

Ryton and Grindle Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Ryton and Grindle Parish Council held on Thursday 28th November 2024 on at 7.00pm at St Andrew's Church, Ryton

In attendance: Cllrs John Webb (Chairman), Jonathan Hartnell-Beavis, Caroline Davies, Sarah Ibister, and the Parish Clerk (Vanessa Voysey)

48.24 Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

49.24 Apologies

There were none at this time

50.24 Declarations of Interest

There were none at this time

51.24 Co-option

No election was called following the resignation of Cllr Caroline Davies. This means that there are now two vacancies on the Parish Council available for co-option

52.24 Public Forum

There were no members of the public present

53.24 Shropshire Councillor's Report

There was no report from the Shropshire Councillor for Worfield at this time.

The Parish Clerk noted that news from Shropshire Council included that the Recycling Centre on Faraday Drive in Bridgnorth is now available to the public by appointment only. The offices at Shire Hall had been closed at short notice with staff instructed to work at home as a money-saving measure.

54.24 Minutes

It was resolved to confirm the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 24th September 2024

55.24 Clerk's Report

A summary of the meeting will be written up for the Parish Magazine. This will include noting the vacancies that are available on the Parish Council.

The Parish Clerk noted that the Local Government Pay Award had been agreed in November. It was resolved to adjust the payment of the salary accordingly.

The January meeting will need to set the budget and precept. Cllr John Webb said that the Environmental Maintenance Grant would need to be considered, as it had been halved this year and next year is uncertain. Cllr Webb said he would speak to Riverwood, the environmental contractor, about the possibility of bringing Grindleforge onto the work list.

Cllr Jonathan Hartnell-Beavis suggested that next year for Remembrance Day the Parish Council considers getting a wreath off a local artisan who makes wreaths.

56.24 Finance

i) It was resolved to approve the following payments:-

Riverwood – invoice 25 £108
Riverwood – invoice 26 - £108
RBL – donation - £50
Clerk - £14.40 travel expenses for November
Clerk – salary Quarter 3
HMRC – Quarter 3

ii) It was resolved to approve the Reconciliation and Bank Statements for end of month of September 2024

iii) It was resolved to approve Receipts and Payments including income and expenditure spreadsheets to month of September 2024

Cllr Jonathan Hartnell-Beavis noted that the church is raising money for an electrical heating system and questioned if the Parish Council would consider a donation towards it, as it is the only usable public building in the Parish. The Parish Clerk said she would double-check the changes in legislation about Parish Councils donating to the church and would circulate it to Councillors.

57.24 Planning

a) There were no planning notifications or planning decisions received between the publication of the Agenda and the meeting of 28th November

b) Cllr John Webb brought to the attention of the Parish Council a potential breach of planning regulations. It was agreed that this should be followed up with the Planning authorities.

58.24 Highways

There are still potholes about. Cllr Jonathan Hartnell-Beavis noted that the main road to Ryton is not too bad, but the Sutton Maddock roundabout has fallen apart again.

Cllr Sarah Ibister said that the road has broken up by Caynton Cottage. This would be reported using Fix My Street.

59.24 Environment

Cllr John Webb said he had spent two- and three-quarter hours picking up litter on Monday. Rubbish dumped along the road included four black bags, four carrier bags, a metal ironing board frame, a roll of roofing felt, and two pieces of guttering.

60.24 Correspondence

There was none at this time

61.24 Any other Parish Matters

There were none at this time

62.24 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 28th January 2025