

Ryton and Grindle Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Ryton and Grindle Parish Council on Wednesday 16th March 2022 at 7.30pm at St Andrew's Church, Ryton

In attendance: Cllrs Sarah Williams, Gina Somerville; Caroline Davies; Jonathan Hartnell-Beavis and the Parish Clerk (Vanessa Voysey)

21.94 Chairman's Welcome

The Vice-Chairman, Sarah Williams, welcomed everyone to the meeting

21.95 Apologies

Apologies were received from:

Cllr John Webb – health

This was received and accepted

21.96 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this time

21.97 Public Forum

There were no members of the public present and no questions at this time

21.98 Shropshire Councillor's Report

There was no report at this time

21.99 Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Updates were given on plans to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June 2022. Progress has been made on organising a street party. Councillors have knocked on doors and leafleted residents and so far there are 16 attendees from Grindle and 25 from Ryton, not including Councillors and family. Cllr Caroline Davies has also set up a Whats App group.

The event will need a road closure with Shropshire Council and insurance, this will be arranged in due course. Cllr Caroline Davies reported that so far offers have been made to loan trestle tables, tea urns, and to provide sandwiches and cakes. She is organising tables and chairs. Cllr Jonathan Hartnell-Beavis said he may be able to help with a gala tent.

There was some discussion on the possibility and practicality of arranging fireworks and a beacon as part of the weekend celebrations. Cllr John Webb has been looking into the provision of a beacon including costings.

21.100 Minutes

It was proposed, seconded, and **resolved** to confirm the minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 19th January 2022

21.101 Clerk's Report

The Parish Clerk reported that the Internal Auditor had agreed to do the Internal Audit for the Parish Council again this year and that paperwork would be sent to him electronically in April.

21.102 Finance

21.102.1

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

Venables Brothers Ltd – timber for Triangles project - £376.49 (*retrospective*)

Clerk - £310.84 salary for Quarter 4

HMRC - £77.60 PAYE for Quarter 4

Clerk - £28.80 travel expenses for Quarter 4

I.C.O – direct debit due 23/3/2022 – subscription to I.C.O - £35

21.102.2

There were no receipts at this time

21.102.3

It was proposed, seconded, and **resolved** to receive and approve the following:

- a) The Reconciliation and Bank Statements for end of month of January 2022
- b) The Receipts and Payments including income and expenditure spreadsheets to month of January 2022

21.102.3

- a) It was proposed, seconded, and resolved to set the Clerk's pay for the year 2022-2023 at the SCP 6 ate of £10.42 per hour payable from 1st April 2022.
- b) It was noted that the Parish Council now holds six meetings and year, and that the cost of heating and lighting the church will be increasing.

It was proposed, seconded, and **resolved** to agree a donation of £180 for St Andrew's Church for its use as a meeting room

21.103 Planning

a) There were no planning notifications at this time

b) The following planning decisions was noted:

21/05312/FUL (validated: 15/12/2021)

The Old School House, Ryton, Shifnal, Shropshire, TF11 9JN

Erection of a triple garage on site of existing disused tennis court; replace gates and form new gated access with the supporting screen walls

Decision: Refuse

Dated: 8/2/2022

c) There were no other planning matters to discuss at this time

21.104 Highways

a) Highway maintenance

Cllrs John Webb and Sarah Williams will be conducting a walk and report around the Parish focusing on gullies that need clearing.

Cllr Sarah Williams noted that work had been undertaken around Brockton and the Sutton Maddock Island that is an improvement but that it did not seem to reflect a three day closure.

Cllr Jonathan Hartnell-Beavis noted that there is a large pothole in the middle of the road between Norton and Bridgnorth

b) There were no other highway matters to report at this time

21.104 Environment

a) Climate Emergency:

Cllr Jonathan Hartnell-Beavis said that the latest news is that the climate emergency is getting worse.

It was noted that a solar farm has been proposed within Kemberton Parish. Ryton and Grindle Councillors had attended the consultation exercise. The villagers at Kemberton were planning a follow up meeting to respond to any planning permission filed with Shropshire Council.

b) Triangles

The timber for the project is ready for collection. Cllr John Webb will be liaising with volunteers about possible dates to complete the work.

c) Dog fouling

Councillors considered any action that might be taken to address problems with dog fouling within the Parish.

It was agreed that a polite reminder in the Parish Magazine would be the most appropriate course of action at this time.

d) Any other Environment matters

The Parish Clerk said she had made enquiries about Shropshire Council's Environmental Maintenance Grant, but that there was not news as yet.

21.105 Defibrillator

It was noted that Cllr John Webb had made enquiries about grants for defibrillators and had applied through a foundation charity. If this bid were successful it would cover most of the costs of a defibrillator.

Cllr Gina Somerville reported that the Ryton Hall Management Company were willing to listen to the Parish Council's proposals and noted that it would be helpful to speak to someone who has install one to see if it would be possible to locate one using the building.

Options for siting the defibrillator were discussed and it was agreed that a site visit would be helpful in establishing a suitable location.

The Parish Clerk reported that SALC (Shropshire Association of Local Councils) had advised that the Parish Council would be able to accept donations towards the defibrillator. Any donations should be recorded. Cllr Gina Somerville noted that she was aware that some residents were willing to contribute towards the cost, and that there was also willingness to put on a charity fundraising event.

21.106 Dates of Forthcoming Meetings

It was agreed that the following are provisional meeting dates for 2022-2023

Wednesday May 18th 2022
Wednesday July 20th 2022
Wednesday September 21st 2022
Wednesday November 16th 2022
Wednesday January 18th 2023
Wednesday March 15th 2023

21.107 Correspondence

- a) A reminder had been sent from the Lord Lieutenant about invitees for a garden party to be held in June

21.108 Any other Parish Matters

- a) Content of Notice Boards: Cllr Sarah Williams noted that Cllr John Webb had requested this item as there was some concern about the boards being cluttered with commercial notices. The noticeboards are owned by the Parish Council.

It was considered by Councillors present that the noticeboards should be a place for community engagement and local business adverts should reflect this, it was also noted that a list of contacts and police officers would be a useful addition.

- b) There was discussion on the content of the Parish Council website and possible items of inclusion. It was considered that the content should include items of public interest including community events and road closures.

21.109 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on 16th March 2022 at St Andrew's Church, Ryton, 7.30pm