

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

Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7.30pm  
St Andrew's Church, Ryton

**In attendance: Cllrs Caroline Davis, Jonathan Hartnell-Beavis, John Webb, and the Parish Clerk (Vanessa Voysey)**

## **22.38 Chairman's Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

## **22.39 Apologies**

Shropshire Councillor Richard Marshall had sent apologies as he was unable to attend the meeting

## **22.40 Co-Option**

There had been no formal expressions of interest in co-option to date

## **22.41 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest at this time

## **22.42 Public Forum**

There were no members of the public present

## **22.43 Shropshire Councillor's Report**

There was no written or verbal report from the Shropshire Councillor for Worfield, Richard Marshall at this time

## **22.44 Minutes**

It was agreed to confirm the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022

## **22.45 Clerk's Report**

The Parish Clerk reported that Shropshire Council had investigated the Parish Council's concerns about overgrown vegetation on Grindleforge Bridge but had concluded that it was outside its remit as it is not its responsibility.

It was agreed that the Parish Council should contact Apley Estate, as the landowner, and raise this as a long-term issue.

Information has been sent about how to access data on website traffic, but not the actual data. The Parish Clerk said she would investigate this and report back at the next meeting.

## **22.46 Finance**

a) It was agreed to approve the following payments:-

Travel expenses (January) £14.40

To approve in retrospect the following payments made between meetings:

Royal British Legion – Remembrance Day wreath £20

Riverwood - Environmental Maintenance for month of October £96

Salary (Quarter 3) £324.98

HMRC (Quarter 3) £81.40

Information Solutions/Web Orchard – website 2022-2023 - £228

b) There were no receipts to note at this time

c) It was agreed to approve the Reconciliation and Bank Statements for end of month of October 2022

d) It was agreed to approve the Receipts and Payments including income and expenditure spreadsheets to month of October 2022

The following were also raised as financial considerations:

- It was suggested that next year a donation be made to the Royal British Legion but not to order another wreath, as the wreaths do not deteriorate
- Monies are due to St Andrews Church for its hire for meetings - this is normally £100 a year
- Electric costs for installing the defibrillator will be due and an invoice sent to the Parish Council
- The Parish Council may wish to consider a defibrillator training course
- The defibrillator will require ongoing maintenance including the purchase of new pads when required

It was requested that the Parish Clerk find out precedents for peppercorn rent for the placement and electrical supply of a defibrillator

e) The decision made by email to accept the renewal quote from Web Orchard for the Parish Council's Website was noted

f) It was agreed to apply the NALC Salary Agreement for 2022-2023

g) The Parish Council considered the draft budget and setting of a precept

It was agreed to request a precept of £3970 for the financial year 2023-2024 and to add adjust the draft budget to put £264 on the Contingency line

## **22.47 Planning**

### a) Planning Decisions:

The following was noted:

No Objection: 22/05359/TCA, Ryton Fern, Ryton Park, Ryton: Reduce ends of lower limbs in contact with cables and clear a proximity zone of 1metre around the cables and remove deadwood from 1no. Common Lime within Ryton Conservation Area.

### b) It was noted that there had been no new notifications regarding the Lindens had come through the Shropshire Council planning system.

## **22.48 Highways**

### a) Highway maintenance: the Chairman, John Webb, said that he had reported some blocked drains but within and just outside of the Parish.

### b) There were no other highway matters to raise at this time.

## **22.49 Environment**

Cllr Jonathan Hartnell-Beavis said that village entrances had been raised at the last meeting, and suggested pitching it as an idea on the village's What's App group.

The Parish Clerk said that it could be expected to be several hundred pounds to complete the project. She agreed to get some accurate and up-to-date figures on the cost of white picket signages and licensing information from Shropshire Council.

## **22.50 Defibrillator**

A defibrillator has been installed in Ryton village. This was donated by the Henry Angel James Memorial Trust.

There was a brief discussion on the merits or otherwise of putting signage towards it.

## **22.51 Correspondence**

### a) Shropshire Council has produced a draft Sustainable Affordable Warmth Strategy, comments to be received by 5<sup>th</sup> March 2023

The Chairman, Cllr John Webb, said that it was a long report but worth reading. Cllr Jonathan Hartnell-Beavis said that Shropshire Council's target of Net Zero by 2030 did not seem to have any action to get us there and that this was a Government down issue.

### b) Shropshire Council has opened a new subsidised tree scheme

Cllr Jonathan Hartnell-Beavis said that he had circulated this via the village's What's App group as the scheme was open to the public.

## **22.52 Any other Parish Matters**

Cllr Jonathan Hartnell-Beavis reported that FOSCRAG were planning a street party to celebrate the King's Coronation on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

It was suggested that the organising committee might approach the Parish Council for financial support for the event. The next committee meeting will be on 7<sup>th</sup> February.

The Parish Clerk noted that the Parish Council had agreed to put £264 in the Contingency line and that there was also money held in reserves. Whilst it would be prudent to hold about £2,000 in General Reserves for emergencies there was currently surplus to this amount.

## **22.53 Date of Next Meeting**

*The next meeting will be on at St Andrew's Church, Ryton, 7.00pm, on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March*

*The Annual Parish and Annual Parish Council Meetings will be held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 7pm.*