

Ruspidge Welfare Trust

Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the AGM held in Ruspidge Memorial Hall,
7.00 pm on Wednesday 27th May 2026

Present: Tony Matthews, Norman Snell, Nicky Packer, Priya Shukla
Lee Hemming, representing Whitecroft YFC.

Chair – Mr. Tony Matthews.

Clerk of Ruspidge & Soudley Parish Council (R&SPC) Mr. Roland Dowding.

- 5.1. Apologies for absence:** William Acland, Denis Bagwell - Johnston, Paul Firth.
- 5.2.** Acceptance of the Minutes of the meeting held on the **26th of November 2025**.
The members present accepted the minutes as a true record. The Chairman Mr. Tony Matthews duly signed the minutes.
- 5.3. Matters arising from the minutes.** None recorded.
- 5.4. Financial Report 2025/26.** Mr. Roland Dowding presented the financial report. The members present accepted the financial report and had no further question regarding the report. The Chairman, Mr. Matthews advised that at our November RWT meeting we must review the financial situation and consider adjusting charges accordingly.
- 5.5. Ellwood Youth Football Club at Ruspidge Football Ground.** Mr. Lee Hemming representing the club informed the members the Club's name has now been changed to **Whitecroft YFC**. This is to be noted, and it is approved by the members present that the agreement signed in December 2025 still stands. Mr Hemming updated members on the work attended to on the cabins. Repairs have been made to the toilet block flooring. The process of preparing the cabins for painting has started. The club are happy with the agreement made with the RWT and are work with Mr. Paul Firth, RWT liaison to Whitecroft YFC.
- 5.6. General Progress Update** – From Ms. Nicky Packer.
Ms. Packer showed the members present a RWT logo that she had designed. The members present approved of the design and thanked Ms. Packer for her work.
Ms. Packer explained there is a possibility of two designs and perhaps the final choice be made by the public. The members present approved this suggestion. It was agreed that the final logo design be scanned and prepared correctly for use by a suitable Graphic Designer.
Ms. Packer is still working on the RWT draft constitution.

5.7. Any other business.

Mr. Dowding requested any additional RWT committee meetings other than the regular annual AGM & November meeting be included on the Parish council agenda and minutes. To make signing and validation of additional RWT business more convenient.

Mr. Dowding noted that concerns had been expressed by members of the public regarding a dead tree located at the top end of Ruspidge recreational ground.

Ms. Packer suggested we have the branches removed for safety but leave the trunk standing. Planting of a climbing plant is suggested to cover the trunk and aid local ecology.

This suggestion was agreed by the members present. Final details to be advised after receipt of the Ruspidge recreational ground ecology report.

Mr. Dowding is instructed to go ahead and arrange for the branches to be removed by contractor and Tree Surgeon Mr. Wes Brown.

Mrs. Shukla requested we have the old goal post removed from Ruspidge recreational ground. This is due to an incident that recently happened in Ruspidge requiring the Air Ambulance needing a landing zone.

Removal of said goal posts will allow for a safe landing zone in future.

The members present agreed this action.

The ended at 07:30 p.m.

Signed Date