

Ryton and Grindle Parish Council

Chair: John Webb

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Minutes of the meeting of Ryton and Grindle Parish Council Held on Wednesday 18th March 2020 at 7.30pm at St Andrew's Church, Ryton

46.19 Apologies

None

47.19 Declarations of Interest

None at this time

48.19 Public Forum

There were six members of the public present

Grindle Farm

A member of the public present said that there lorries were down to about two or three a day

The Chair, Cllr John Webb, reported that everything was being moved from Grindle Farm and that any traffic should be removing things to the new site.

Cllr Sarah Williams commented that the date of removal has slipped back yet again.

Neighbourhood Plan

It was agreed that this item should be brought forward on the Agenda.

Cllr Richard Holt explained that a Parish Plan had been finished in 2011 and was an expression of what parishioners wanted at that time, such as road safety and community spirit. Some of this had been achieved following the plan's conclusion. The Government has now introduced Neighbourhood Plans; a Neighbourhood Plan is more specifically about development and has more meat to it. Only three Parish Councils in Shropshire have them so far.

Shropshire Council has an overarching plan and plans underneath it; Ryton is within Albrighton's area plan. It does not outline any plans for development in Ryton and Grindle but Shropshire Council could go ahead and propose building without remit from the Parish Council and parishioners. With a Neighbourhood Plan in place, it might say, for example, that the Parish wants some low cost housing, or a hotel, and this would have to be taken into account.

There are arguments against doing a Neighbourhood Plan: it could be argued that there is no chance that a prison or large scale housing would be proposed to be built in the parish; it takes a lot of time and work for Councillors and possibly involving the use of a consultant; it costs a lot of money. There are also good reasons why we might want one, the Stanmore development is an example of where a development is being thrust on locals on a Green Belt site.

A member of the public questioned what plans Apley Estates had for the future for the Grindle Farm site.

Cllr Richard Holt said that he was thinking of large scale development, such as spread of Halesfield. The plan could be specific about what kind of development Grindle wants in the future.

A member of the public said that there didn't seem to be any care about taking prime agricultural land, and that this needed protecting.

Cllr Sarah Williams noted that the proposed Stanmore development would be on Apley Estates land, and that we are surrounded by Apley Land with no protection against large scale development.

Cllr Richard Holt said the public would have to be consulted and the plan would have to be signed off by Shropshire Council.

A member of the public asked if things could still be put in, Cllr Richard Holt said yes but we could not be steamrolled over.

A member of the public asked where the money would come from and Cllr Richard Holt responded that we would be looking for grant funding. Grants are available up to £9K.

A member of the public said he was struggling to see a bad side other than it would require the Council to put in a lot of work. Cllr Richard Holt said that the Council would be looking to form a sub-committee including parishioners. He estimated the plan would take three years to produce.

A member of the public said that it sounded like the plan needed to be considered.

There was some discussion on the possibility of a plan based around the six ecclesiastical parishes (Badger, Beckbury, Norton, Kemberton, Sutton Maddock, Ryton and Grindle), Cllr Sarah Williams said there would be economies of scale. Cllr Richard Holt said on the downside there might be conflicting viewpoints.

A member of the public asked what would be the next step, and the response was that the Parish Council would need to vote on it. If agreed upon, there would need to be some work on finding a consultant.

49.19 Minutes

It was **agreed** to accept the minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 11th December as a true record.

50.19 Matters Arising

Cllr Richard Holt said that a meeting needed to be arranged with Graeme Manton of Apley Estates on Grindle Farm to discuss development plans. He was happy to co-ordinate the meeting.

Cllr Sarah Williams said that there had been an intention to invite Rupert Kenyon-Slaney to a meeting. Cllr John Webb said that his land is let and he would not necessarily know what is going on.

51.19 Co-Option of Councillors

There was no-one ready to be co-opted at the time of the meeting.

52.19 Finance

It was **agreed** to approve the following payments:-

329	£100	St Andrew's Church, Room Hire
330	£315.16	Staff salary + expenses (£310.84 net + £4.32 travel)
331	£77.60	HMRC (PAYE)

It was **agreed** to approve the Bank Reconciliation

53.19 Planning

The following were noted:-

20/00228/TCA

Consent by Right – Trees Application date: 17th January 2020

To carry out selective reduction of up to 2.5m branch length to reduce the end loading weight, remove major deadwood and crown lift to provide clearance above highway of 5.5m of 1no Lime tree (T1) and reduce height of crown by up to 3m and lateral growth of up to 2m to reduce overall size of 1no Birch tree (T2) with Ryton Conservation Area.

20/00609/TCA

Woodacre Lodge, Ryton

Fell 1 no Sycamore with Ryton Conservation Area (amended 28/2/2020)

Validated: 12th February 2020

54.19 Environment and Highways

There was some discussion about keeping the parish well-maintained.

It was **agreed** that the Parish Clerk contacts Riverwood to ask that they continue with the same contract as last year (for the same amount).

Action point: Parish Clerk to apply for an Environmental Maintenance Grant from Shropshire Council.

55.19 Neighbourhood Plan

It was **agreed** to proceed to the next stage of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Three consultants would be approached for an no obligation briefing and a feasibility report would be brought to the next meeting.

56.19 Correspondence

NALC has sent guidance on the Coronavirus and updates will be available

57.19 Dates of meetings in 2020/21

The following dates were agreed upon for the upcoming year:

Wednesday 6th May 2020

Wednesday 2nd September 2020

Wednesday 16th December 2020

Wednesday 17th March 2021

58.19 Urgent matters raised not on the Agenda

Cllr Sarah Williams said that the tree officer visit did not happen but that she would try to re-schedule it.

The possibility of going on a SALC training course was discussed, also it was mentioned that SALC's training is suspended for the time-being because of the health crisis.

59.19 Date of Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on **6th May 2020**