Rushmere St. Andrew Parish Council

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Rushmere St Andrew Parish Council
Annual Parish Meeting Minutes
Date: 26th May 2026
Time: 7:30 PM
Venue: St Andrew's Church Hall

Attendees: 15

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1. Welcome and Overview of the Year

Speaker: Robert Whiting, Chairman of the Parish Council

The Chairman welcomed all attendees and provided an overview of the council's activities over the past year. He introduced the financial and planning reports and expressed gratitude to councillors, staff, and volunteers for their contributions. In particular, Cllr Whiting covered the following in his presentation:

- Kelvedon Sensory Garden
- New play equipment at Tower Hall Play Area
- Improvements at cemetery and allotments
- IT upgrades
- Transfer of land from East Suffolk Council to the Parish Council

Q&A Session:
Residents had the opportunity to ask questions regarding the council's work and future plans.

Ruth Silburn provided a brief presentation about St Andrew's Church Gold Eco Church Award and what it means for the church and community one year after they received the award.

2. County Councillor – Cllr Alistair Jeffreys

Cllr Jeffreys did a presentation about the Suffolk County Council Administration. He introduced himself, the new Council Leadership Team, the Suffolk County Council Leader, he talked about cabinet positions, priorities and pledges.

Q&A Session:
Residents had the opportunity to ask questions regarding of Cllr Jeffreys.

3. Parish Office/ Community hub

Cllr Whiting presented the proposals for the parish office/community hub, including its need and how it will be used, location, layout and elevations, etc of the proposals.

Q&A Session:
Residents had the opportunity to ask questions regarding the council's work and future plans. Generally support was expressed for the proposals.

4. Address by Vice-Chairman

Speaker: James Wright, Vice-Chairman of Rushmere St Andrew Parish Council

James Wright gave a presentation on Community Speedwatch and Speed Indicator Devices initiatives in the parish.

Q&A Session:
Residents had the opportunity to ask questions regarding the presentation.

5. Open Forum

Members of the public were invited to raise concerns and discuss any local issues, services, or needs not covered in the agenda. Topics included traffic concerns and community services.

6. Closing Remarks

The Chairman thanked all attendees for their participation and reiterated the council's commitment to addressing community needs. Attendees enjoyed refreshments.