

Ryton and Grindle Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Ryton and Grindle Parish Council held on Monday 11th March 2024 at 7.00pm at St Andrew's Church, Ryton

In attendance: Cllrs John Webb, Caroline Davies, Jonathan Hartnell-Beavis, Shropshire Cllr Andrew Sherrington, and the Parish Clerk (Vanessa Voysey)

2023.64 Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

2023.65 Apologies

There were no apologies at this time

2023.66 Co-Option

There were no expressions of interest in consider co-option from any interested parties

2023.67 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

2023.68 Public Forum

There were no questions from the public at this time

2023.69 Shropshire Councillor's Report:

Andrew Sherrington, Shropshire Councillor for Worfield, reported that Shropshire Council is proceeding with the North Western Relief Road. He had proposed an amendment not to increase the committed spend without a business case but this was voted down. The cost is expected to be between £175 and £200 Million. There is a proposed £62M of savings, also plans to develop Shirehall and use another building to house staff. There will be a 4.99% rise in Council Tax, the maximum allowed in the main element. The roads budget has been cut by £1.8M with the claim that the service has become more efficient.

Cllr Jonathan Hartnell-Beavis commented that the roads are in a shocking state, whilst Cllr John Webb said that the new repairs on Grindle Road are good but the drains are blocked and so excess water is not draining away.

Cllr Sherrington said that he is consistently hearing that Parish Council officers are not getting replies from Shropshire Council.

2023.70 Minutes:

It was proposed, seconded, and resolved to confirm the minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 15th January 2024

2023.71 Clerk's Report

Information on funding churches had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Regarding amalgamation, the advice of the County Solicitor is that reviews would take place after the elections in May 2025 on request, alternatively, through a request by the Parish Meetings of each of the relevant parishes.

The environmental maintenance contractor, Riverwood, had advised of an increase of £10 per invoice in the next financial year. It was agreed to accept this increase. It was also agreed to accept the suggestion of Cllr John Webb to ask for the contractor to tidy both sides of the bridge, from the Memorial bench to the west side of the river and on the opposite side of the road.

2023.72 Finance

a) It was proposed, seconded, and resolved to approve the following payments:-

Riverwood - £96
Clerk (travel, March) - £14.40
Clerk Salary - Quarter 4 – £583.67
HMRC – Quarter 4 - £146
Replacement of defibrillator pads - £77.94
Chain for the front of the Memorial bench - £9.06
Hire of church - £200

b) There were no receipts

c) It was proposed, seconded, and resolved to approve the Reconciliation and Bank Statements for end of month of January 2024

d) It was proposed, seconded, and resolved to approve Receipts and Payments including income and expenditure spreadsheets to month of January 2024

2023.73 Planning

Received after the publication of the Agenda:

24/00938/FUL: 3 Grindleforge, Hinnington Road: Erection of Conservatory to front elevation

No comment to file

2023.74 Highways

Highway maintenance: Cllr John Webb asked how to get a road sweeper out as he has noticed this is a problem on roads in Kemberton and Shifnal. Cllr Sherrington said that this request should go straight to highways, he requested that he be copied in and advised if there was no result from it.

Cllr John Webb said that he would like to put reflexive market posts on Ollie's Corner to stop people driving over it.

2023.75 Environment

Cllr John Webb has planted a walnut tree at Ollie's corner.

2023.76 Correspondence

There was none at this time

2023.77 Any other Parish Matters

There was none at this time

2023.63 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on at St Andrew's Church, Ryton, 7.00pm, May 21st 2024