | 870.05              | 12,318.83                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

UNCLEARED AMOUNT (130.00) Check OK

|                            |            |           |                                                |
|----------------------------|------------|-----------|------------------------------------------------|
| Latest Bank Statement Bala | £11,448.78 | £1,000.05 | Both Lloyds and Barclays account as at 31.3.26 |
|                            | £11,448.78 | £500.05   |                                                |
|                            |            | £500.00   | Barclays - 31/3/26                             |
|                            |            |           | Lloyds - 31.3.26                               |

|                                                           |           |             |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Check                                                     | OK        | OK          |
| Check - Uncleared Amounts                                 |           | (130.00) OK |
| Cash balance at the start of the year                     | 10,653.01 |             |
| Cash balance at the end of the year                       | 12,448.83 |             |
| Cash Movement through the bank in the Year                | 1,795.82  |             |
| Invoiced Spend Vs Total Income                            | 1,665.82  |             |
| Variance                                                  | 130.00    |             |
| Invoiced in the year but not cleared the bank at year end | (130.00)  |             |
| Reconciliation total should be zero                       | (0.00)    |             |
| Check                                                     | OK        |             |

Check Vs Detailed Accounts - Line by Line Summary

## Variance to 2025-26 Budget

|                                                           | Total Budget<br>(Incl. Inflation) | Actual Full Year<br>Spend | Variance<br>Good / (Bad) | Comments                                                                       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Grass Cutting                                             | £1,235.00                         | £1,040.00                 | £195.00                  | Less Grass Cuts over the dry Summer in 2025                                    |
| HAPTC Membership                                          | £276.26                           | £276.26                   |                          |                                                                                |
| PC Insurance                                              | £218.28                           | £214.00                   | £4.28                    |                                                                                |
| Tree maintenance                                          | £714.00                           |                           | £714.00                  | No Wallington Tree work done on 2025-26 but will be carried out in 2026-27     |
| Information Commissioner                                  | £35.00                            | £47.00                    | (£12.00)                 | Unexpected 34% increase in charge in 2025-26                                   |
| Website Hosting costs including website and email support | £117.45                           | £131.99                   | (£14.54)                 | Additional cost of adopting the .Gov.UK web presence                           |
| Wallington Insurance                                      | £241.28                           | £230.25                   | £11.03                   |                                                                                |
| Staff Costs                                               | £600.00                           | £600.00                   |                          |                                                                                |
| Dog Bin Emptying                                          | £328.38                           |                           | £328.38                  | Invoice has not been received by the year end.                                 |
| Rushden Insurance                                         | £312.24                           | £290.70                   | £21.54                   |                                                                                |
| Printing & Stationery                                     | £100.00                           | £41.27                    | £58.73                   | Less expenditure on P&S as utilising as much digital communication as possible |
| Village Hall Hire                                         | £150.00                           | £90.00                    | £60.00                   | Less planning meetings than forecast.                                          |
| Tree inspection and report                                |                                   |                           |                          |                                                                                |
| Election Fee                                              |                                   |                           |                          |                                                                                |
| <b>Sub-Total</b>                                          | <b>£4,327.89</b>                  | <b>£2,961.47</b>          | <b>£1,366.42</b>         | Sub-total of regular expenditure                                               |
| Available for one-off expenses                            | £172.11                           |                           | £172.11                  | The contingency was not required in 2025-26                                    |
| <b>Total Precept Required 2023-24</b>                     | <b>£4,500.00</b>                  | <b>£2,961.47</b>          | <b>£1,538.53</b>         | Under budget for 2025-26                                                       |
| <b>Prior Year Precept 2024-25</b>                         | £4,850.00                         |                           |                          |                                                                                |

**RUSHDEN & WALLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS FOR 2025-26**

| DATE           | Description                                          | Reference                                  | Budgeted /<br>Non Budgeted | AMOUNT (Excl.<br>VAT) | VAT     | AMOUNT (Incl.<br>VAT) | RUSHDEN  | WALLINGTON | Precept  | Interest | Other<br>Receipts | Staff Costs | Insurance | Maintenance | Subscriptions | All Other<br>Payments | EXPLANATION OF INCOME / EXPENDITURE                                                                                                       |
|----------------|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|---------|-----------------------|----------|------------|----------|----------|-------------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|---------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>2025-26</b> |                                                      |                                            |                            |                       |         |                       |          |            |          |          |                   |             |           |             |               |                       |                                                                                                                                           |
| 01/04/2025     | HAPTC                                                | 2426/076                                   | Bud                        | (276.26)              |         | (276.26)              | (184.17) | (92.09)    |          |          |                   |             |           |             |               |                       | Annual Subscription to HAPTC 2025-26                                                                                                      |
| 06/04/2025     | PRECEPT                                              | Precept 2025-26 - Part 1 of 2              | Bud                        | 2,250.00              |         | 2,250.00              | 1,500.00 | 750.00     | 2,250.00 |          |                   |             |           |             |               |                       | Precept 2025-26 - Payment 1 of 2                                                                                                          |
| 06/04/2025     | Zurich Insurance - PC Insurance 2025-26              | 543373555                                  | Bud                        | (214.00)              |         | (214.00)              | (142.67) | (71.33)    |          |          |                   |             | (214.00)  |             |               |                       | Parish Council Insurance (Zurich) 2025-26                                                                                                 |
| 09/04/2025     | INTEREST                                             |                                            | NB                         | 8.17                  |         | 8.17                  | 4.09     | 4.09       |          | 8.17     |                   |             |           |             |               |                       | Interest on Lloyds Savings Account                                                                                                        |
| 15/04/2025     | VAT Refund                                           | VAT Reclaim 04/24 - 03/25 for PC           | NB                         |                       | 87.50   | 87.50                 | 58.33    | 29.17      |          |          | 87.50             |             |           |             |               |                       | VAT Refund for PC from April 2024 - March 2025                                                                                            |
| 30/04/2025     | CGS                                                  | Cuts 1,2 & 3 w/e 4.4, 17.4 & 29.4          | Bud                        | (195.00)              |         | (195.00)              | (195.00) |            |          |          |                   |             |           | (195.00)    |               |                       | Rushden Churchyard Maintenance - Cuts 1, 2 & 3 w/e 4.4, 17.4 & 29.4                                                                       |
| 09/05/2025     | INTEREST                                             |                                            | NB                         | 8.02                  |         | 8.02                  | 4.01     | 4.01       |          | 8.02     |                   |             |           |             |               |                       | Interest on Lloyds Savings Reserves Account                                                                                               |
| 31/05/2025     | CGS                                                  | Cuts 4 & 5 w/e 15.5 & 29.5                 | Bud                        | (130.00)              |         | (130.00)              | (130.00) |            |          |          |                   |             |           | (130.00)    |               |                       | Rushden Churchyard Maintenance - Cuts 4 & 5 w/e 15.5 & 29.5                                                                               |
| 09/06/2025     | INTEREST                                             |                                            | NB                         | 7.53                  |         | 7.53                  | 3.77     | 3.77       |          | 7.53     |                   |             |           |             |               |                       | Interest on Lloyds Savings Reserves Account                                                                                               |
| 11/06/2025     | Bank Charges                                         | 458796589                                  | NB                         | (4.25)                |         | (4.25)                | (2.13)   | (2.13)     |          | (4.25)   |                   |             |           |             |               |                       | Bank Charges - May 2025 (1st Charge)                                                                                                      |
| 29/06/2025     | CGS                                                  | Cuts 6 & 7 w/e 12.6, & 26.6                | Bud                        | (130.00)              |         | (130.00)              | (130.00) |            |          |          |                   |             |           | (130.00)    |               |                       | Rushden Churchyard Maintenance - Cuts 6 & 7 w/e 12.6 & 26.6                                                                               |
| 09/07/2025     | INTEREST                                             |                                            | NB                         | 6.43                  |         | 6.43                  | 3.22     | 3.22       |          | 6.43     |                   |             |           |             |               |                       | Interest on Lloyds Savings Reserves Account                                                                                               |
| 10/07/2025     | Bank Charges                                         | 461180722                                  | NB                         | (4.25)                |         | (4.25)                | (2.13)   | (2.13)     |          | (4.25)   |                   |             |           |             |               |                       | Bank Charges - June 2025 (2nd Charge)                                                                                                     |
| 11/08/2025     | INTEREST                                             |                                            | NB                         | 7.01                  |         | 7.01                  | 3.51     | 3.51       |          | 7.01     |                   |             |           |             |               |                       | Interest on Lloyds Savings Reserves Account                                                                                               |
| 11/08/2025     | Bank Charges                                         | 463606154                                  | NB                         | (4.25)                |         | (4.25)                | (2.13)   | (2.13)     |          | (4.25)   |                   |             |           |             |               |                       | Bank Charges - July 2025 (3rd Charge)                                                                                                     |
| 16/09/2025     | CGS                                                  | Cuts 8,9,10 & 11 w/e 18.7, 7.8, 1.9 & 13.9 | Bud                        | (260.00)              |         | (260.00)              | (260.00) |            |          |          |                   |             |           | (260.00)    |               |                       | Rushden Churchyard Maintenance - Cuts 8,9,10 & 11 w/e 18.7, 7.8, 1.9 & 13.9                                                               |
| 09/09/2025     | INTEREST                                             |                                            | NB                         | 6.13                  |         | 6.13                  | 3.07     | 3.07       |          | 6.13     |                   |             |           |             |               |                       | Interest on Lloyds Savings Account                                                                                                        |
| 10/09/2025     | Bank Charges                                         | 466022319                                  | NB                         | (4.25)                |         | (4.25)                | (2.13)   | (2.13)     |          | (4.25)   |                   |             |           |             |               |                       | Bank Charges - August 2025 (4th Charge)                                                                                                   |
| 11/09/2025     | PRECEPT                                              |                                            | Bud                        | 2,250.00              |         | 2,250.00              | 1,500.00 | 750.00     | 2,250.00 |          |                   |             |           |             |               |                       | Precept 2025-26 - Payment 2 of 2                                                                                                          |
| 24/09/2025     | NFU Mutual (Wallington)                              |                                            | Bud                        | (230.25)              |         | (230.25)              |          | (230.25)   |          |          |                   |             | (230.25)  |             |               |                       | Donation to Wallington Common Trust (NFU Mutual) - Insurance to 21/10/26                                                                  |
| 24/09/2025     | NetNerd email Hosting costs (Paid by Clerk)          | 451898                                     | Bud                        | (49.99)               | (10.00) | (59.99)               | (39.99)  | (20.00)    |          |          |                   |             |           |             |               |                       | NetNerd email Hosting costs (Paid by Clerk) - 2025-26                                                                                     |
| 30/09/2025     | ICO                                                  |                                            | Bud                        | (47.00)               |         | (47.00)               | (31.33)  | (15.67)    |          |          |                   |             |           |             | (47.00)       |                       | Direct Debit to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) - GDPR for 2025-26                                                            |
| 09/10/2025     | INTEREST                                             |                                            | NB                         | 6.22                  |         | 6.22                  | 3.11     | 3.11       |          | 6.22     |                   |             |           |             |               |                       | Interest on Lloyds Savings Account                                                                                                        |
| 10/10/2025     | Bank Charges                                         | 468499281                                  | NB                         | (4.25)                |         | (4.25)                | (2.13)   | (2.13)     |          | (4.25)   |                   |             |           |             |               |                       | Bank Charges - September 2025 (5th Charge)                                                                                                |
| 06/11/2025     | Clerks Payroll                                       |                                            | Bud                        | (600.00)              |         | (600.00)              | (400.00) | (200.00)   |          |          |                   | (600.00)    |           |             |               |                       | Clerk's Payroll (from Oct 2024 - Oct 2025)                                                                                                |
| 06/11/2025     | Clerks Expenses - Stationery & IT Equipment          | GB5008UNM4HQSI                             | Bud                        | (10.83)               | (2.17)  | (12.99)               | (8.66)   | (4.33)     |          |          |                   |             |           |             |               | (12.99)               | Clerk's Expenses - Stationery & IT Equipment                                                                                              |
| 09/10/2025     | INTEREST                                             |                                            | NB                         | 6.75                  |         | 6.75                  | 3.38     | 3.38       |          | 6.75     |                   |             |           |             |               |                       | Interest on Lloyds Savings Account                                                                                                        |
| 18/11/2025     | Bank Charges                                         | 470948519                                  | NB                         | (4.25)                |         | (4.25)                | (2.13)   | (2.13)     |          | (4.25)   |                   |             |           |             |               |                       | Bank Charges - October 2025 (6th Charge)                                                                                                  |
| 21/11/2025     | CGS                                                  | Cuts 12,13 & 14 w/e 20.9, 20.10 & 19.11    | Bud                        | (195.00)              |         | (195.00)              | (195.00) |            |          |          |                   |             |           | (195.00)    |               |                       | Rushden Churchyard Maintenance - Cuts 12,13 & 14 w/e 20.9, 20.10 & 19.11                                                                  |
| 28/11/2025     | Clerks Expenses - Stationery & IT Equipment          |                                            | Bud                        | (12.29)               |         | (12.29)               | (8.19)   | (4.10)     |          |          |                   |             |           |             |               | (12.29)               | Clerk's Expenses - Stationery & IT Equipment (Microsoft Office Licence Renewal)                                                           |
| 09/12/2025     | INTEREST                                             |                                            | NB                         | 5.73                  |         | 5.73                  | 2.87     | 2.87       |          | 5.73     |                   |             |           |             |               |                       | Interest on Lloyds Savings / Barclays Premium Account                                                                                     |
| 10/12/2025     | Bank Charges                                         | 473384437                                  | NB                         | (4.25)                |         | (4.25)                | (2.13)   | (2.13)     |          | (4.25)   |                   |             |           |             |               |                       | Bank Charges - November 2025 (7th Charge)                                                                                                 |
| 22/12/2025     | NetNerd Website Domain Renewal Costs (Paid by Clerk) | 459581                                     | Bud                        | (60.00)               | (12.00) | (72.00)               | (48.00)  | (24.00)    |          |          |                   |             |           |             |               | (72.00)               | NetNerd Website Domain Renewal Costs for .Gov.uk (Paid by Clerk) - 3 Year Renewal for Cost Saving (2025-2027) - (no charge in 2026, 2027) |
| 12/01/2026     | Clerks Expenses - Stationery & IT Equipment          | GB6000M3CBYWZI                             | Bud                        | (13.32)               | (2.66)  | (15.99)               | (10.66)  | (5.33)     |          |          |                   |             |           |             |               | (15.99)               | Clerk's Expenses - Stationery & IT Equipment (Laserjet Toner Cartridge)                                                                   |
| 09/01/2026     | INTEREST                                             |                                            | NB                         | 6.08                  |         | 6.08                  | 3.04     | 3.04       |          | 6.08     |                   |             |           |             |               |                       | Interest on Lloyds Savings Account                                                                                                        |
| 12/01/2026     | Bank Charges                                         | 475844958                                  | NB                         | (4.25)                |         | (4.25)                | (2.13)   | (2.13)     |          | (4.25)   |                   |             |           |             |               |                       | Bank Charges - December 2025 (8th Charge)                                                                                                 |
| 20/01/2026     | RRTrees - Wallington Tree Work                       |                                            | Bud                        |                       |         |                       |          |            |          |          |                   |             |           |             |               |                       | RRTrees - Wallington Tree work 2025                                                                                                       |
| 09/02/2026     | INTEREST                                             |                                            | NB                         | 5.39                  |         | 5.39                  | 2.70     | 2.70       |          | 5.39     |                   |             |           |             |               |                       | Interest on Lloyds Savings Account                                                                                                        |
| 11/02/2026     | Bank Charges                                         | 478310034                                  | NB                         | (4.25)                |         | (4.25)                | (2.13)   | (2.13)     |          | (4.25)   |                   |             |           |             |               |                       | Bank Charges - January 2026                                                                                                               |
| 09/03/2026     | INTEREST                                             |                                            | NB                         | 4.58                  |         | 4.58                  | 2.29     | 2.29       |          | 4.58     |                   |             |           |             |               |                       | Interest on Lloyds Savings Account                                                                                                        |
| 03/03/2026     | Wallington Village Hall - PC Meetings                |                                            | Bud                        | (45.00)               |         | (45.00)               | (30.00)  | (15.00)    |          |          |                   |             |           |             |               | (45.00)               | Hire of Wallington Village Hall for PC Meetings 2025-26                                                                                   |
| 03/03/2026     | Rushden Village Hall - PC Meetings                   |                                            | Bud                        | (45.00)               |         | (45.00)               | (30.00)  | (15.00)    |          |          |                   |             |           |             |               | (45.00)               | Hire of Rushden Village Hall for PC Meetings in 2025-26                                                                                   |
| 04/03/2026     | NFU Mutual (Rushden Manor Trust - Southern Green)    |                                            | Bud                        | (290.70)              |         | (290.70)              | (290.70) |            |          |          |                   |             | (290.70)  |             |               |                       | Donation to Rushden Manor Trust for NFU Insurance 2026-27                                                                                 |

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| DATE                    | Description           | Reference                   | Budgeted /<br>Non Budgeted | AMOUNT (Excl.<br>VAT) | VAT   | AMOUNT (Incl.<br>VAT) | RUSHDEN  | WALLINGTON | Precept  | Interest | Other<br>Receipts | Staff Costs | Insurance | Maintenance | Subscriptions | All Other<br>Payments | EXPLANATION OF INCOME / EXPENDITURE                               |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-------|-----------------------|----------|------------|----------|----------|-------------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|---------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 05/03/2026              | NHDC Dog Bin Emptying |                             | Bud                        |                       |       |                       |          |            |          |          |                   |             |           |             |               |                       | Dog Waste Bin emptying (For Period 1.4.25 - 31.3.26)              |
| 19/03/2026              | Bank Charges          |                             | NB                         |                       |       |                       |          |            |          |          |                   |             |           |             |               |                       | Bank Charges - February 2026                                      |
| 31/03/2026              | CGS                   | Cuts 16 & 17 w/e 4.3 & 25.3 | Bud                        | (130.00)              |       | (130.00)              | (130.00) |            |          |          |                   |             |           | (130.00)    |               |                       | Rushden Churchyard Maintenance - Cuts Cuts 16 & 17 w/e 4.3 & 25.3 |
| TOTAL FOR THE YEAR      |                       |                             |                            | 1,605.15              | 60.67 | 1,665.82              | 813.85   | 851.97     | 4,500.00 | 39.79    | 87.50             | (600.00)    | (734.95)  | (1,040.00)  | (395.26)      | (191.26)              |                                                                   |
| TOTAL ((1) + (2) Below) |                       |                             |                            | 1,605.15              | 60.67 | 1,665.82              | 813.85   | 851.97     | 4,500.00 | 39.79    | 87.50             | (600.00)    | (734.95)  | (1,040.00)  | (395.26)      | (191.26)              |                                                                   |

Summary - Splitting Out PC and Neighbourhood Plan (Both Budgeted and Unbudgeted Spend)

|                            | AMOUNT<br>(Excl. VAT) | VAT     | AMOUNT<br>(Incl. VAT) | RUSHDEN    | WALLINGTON | Precept  | Interest | Other<br>Receipts | Staff<br>Costs | Insurance | Maintenance | Subscriptions | Other Costs |                           |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|---------|-----------------------|------------|------------|----------|----------|-------------------|----------------|-----------|-------------|---------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| PC Income                  | 4,578.04              | 87.50   | 4,665.54              | 3,097.35   | 1,568.19   | 4,500.00 | 78.04    | 87.50             |                |           |             |               |             | VAT Refund from PYR Spend |
| PC Costs                   | (2,972.89)            | (26.83) | (2,999.72)            | (2,283.51) | (716.22)   |          | (38.25)  |                   | (600.00)       | (734.95)  | (1,040.00)  | (395.26)      | (191.26)    |                           |
| TOTAL Under / (Over) Spend | (1)                   | 60.67   | 1,665.82              | 813.85     | 851.97     | 4,500.00 | 39.79    | 87.50             | (600.00)       | (734.95)  | (1,040.00)  | (395.26)      | (191.26)    |                           |

**Rushden and Wallington Parish Council**  
**Asset Register 31/03/2026**

| <b><u>Item</u></b>                          | <b>Asset Value<br/>(Original Cost)</b> | <b>Asset Value for<br/>Insurance</b> |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Rushden Bus Shelter                         | 1                                      | 2,000                                |
| Refurbishment of Rushden Bus Shelter (2022) | 600                                    | 1                                    |
| Wallington Bus Shelter                      | 1                                      | 2,000                                |
| Rushden Notice Board                        | 700                                    | 700                                  |
| Rushden Dog Waste Bins                      | 822                                    | 822                                  |
| Rushden Salt Bin                            | 91                                     | 91                                   |
| Rushden Phone Box                           | 1                                      | 1,000                                |
| Wallington Phone Box                        | 1                                      | 1,000                                |
| Wallington Dog Waste Bin                    | 400                                    | 400                                  |
| Rushden Defibrillator                       | 1                                      | 588                                  |
| Wallington Defibrillator                    | 1                                      | 588                                  |
| Rushden Defibrillator Cabinet               | 490                                    | 490                                  |
| Wallington Defibrillator Cabinet            | 490                                    | 490                                  |
| Laptop                                      | 350                                    | 350                                  |
| Printer                                     | 90                                     | 90                                   |
| Wallington Village Pond                     | 1                                      | 3,000                                |
| Wallington Salt Bin                         | 1                                      | 91                                   |
| <br>Total Assets                            | <br>4,041                              | <br>13,701                           |

# Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2025/26 Form 2

To be completed only by Local Councils, Internal Drainage Boards and other smaller authorities\* where the higher of gross income or gross expenditure was £25,000 or less, that meet the qualifying criteria, and that wish to CERTIFY themselves as EXEMPT from a limited assurance review

## Guidance notes on completing Form 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2025/26

1. Every smaller authority in England where the higher of gross income **or** gross expenditure was £25,000 or less **must**, after the end of each financial year, complete Form 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return in accordance with *Proper Practices*, unless the authority:
  - a) does not meet the qualifying criteria for exemption; or
  - b) does not wish to certify itself as exempt
2. Smaller authorities where the higher of all gross annual income **or** gross annual expenditure **does not exceed** £25,000 and that meet the qualifying criteria as set out in the Certificate of Exemption **are able to declare themselves exempt** from sending the completed Annual Governance and Accountability Return to the external auditor for a limited assurance review **provided** the authority **completes**:
  - a) The **Certificate of Exemption**, page 3 and returns a copy of it to the external auditor **either** by email **or** by post (not both) **no later than 30 June 2026** Failure to do so will result in reminder letter(s) for which the Authority will be charged £40 +VAT for each letter; and
  - b) The **Annual Governance and Accountability Return (Form 2)** which is made up of:
    - c) **Annual Internal Audit Report (page 4)** **must** be completed by the authority's internal auditor.
    - d) **Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement (page 5)** **must** be completed and approved by the authority.
    - e) **Section 2 – Accounting Statements (page 6)** **must** be completed and approved by the authority. **NOTE: Authorities certifying themselves as exempt SHOULD NOT send the completed Annual Governance and Accountability Return to the external auditor.**
3. The authority **must** approve Section 1 Annual Governance Statement **before** approving Section 2 Accounting Statements and both **must** be approved and published on the authority website/webpage **before 1 July 2026**

## Publication Requirements

Smaller authorities **must** publish various documents on a publicly available website as required by the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015 and the Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities. These include:

- **Certificate of Exemption**, page 3
- **Annual Internal Audit Report 2025/26**, page 4
- **Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2025/26**, page 5
- **Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2025/26**, page 6
- Analysis of variances
- Bank reconciliation
- Notice of the period for the exercise of public rights and other information required by Regulation 15 (2), Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015.

## Limited Assurance Review

Any smaller authority may request a limited assurance review. If so, the authority should not certify itself as exempt or complete the Certificate of Exemption. Instead it should complete Form 3 of the AGAR 2025/26 and return it to the external auditor together with the supporting documentation requested by the external auditor. The cost to the authority for the review will be **£210 +VAT**.

Provided that the authority certifies itself as exempt, and completes and publishes the documents listed under 'Publication Requirements', there is no requirement for the authority to have a review.

The Annual Governance and Accountability Return constitutes the annual return referred to in the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015. Throughout, the words 'external auditor' have the same meaning as the words 'local auditor' in the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015.

\*for a complete list of bodies that may be smaller authorities refer to schedule 2 to the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

# Guidance notes on completing Form 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 2025/26, Sections 1 and 2

- An authority that wishes to declare itself exempt from the requirement for a limited assurance review **must** do so at a meeting of the authority after 31 March 2026. It should not submit its Annual Governance and Accountability Return to the external auditor. However, as part of a more proportionate regime, the authority **must** comply with the requirements of the Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities.
- The Certificate of Exemption **must** be returned to the external auditor no later than **30 June 2026** Reminder letters will incur a charge of £40 +VAT for each letter.
- The authority **must** comply with *Proper Practices* in completing Sections 1 and 2 of this AGAR and the Certificate of Exemption. Proper Practices are found in the *Practitioners' Guide\** which is updated from time to time and contains everything needed to prepare successfully for the financial year-end.
- The authority **should** receive and note the Annual Internal Audit Report before approving the Annual Governance Statement and the accounts.
- The Annual Governance Statement (Section 1) **must** be approved before the Accounting Statements (Section 2) and evidenced by the agenda or minute references, even where approved on the same day.
- The Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) **must** certify the accounts (Section 2) before they are presented to the authority for approval. The authority **must** in this order; consider, approve and sign the accounts.
- The RFO is required to commence the public rights period which **must** be a single period of 30 working days for inspection (this excludes weekends and public holidays) which **must** include the first 10 working days of July.
- Make sure that the AGAR is complete (no highlighted boxes left empty), and is properly signed and dated. Any amendments **must** be approved by the authority and properly initialled.
- Use the checklist provided below to review the AGAR for completeness at the meeting at which it is signed off.
- **You must inform your external auditor about any change of Clerk, Responsible Financial Officer or Chair, and provide relevant authority owned generic email addresses and telephone numbers.**
- The authority **must** publish numerical and narrative explanations for significant variances in the accounting statements on **page 6**. Guidance is provided in the *Practitioners' Guide\** which may assist.
- Make sure that the accounting statements add up and the balance carried forward from the previous year (Box 7 of 2025) equals the balance brought forward in the current year (Box 1 of 2026)
- The Responsible Financial Officer (RFO), on behalf of the authority, **must** set the commencement date for the exercise of public rights for a single period of 30 working days for inspection ( this excludes weekends and public Holidays) which **must** include the first ten working days of July.
- The authority **must** publish, on the authority website/webpage, the information required by Regulation 15 (2), Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, including the period for the exercise of public rights and the name and address of the external auditor **before 1 July 2026**

| Completion checklist – 'No' answers mean you may not have met requirements |                                                                                                                                                   | Yes | No |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|----|
| All sections                                                               | Have all highlighted boxes been completed?                                                                                                        |     |    |
|                                                                            | Have the dates set for the period for the exercise of public rights been published?                                                               |     |    |
| Internal Audit Report                                                      | Have all highlighted boxes been completed by the internal auditor and explanations provided?                                                      |     |    |
| Section 1                                                                  | For any statement to which the response is 'no', is an explanation available for publication?                                                     |     |    |
| Section 2                                                                  | Has the Responsible Financial Officer signed the accounting statements before presentation to the authority for approval?                         |     |    |
|                                                                            | Has the authority's approval of the accounting statements been confirmed by the signature of the Chair of the approval meeting?                   |     |    |
|                                                                            | Has an explanation of significant variations been published where required?                                                                       |     |    |
|                                                                            | Has the bank reconciliation as at <b>31 March 2026</b> been reconciled to Box 8?                                                                  |     |    |
|                                                                            | Is an explanation of any difference between Box 7 and Box 8 available, should a question be raised by a local elector and/or an interested party? |     |    |
| Sections 1 and 2                                                           | Trust funds – have all disclosures been made if the authority as a body corporate is a sole managing trustee? ( <i>Local Councils only</i> )      |     |    |

**\*Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities in England – a Practitioners' Guide to Proper Practices**, can be downloaded from [www.nalc.gov.uk](http://www.nalc.gov.uk) or from [www.ada.org.uk](http://www.ada.org.uk)

## Certificate of Exemption – AGAR 2025/26 Form 2

To be completed by smaller authorities where the higher of gross income or gross expenditure did not exceed £25,000 in the year of account ended 31 March 2026 and that wish to certify themselves as exempt from a limited assurance review under Section 9 of the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015

There is no requirement to have a limited assurance review or to submit an Annual Governance and Accountability Return to the external auditor, **provided** that the authority has certified itself as exempt at a meeting of the authority after 31 March 2026 and a completed Certificate of Exemption is submitted no later than **30 June 2026** notifying the external auditor.

ENTER NAME OF AUTHORITY

certifies that during the financial year 2025/26, the higher of the authority's total gross income for the year **or** total gross annual expenditure, for the year did not exceed **£25,000**

Total annual gross income for the authority 2025/26:

ENTER AMOUNT £00,000

Total annual gross expenditure for the authority 2025/26:

ENTER AMOUNT £00,000

There are certain circumstances in which an authority will be **unable to certify itself as exempt**, so that a limited assurance review will still be required. If an authority **is unable to confirm the statements below then it cannot certify itself as exempt** and it **must** submit the completed Annual Governance and Accountability Return Form 3 to the external auditor to undertake a limited assurance review for which a fee of **£210 +VAT** will be payable.

By signing this **Certificate of Exemption** you are confirming that:

- The authority was in existence on 1st April 2022
- In relation to the preceding financial year (2024/25), the external auditor **has not**:
  - issued a public interest report in respect of the authority or any entity connected with it
  - made a statutory recommendation to the authority, relating to the authority or any entity connected with it
  - issued an advisory notice under paragraph 1(1) of Schedule 8 to the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 ("the Act"), and has not withdrawn the notice
  - commenced judicial review proceedings under section 31(1) of the Act
  - made an application under section 28(1) of the Act for a declaration that an item of account is unlawful, and the application has not been withdrawn nor has the court refused to make the declaration
- The court has not declared an item of account unlawful after a person made an appeal under section 28(3) of the Act.

If the above statements apply and the authority neither received gross income, nor incurred gross expenditure, exceeding £25,000, then the Certificate of Exemption can be signed and a copy submitted to the external auditor **either** by email **or** by post (not both).

The Annual Internal Audit Report, Annual Governance Statement, Accounting Statements, an analysis of variances and the bank reconciliation plus the information required by Regulation 15 (2), Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 including the period for the exercise of public rights still need to be fully completed and, along with a copy of this certificate, published on the authority website/webpage\* before 1 July 2026.

**Signing this certificate confirms the authority will comply with the publication requirements.**

Signed by the Responsible Financial Officer

Date

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

DD/MM/YYYY

I confirm that this Certificate of Exemption was approved by this authority on this date:

DD/MM/YYYY

Signed by Chair

Date

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

DD/MM/YYYY

as recorded in minute reference:

MINUTE REFERENCE

Generic email address of Authority

ENTER AUTHORITY OWNED GENERIC EMAIL ADDRESS

Telephone number

TELEPHONE NUMBER

\*Published web address

ENTER PUBLICLY AVAILABLE WEBSITE/WEBPAGE ADDRESS

**ONLY this Certificate of Exemption should be returned EITHER by email OR by post (not both) as soon as possible after certification to your external auditor, but no later than 30 June 2026. Reminder letters for late submission will incur a charge of £40 + VAT.**

# Annual Internal Audit Report 2025/26

Rushden and Wallington Parish Council

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During the financial year ended 31 March 2026, this authority's internal auditor acting independently and on the basis of an assessment of risk, carried out a selective assessment of compliance with the relevant procedures and controls in operation and obtained appropriate evidence from the authority.

The internal audit for 2025/26 has been carried out in accordance with this authority's needs and planned coverage. On the basis of the findings in the areas examined, the internal audit conclusions are summarised in this table. Set out below are the objectives of internal control and alongside are the internal audit conclusions on whether, in all significant respects, the control objectives were being achieved throughout the financial year to a standard adequate to meet the needs of this authority.

| Internal control objective                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Yes | No* | Not covered**  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|----------------|
| A. Appropriate accounting records have been properly kept throughout the financial year.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | ✓   |     |                |
| B. This authority complied with its financial regulations, payments were supported by invoices, all expenditure was approved and VAT was appropriately accounted for.                                                                                                                                                                                        | ✓   |     |                |
| C. This authority assessed the significant risks to achieving its objectives and reviewed the adequacy of arrangements to manage these.                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | ✓   |     |                |
| D. The precept or rates requirement resulted from an adequate budgetary process; progress against the budget was regularly monitored; and reserves were appropriate.                                                                                                                                                                                         | ✓   |     |                |
| E. Expected income was fully received, based on correct prices, properly recorded and promptly banked; and VAT was appropriately accounted for.                                                                                                                                                                                                              | ✓   |     |                |
| F. Cash payments were properly supported by receipts, all cash expenditure was approved and VAT appropriately accounted for.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | ✓   |     |                |
| G. Salaries to employees and allowances to members were paid in accordance with this authority's approvals, and PAYE and NI requirements were properly applied.                                                                                                                                                                                              | ✓   |     |                |
| H. Asset and investments registers were complete and accurate and properly maintained.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | ✓   |     |                |
| I. Periodic bank account reconciliations were properly carried out during the year.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | ✓   |     |                |
| J. Accounting statements prepared during the year were prepared on the correct accounting basis (receipts and payments or income and expenditure), agreed to the cash book, supported by an adequate audit trail from underlying records and where appropriate debtors and creditors were properly recorded.                                                 | ✓   |     |                |
| K. If the authority certified itself as exempt from a limited assurance review in 2024/25, it met the exemption criteria and correctly declared itself exempt. (If the authority had a limited assurance review of its 2024/25 AGAR tick "not covered")                                                                                                      | ✓   |     |                |
| L. The authority published the required information on a website/webpage up to date at the time of the internal audit in accordance with the relevant legislation.                                                                                                                                                                                           | ✓   |     |                |
| M. In the year covered by this AGAR, the authority correctly provided for a period for the exercise of public rights as required by the Accounts and Audit Regulations (during the 2025/26 AGAR period, were public rights in relation to the 2024-25 AGAR evidenced by a notice on the website and/or authority approved minutes confirming the dates set). | ✓   |     |                |
| N. The authority has complied with the publication requirements for 2024/25 AGAR (see AGAR Page 1 Guidance Notes).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | ✓   |     |                |
| O. The authority has complied with laws, regulations & proper practices relating to digital and data compliance.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | ✓   |     |                |
| P. (For local councils only)<br>Trust funds (including charitable) – The council met its responsibilities as a trustee.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Yes | No  | Not applicable |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |     |     | ✓              |

For any other risk areas identified by this authority adequate controls existed (list any other risk areas on separate sheets if needed). Date(s) internal audit undertaken Name of person who carried out the internal audit

17/04/2026 DD/MM/YYYY Andrew Nunn CHIEF OF INTERNAL AUDITOR  
Signature of person who carried out the internal audit Date 17/04/2026

\*If the response is 'no' please state the implications and action being taken to address any weakness in control identified (add separate sheets if needed).

\*\*Note: If the response is 'not covered' please state when the most recent internal audit work was done in this area and when it is next planned; or, if coverage is not required, the annual internal audit report must explain why not (add separate sheets if needed).

## Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2025/26

We acknowledge as the members of:

ENTER NAME OF AUTHORITY

our responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including arrangements for the preparation of the Accounting Statements. We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, with respect to the Accounting Statements for the year ended 31 March 2026, that:

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Agreed |     |                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Yes    | No* | 'Yes' means that this authority:                                                                                                                                                               |
| 1. We have put in place arrangements for effective financial management during the year, and for the preparation of the accounting statements.                                                                                                                           |        |     | <i>prepared its accounting statements in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations.</i>                                                                                               |
| 2. We maintained an adequate system of internal control including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.                                                                                                           |        |     | <i>made proper arrangements and accepted responsibility for safeguarding the public money and resources in its charge.</i>                                                                     |
| 3. We have assured ourselves that there are no matters of actual or potential non-compliance with laws, regulations and Proper Practices that could have a significant financial effect on the ability of this authority to conduct its business or manage its finances. |        |     | <i>has only done what it has the legal power to do and has complied with Proper Practices in doing so.</i>                                                                                     |
| 4. We provided proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of electors' rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.                                                                                                        |        |     | <i>during the year gave all persons interested the opportunity to inspect and ask questions about this authority's accounts.</i>                                                               |
| 5. We carried out an assessment of the risks facing this authority and took appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required.                                                     |        |     | <i>considered and documented the financial and other risks it faces and dealt with them properly.</i>                                                                                          |
| 6. We maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the accounting records and control systems.                                                                                                                                   |        |     | <i>arranged for a competent person, independent of the financial controls and procedures, to give an objective view on whether internal controls meet the needs of this smaller authority.</i> |
| 7. We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit.                                                                                                                                                                         |        |     | <i>responded to matters brought to its attention by internal and external audit.</i>                                                                                                           |
| 8. We considered whether any litigation, liabilities or commitments, events or transactions, occurring either during or after the year-end, have a financial impact on this authority and, where appropriate, have included them in the accounting statements.           |        |     | <i>disclosed everything it should have about its business activity during the year including events taking place after the year end if relevant.</i>                                           |
| 9. (For local councils only) Trust funds including charitable. In our capacity as the sole managing trustee we discharged our accountability responsibilities for the fund(s)/assets, including financial reporting and, if required, independent examination or audit.  | Yes    | No  | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |        |     | <i>has met all of its responsibilities where as a body corporate it is a sole managing trustee of a local trust or trusts.</i>                                                                 |
| 10. We have put in place arrangements for the effective IT and data management in accordance with proper practices during the year under review.                                                                                                                         |        |     | <i>has made suitable arrangements for its IT and data management and has complied with proper practices in doing so.</i>                                                                       |

\*For any statement to which the response is 'no', an explanation **must** be published

This Annual Governance Statement was approved at a meeting of the authority on:

DD/MM/YYYY

and recorded as minute reference:

MINUTE REFERENCE

Signed by the Chair and Clerk of the meeting where approval was given:

Chair

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

Clerk

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

### Information required by the Transparency Code (not part of the Annual Governance Statement)

|                                                                                                               | Yes | No |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|----|
| The authority website is up to date and the information required by the Transparency Code has been published. |     |    |

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## Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2025/26 for

ENTER NAME OF AUTHORITY

|                                                                    | Year ending           |                       | Notes and guidance                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                    | 31 March<br>2025<br>£ | 31 March<br>2026<br>£ |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>1.</b> Balances brought forward                                 |                       |                       | <i>Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the financial records. Value <b>must</b> agree to Box 7 of previous year.</i>                                                       |
| <b>2.</b> (+) Precept or Rates and Levies                          |                       |                       | <i>Total amount of precept (or for IDBs rates and levies) received or receivable in the year. Exclude any grants received.</i>                                                                                 |
| <b>3.</b> (+) Total other receipts                                 |                       |                       | <i>Total income or receipts as recorded in the cashbook less the precept or rates/levies received (line 2). Include any grants received.</i>                                                                   |
| <b>4.</b> (-) Staff costs                                          |                       |                       | <i>Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include gross salaries and wages, employers NI contributions, employers pension contributions, gratuities and severance payments.</i> |
| <b>5.</b> (-) Loan interest/capital repayments                     |                       |                       | <i>Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the authority's borrowings (if any).</i>                                                                                      |
| <b>6.</b> (-) All other payments                                   |                       |                       | <i>Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cashbook less staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).</i>                                                                      |
| <b>7.</b> (=) Balances carried forward                             |                       |                       | <i>Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. <b>must</b> equal (1+2+3) - (4+5+6).</i>                                                                                                                |
| <b>8.</b> Total value of cash and short term investments           |                       |                       | <i>The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and short term investments held as at 31 March – <b>To agree with bank reconciliation.</b></i>                                              |
| <b>9.</b> Total fixed assets plus long term investments and assets |                       |                       | <i>The value of all the property the authority owns – it is made up of all its fixed assets and long term investments as at 31 March.</i>                                                                      |
| <b>10.</b> Total borrowings                                        |                       |                       | <i>The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).</i>                                                                                                        |

| For Local Councils Only                                                                      | Yes | No |                                                                              |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>11.</b> Do the figures in the accounting statements above exclude any Trust transactions? |     |    | <i>For guidance refer to the Practitioners' Guide sections 2.31 to 2.33.</i> |

I certify that for the year ended 31 March 2026 the Accounting Statements in this Annual Governance and Accountability Return have been prepared on either a receipts and payments or income and expenditure basis following the guidance in Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities – a Practitioners' Guide to Proper Practices and present fairly the financial position of this authority.

**Signed by Responsible Financial Officer before being presented to the authority for approval.**

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

Date

DD/MM/YYYY

I confirm that these Accounting Statements were approved by this authority on this date:

DD/MM/YYYY

as recorded in minute reference:

MINUTE REFERENCE

Signed by Chair of the meeting where the Accounting Statements were approved

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

## AGENDA FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

| Item   | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 26/012 | To receive and accept apologies for absence                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 26/013 | Declarations of interest and dispensations <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda</li><li>To receive written requests for dispensations for declarable interests</li><li>To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate</li></ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 26/014 | To confirm the Minutes of the Rushden and Wallington Parish Council held on Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2026.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 26/015 | To receive a report from the District and County Councillor.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 26/016 | Update on Solar Farm proposals                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 26/017 | Community Drivesafe Update                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 26/018 | Pothole and state of roads update.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 26/019 | Wallington Footpath 22                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 26/020 | Parish Trees and inspection thereof.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 26/021 | Review of Safeguarding awareness and communication                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 26/022 | Update on trial of remote Parish Council meeting via Zoom.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 26/023 | Additional dog bin around Southern Green in Rushden.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 26/024 | Addition of Ramp to Bus stop by Mill End Nursery.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 26/025 | Planning ; <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Sheds at No. 11 The Street, Wallington</li><li>Review of Baldock Development Plans</li><li>8 Church End, Bennetts Lane Rushden – single story rear extension – 26/01000/FPH</li></ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 26/026 | Finance - Accounts to date                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 26/027 | Confirm dates of upcoming meetings and any items to be included on the agendas.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Thursday 17th September 2026 - Parish Council Meeting (Rushden VH)</li><li>Thursday 21st January 2027 – Parish Council Meeting (Wallington VH)</li><li>Tuesday 13th April 2027 – Wallington Parish Assembly (Wallington VH)</li><li>Wednesday 14th April 2027 – Rushden Parish Assembly (Rushden VH)</li><li>Thursday 13th May 2027 – Parish Council AGM and PC Meeting (Wallington VH)</li><li><i>Thursday 16th September 2027 - Parish Council Meeting (Rushden VH)</i></li><li><i>Thursday 20th January 2028 – Parish Council Meeting (Wallington VH)</i></li></ul> |

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# PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

## Minutes and Action Points

**Date / Time:** Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2026, 8.00pm

**Location:** Wallington Village Hall

**Councillors Present:** Kate Heath (KH) - CHAIR, Steve Pettyfer (SP), Graham Lamb (GL), Jenny Barlow (JB), Sue Lewis (SL)

**In attendance:** Mark SG Hopley (MSGH) - Clerk, Michelle Hopley (MH) - Clerk, Steve Jarvis (District and County Councillor) & 1 member of the public

| Item   | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Status / Action |
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| 25/056 | <b>To receive and accept apologies for absence</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>None received.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | -               |
| 25/057 | <b>Declarations of interest and dispensations</b> <p><b>a) To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>None.</li><p><b>b) To receive written requests for dispensations for declarable interests</b></p><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>None.</li><p><b>c) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate</b></p><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>NA.</li></ul></ul></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | -               |
| 25/058 | <b>To confirm &amp; sign the Minutes of Rushden and Wallington Parish Council meetings:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Extraordinary Planning Meeting held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024 (Papers had been overlooked for signing at prior meetings) – CONFIRMED</li><li>Rushden &amp; Wallington Parish Council meetings held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2025 - CONFIRMED</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | -               |
| 25/059 | <b>Report from the District and County Councillor.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Bennetts Lane will be surface dressed in April</li><li>Redhill will be patched in February along the section of road from the village to the junction with Rushden/Roe Green Road.</li><li>Wallington Road will be completed between the A505 roundabout and the old Wallington Road.</li><li>The large potholes in the tunnel on the A505 have now been fixed.</li><li>Discussions are ongoing regarding lowering the speed limit on the A505 following the 2 fatalities before Christmas.</li><li>An additional 2 vehicles will be added to the Herts Lynx fleet to make a total of 9. These vehicles will be smaller 9 seater buses. The only issue is that these smaller vehicles cannot accommodate wheelchairs so it is important when booking to make sure that if wheelchair access is required that this is made clear on the booking.</li></ul> |                 |

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|        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SP raised the point that during the recent freezing weather, Bennetts Lane, Treacle Lane and the road heading to Southern Green Farm in Rushden did not get visited by a gritter. SJ will investigate</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | SJ              |
| 25/060 | Footpath 22 update from GL. No progress since the September meeting. However, it was agreed that some action needed to be taken by the PC as there is an increasing possibility that a member of the public could suffer an injury. It was agreed unanimously that GL should draft a letter / email from the PC, sent by the Clerk, to HCC and HDC and Highways requesting that a deadline be set by which a decision must be made by them.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | GL              |
| 25/061 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MSGH proposed adopting new digital and data management regulations for the PC. This is in response to the requirement to follow Assertion 10 of the AGAR (Annual Governance and Accountability Report). In the same way that the PC review and approve the financial regulations, the risk register, audit report etc. each year we are now required to have PC regulations that cover digital and data management including personal data and compliance with the Freedom of Information Act (FOI).</li> <li>We already comply with digital security by having moved to the .Gov.uk email addresses and our new .Gov.uk website address. Our website also complies with the digital accessibility requirements of WCAG 2.2. This proposal is to approve the adoption of the new 'Rushden and Wallington IT &amp; Data Protection Policy' as presented.</li> <li>This new policy covers how digital data is handled and stored by the Parish Council and how members of the public can access this data under the FOI Act. It also covers how Parish Councillors should handle data and what they should do in case they think they have been hacked etc.</li> <li>The new policy was unanimously adopted.</li> </ul> |                 |
| 25/062 | KH will circulate updated safeguarding information for inclusion on the website and posting on village notice boards where suitable.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | KH              |
| 25/063 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There has been a request by a Parishioner to be able to attend PC meetings remotely.</li> <li>MSGH had previously responded to the Parishioner explaining that this, by law, was only temporarily possible for Parish Councillors to do during the covid lockdown and the law has since been revoked. However, we did believe that remote meetings were an excellent idea and certainly increased public participation. The PC have responded to Government consultation for the law to be changed back to allow remote meetings.</li> <li>The Parishioner then wrote to our MP, Chris Hinchcliffe, who responded supporting the PC view that despite it being an excellent idea some smaller Parishes such as ours find the technical hurdles and cost issues prohibitively expensive to implement.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                 |

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|        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>However, there is legislation, currently in the Parliamentary system, to enable remote meetings. The results of the consultation are that the Government states; “We have carefully considered arguments for and against remote attendance and proxy voting, and we plan to legislate to support permanent provision in relation to both policies, when parliamentary time allows. On remote attendance, we plan to permit local authorities to develop their own locally appropriate policies, if they decide to hold remote meetings.”</li> <li>Given the possibility that Parish Councils may, in the near future, be allowed to hold PC meetings remotely for zero cost, as was done during covid, the PC felt it may not be a good use of limited Parish Council funds to invest significantly in equipment and facilities that may in due course, no longer be needed.</li> <li>However, the clerks would investigate doing a trial hybrid meeting at our AGM in May to see if using our existing equipment and facilities allowed a suitable meeting to be held with remote attendance by members of the public.</li> <li>The clerks will reply to the Parishioner explaining what was discussed at this meeting.</li> </ul> | <p>Clerks</p> <p>Clerks</p> |
| 25/064 | <p><b>Planning including an update on planning applications being added to the PC Website.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Windmill House, Rushden – replacement of detached garage and workshop has been granted</li> <li>Solar farms – no further information</li> <li>Church Farm House, Rushden – replacement of single storey rear extension has been granted.</li> <li>Youngloves Farmhouse, Rushden – replacement of chimney stack.</li> <li>SP raised a concern from a member of the public around the Moonshine equestrian application. There was a question about one of the planning conditions not being adhered to so SP pointed the parishioner to the NHDC planning department for clarification.</li> <li>Wallington Councillors and clerks will meet to discuss NHDC’s response to our letter regarding the sheds / dog kennels at No.11 The Street Wallington.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <p>KH / GL Clerks</p>       |
| 25/065 | <p><b>Finance:</b></p> <p><b>Spend to 31.12.25</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MSGH presented the accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025. At the moment we are forecasting to be £183.77 underspent against our budget, the majority of this underspend; £195, due to less Rushden grass cutting than forecast.</li> <li>The main risks to this underspend are that we have Wallington Common insurance and the dog bin emptying invoices yet to be received.</li> <li>KH raised the point that there may yet be a tree inspection invoice to come but that this was proving quite difficult to source a contractor for. MH reiterated that any underspend on trees would be carried over into the reserves for future use.</li> </ul> <p><b>Budget 2026-27</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                             |

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|        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A precept request of £4,500 is still anticipated although the contingency level since the last budget proposal in September has reduced by almost £90 due to ;                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The inclusion of £51 of bank charges that Lloyds have recently introduced. As interest rates are reducing, we cannot guarantee that the interest we receive on our reserves will continue to cover the monthly bank charges of £4.25 per month so we need to start budgeting for those ongoing bank charges.</li> <li>b) HAPTC subs have increased over and above inflationary forecasts by £13.54</li> <li>c) Website support costs have increased this year by £24.48 to cover the inclusion of our .Gov.uk email addresses and .Gov.uk website.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Although the contingency has now reduced to only 2.7% of our budget at £119.06 it was felt that given our current level of reserves this is still an acceptable risk.</li> <li>The precept of £4,500 was agreed unanimously and MSGH will submit that request by the precept deadline of 29.1.26.</li> <li>SP raised a question from Rushden residents about whether an additional 3<sup>rd</sup> dog bin could be purchased for the area around Southern Green. Steve Jarvis and Tracy Westgate advised us to apply for a community grant from the NHDC website. SP agreed to canvass opinion on whether a dog bin is needed and where it should be located on Southern Green. He will then submit an application for a grant in due course.</li> </ul> | <p>MSGH</p> <p>SP</p> |
| 25/066 | <p><b>Confirm date of next meeting and any items to be included on that agenda.</b></p> <p>There was some confusion around whether Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May was available for the AGM as Wallington VH has been booked by NHDC for the elections but Steve Jarvis believes there are no elections in North Herts due in May. The Clerks will investigate and clarify whether the 7<sup>th</sup> May is available or not. If it is not available then the fallback date will be Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tuesday 14th April 2026 - Wallington Parish Assembly (Wallington VH)</li> <li>Wednesday 15th April 2026 - Rushden Parish Assembly (Rushden VH)</li> <li><i>Thursday 7th May 2026 - Parish Council AGM and PC Meeting (Wallington VH) - TBC</i></li> <li>Thursday 17th September 2026 - Parish Council Meeting (Rushden VH)</li> <li><b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2027 – Parish Council Meeting (Wallington VH)</b></li> <li><b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2027 – Wallington Parish Assembly (Wallington VH)</b></li> <li><b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2027 – Rushden Parish Assembly (Rushden VH)</b></li> <li><b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2027 – Parish Council AGM and PC Meeting (Wallington VH)</b></li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Clerks                |
|        | The Chair closed the meeting at 9.20pm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                       |

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## 2026-27 Budget - FINAL 2%

|                                                           | Total (Incl. Inflation)           | April            | Invoiced Spend To Date | Anticipated Spend to Come | Full Year Forecast | Full Year Forecast Vs Budgeted Good / (Bad) | Comments                                                                                                                                                                        |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Bank Charges                                              | (£51.00)                          | (£4.25)          | (£4.25)                | (£46.75)                  | (£51.00)           |                                             | New Fee introduced in 2025 - £4.25 p/m                                                                                                                                          |
| Grass Cutting                                             | (£1,235.00)                       | (£130.00)        | (£130.00)              | (£1,105.00)               | (£1,235.00)        |                                             | Based on PYR and assumes no inflation in 2026-27 as Greg has not increased prices for a number of years                                                                         |
| HAPTC Membership                                          | (£295.33)                         | (£295.33)        | (£295.33)              |                           | (£295.33)          |                                             | Actual Fees to be paid in 2026-27                                                                                                                                               |
| PC Insurance                                              | (£218.28)                         | (£214.00)        | (£214.00)              |                           | (£214.00)          | £4.28                                       | Based on PYR & Assumes 2% inflation in 2026-27                                                                                                                                  |
| Wallington Tree maintenance - Inspections & Reports       | (£714.00)                         |                  |                        | (£714.00)                 | (£714.00)          |                                             | Updated report required in 2025-26                                                                                                                                              |
| Information Commissioner                                  | (£47.00)                          |                  |                        | (£47.00)                  | (£47.00)           |                                             | Based on PYR & Assumes no inflation in 2026-27                                                                                                                                  |
| Website Hosting costs including website and email support | (£85.67)                          |                  |                        | (£85.67)                  | (£85.67)           |                                             | Higher than PYR as PYR had one-off 3 year Domain Renewal @ £25.16 (runs to 2027) and we have the additional cost of the .gov.uk domain name @ £24 per annum instead of £8.39 pa |
| Wallington Insurance                                      | (£234.86)                         |                  |                        | (£234.86)                 | (£234.86)          |                                             | Based on PYR & Assumes 2% inflation in 2026-27                                                                                                                                  |
| Staff Costs                                               | (£600.00)                         |                  |                        | (£600.00)                 | (£600.00)          |                                             | £600 PA salary                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Dog Bin Emptying                                          | (£361.32)                         |                  |                        | (£361.32)                 | (£361.32)          |                                             | Based on PYR & Assumes 2% inflation in 2026-27                                                                                                                                  |
| Rushden Insurance                                         | (£318.48)                         |                  |                        | (£318.48)                 | (£318.48)          |                                             | Based on PYR & Assumes 5% inflation in 2026-27 for 2024-25 and 2% for 2025-26                                                                                                   |
| Printing & Stationery                                     | (£100.00)                         |                  |                        | (£100.00)                 | (£100.00)          |                                             | Based on PYR (with no one-off costs)                                                                                                                                            |
| Village Hall Hire                                         | (£120.00)                         |                  |                        | (£120.00)                 | (£120.00)          |                                             | Based on 8 Meetings a year @ £15 each (3 PC & 2 PA & 3 EGM Planning)                                                                                                            |
| Election Fee                                              |                                   |                  |                        |                           |                    |                                             | New Fee introduced in 2023 - Flat Fee of £250 for 5 seats in an election year                                                                                                   |
| Sub-Total                                                 | (£4,380.94)                       | (£643.58)        | (£643.58)              | (£3,733.08)               | (£4,376.66)        | £4.28                                       | Sub-total of regular expenditure                                                                                                                                                |
| Available for one-off expenses                            | (£119.06)                         |                  |                        | (£119.06)                 | (£119.06)          |                                             | Contingency (2.65%) of total budget                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Total Precept Required 2026-27</b>                     | <b>(£4,500.00)</b>                | <b>(£643.58)</b> | <b>(£643.58)</b>       | <b>(£3,852.14)</b>        | <b>(£4,495.72)</b> | <b>£4.28</b>                                |                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Prior Year Precept 2025-26                                | (£4,500.00)<br>Check<br>£4,500.00 | £2,250.00        | £2,250.00              | £2,250.00                 | £4,500.00          |                                             | No increase in precept required                                                                                                                                                 |