

# ***Ryton and Grindle Parish Council***

**Minutes of the Annual meeting of Ryton and Grindle Parish Council held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 7.00pm at St Andrew's Church, Ryton**

In attendance: Anne Banks, Jonathan Hartnell-Beavis, Sarah Isbister, John Webb

**1.25 New Council formed** Councillors signed the Declaration of Office

**2.25 Election of Chairman**

It was proposed, seconded, and resolved to nominate John Webb as the Chairman of the Council

John Webb signed the Declaration of Office

**3.25 Chairman's Welcome and Announcements**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

**4.25 Election of Vice-Chairman**

It was proposed, seconded, and resolved to nominate Jonathan Hartnell-Beaves as Vice-Chairman of the Council

Jonathan Hartnell-Beavis signed the Declaration of Office

**5.25 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Shropshire Councillor Elizabeth Barker (alternative meeting) and Jonathan Murnane (ill-health)

**6.25 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

There were no declarations of interest at this time

The Parish Clerk said that Shropshire Council was asking Parish Councillors to register their Pecuniary Interests online during this term of office. Instructions on how to do this would be circulated to all Councillors.

**7.25 Power of General Competence**

It was resolved to agree that the Parish Council is an eligible council to exercise the General Power of Competence in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 ss 1-8 as i) the Parish Clerk has holds CiLCA and ii) as two-thirds of the Councillors were elected and not co-opted

## **8.25 Co-Option**

It was resolved to co-opt Anne Banks as a member of the Parish Council

Anne Banks signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office

It was resolved to co-opt Jonathan Murnane as a member of the Parish Council

Jonathan Murnane was not able to attend the meeting. It was agreed that his Declaration of Acceptance of Office could be signed and witnessed as soon as possible outside of the meeting.

## **9.25 Public Forum**

The Parish Clerk said that a road closure sign was up at the entrance to road through Havenhill by Brockton, but no diversion signs were in place. Further signs on the road had said that the closure was for 28<sup>th</sup> May – no information had been sent by Shropshire Council about it. She said she would follow this up.

## **10.25 Shropshire Councillor's Report**

Shropshire Councillor Elizabeth Barker was elected on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025 to the newly formed Shifnal Rural division. She has contacted the Parish Clerk and has said she is intending to attend the next meeting but is unable to make this one as she has already agreed to attend another Parish Council meeting.

## **11.25 Minutes**

It was resolved to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025 as a true record

## **12.25 Clerk's Report**

Councillors asked if there was any update on a planning enforcement question about a removed hedge, the Parish Clerk said she would follow this up.

The recently held litter pick proved to be a success, Cllr Jonathan Hartnell-Beavis expressed his disappointment that after the efforts made, fast food wrappers appeared in verges the next day.

## **13.25 Finance**

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

Clerk - £14.40 travel expenses for May

Clerk – Salary Q1

HMRC – Q1

ICO (direct debit) subscription for the year - £47 (*retrospective*)

Lloyds Bank, fees - £8.50 (*retrospective*)

Church rent - £90 (*retrospective*)  
Web Orchard, website for year £246.24 (*retrospective*)  
SALC fees for 2025-2026 - £155.59  
Riverwood (April) - £114

- ii) It was resolved to approve the Reconciliation and Bank Statements for end of month of March 2025
- iii) It was resolved to approve Receipts and Payments including income and expenditure spreadsheets to month of March 2025
- iv) **Internal Audit** it was resolved to receive and accept the Internal Audit for the financial year 2024-2025
- v) **End of Year**

It was resolved to approve and sign the following:

- Sign Certificate of Exemption
- Sign Annual Governance Form
- Sign the Annual Return for 2024-25
- To confirm the Exercise of Public Rights for the dates as 3<sup>rd</sup> June to 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Thanks were given to the Internal Auditor, Cedric Randle, for his services to the Parish Council

## **14.25 Planning**

The following were noted:

- a) 25/01176/TCA (validated: 26/03/2025)  
St Andrew Church, Ryton: Crown lift 2no Limes (See Report) within Ryton Conservation Area  
Decision: No Objection  
  
25/01247/TCA (validated: 28/03/2025)  
Church Farm House, Ryton: Reduce by 30% 2no Silver Birch & 2no Leylandii within Ryton Conservation Area  
Decision: No Objection
- b) There were no planning notifications or planning decisions received between the publication of the Agenda and the meeting
- c) There were no other planning matters to consider at this time

## **14.25 Highways**

- a) The following temporary road closure was noted:

Grindle Road Shifnal: 15th July 2025. Road Closure, Open Reach, to replace x1 pole in the verge <https://one.network/?tm=143122979>

- b) There is a large pothole on Whiston Bank. This has not been reported on Fix My Street yet, Cllr Jonathan Hartnell-Beavis said he would put a note on the village What's App group encouraging people to report potholes, fly-tipping and other matters on Fix My Street.

Regarding road closures, Cllr Anne Banks noted that there were unnamed roads in the area. The Parish Clerk said she would find out information about naming of roads from Shropshire Council.

#### **15.25 Environment**

Cllr Jonathan Hartnell-Beavis noted that he had attended a recent meeting of the Climate Change Environmental Group at Beckbury. There will probably be a follow-up event.

#### **16.25 Correspondence**

There was no correspondence at this time

#### **17.25 Any other Parish Matters**

There were no other Parish matters at this time

#### **18.25 Date of Next Meeting**

*The next meeting will be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025 at 7pm*