

## **Ryton and Grindle Parish Council**

Chair: John Webb

Clerk: **Vanessa Voysey**

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Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020 at 7.30pm  
on ZOOM Meeting ID: 744 0949 5026

Present: John Webb (Chairman), Sarah Williams (Vice-Chairman), Anne Banks, Neil Dodd,  
Richard Holt and Vanessa Voysey (Parish Clerk)

### 20.15 Apologies

Cllr Richard Holt had advised he may join the meeting late due to work commitments

### 20.16 Declarations of Interest

There were none at this time

### 20.17 Public Forum

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

### 20.18 Minutes

It was proposed, seconded, and resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June be signed and adopted as a true record

### 20.19 Matters Arising

There were none at this time

### 20.20 Co-Option

It was proposed, seconded and resolved that Neil Dodd be co-opted onto the Parish  
Council

### 20.21 Signing of the Declaration of Office

Neil Dodd signed the Declaration of Office

## 20.22 Payments

It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the following payments be approved for payment:

Riverwood	grass cutting, sign cleaning	£65 (30 <sup>th</sup> June 2020)
Salary Quarter 2	salary	£466.04
HMRC Quarter 2	income tax	Not due
Travel Expenses	mileage	None
Admin Expenses	stamps	£4.56
Came and Co	Insurance	£218
Riverwood	grass cutting, sign clearing	£65 (28 <sup>th</sup> July 2020)

*Cllr Richard Holt joined the meeting*

## 20.23 Finance

- a) It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the Reconciliation and Bank Statements to the end of June 2020 be approved
- b) It was proposed, second and resolved that the Income and Expenditure spreadsheets to the end of June 2020 be approved

## 20.24 Planning

Noted:

Pending Consideration: 20/02802/DIS Discharge of condition 4 (Replacement Tree) attached to planning permission 20/01926/FUL Erection of extension to rear following part demolition of existing extension; replacement porch and removal of trees

No Comment to file:

Pending Consideration: 20/02938/TCA To carry out works to 1 no Sycamore tree and 1 no Apple tree as per schedule within Ryton Conservation Area.

## 20.25 Environment and Highways

### 1. Grindle House Farm

Cllr John Webb, in the Chair, reported that the enforcement date was 30<sup>th</sup> September and that Renew would be exiting at this time. There was to be no leeway in this matter. He had spoken to Graeme Manton of Apley Estates regarding this matter.

There was some discussion on the enforcement issue. Cllr Sarah Williams offered to write a letter to Shropshire Council asking for disclosure of information on the conversation between Apley Estate and Shropshire Council. She would also draft a letter to Shropshire Councillor Michael Wood. There was agreement by the Council on this as a way forward.

## 2. Vandalism of Memorial Benches

There was some discussion on the quotes that had been obtained for the replacement bench and the most suitable material. Cllr John Webb said that for a small parish with a small budget, metal was an expensive outlay. Wood is more comfortable, and the value in scrap metal is an enticement for theft. Cllr Sarah Williams said she preferred the aesthetic of wood but was concerned about the vandalism potential. Cllr Neil Dodd suggested looking at composite plastic as an alternative.

It was agreed that the Clerk should investigate the alternative of composite plastic, and that findings are to be put in a chart for Councillors to consider the options available.

## 3. Other Environment and Highways Matters

It was agreed that the Parish Clerk should draft a letter to the Head of Highways on behalf of the Parish Council, commenting on the quality of recent road works.

The following issues were raised and are to be included:-

- Passing places have not been dressed so there are huge crates in lay-bys
- Dressing has gone onto the road without surfacing the road underneath
- The work that has been done is of poor quality
- There is subsidence on the road between Ryton and Beckbury

Cllr John Webb, in the Chair, reported that he had spoken to the managers of PDM about the proximity of vehicles to a telegraph pole on the Caynton Lane. The telegraph pole had been replaced by Open Reach in November 2019 after it was knocked down by PDM vehicles.

It was agreed that the Clerk and Chairman would draft a follow up letter further to this conversation.

## 20.26 Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Richard Holt reported that a flyer had been produced and was ready to be collected and distributed. He said that he would be distribute it in Ryton. Cllr Neil Dodd offered to deliver it in Grindle.

Cllr Sarah Williams expressed concern at the time it had taken to get the process running. There was discussion about the process and requirements, and on encouraging people people willing to form a sub-committee.

Cllr Richard Holt said that the new Government policy on the planning process had made him question if the Neighbourhood Plan format was still the correct procedure to underpin the planning process. Is this the mechanism? It was agreed to investigate this further.

#### 20.27 Correspondence

On 24<sup>th</sup> January, the Chairman had sent a joint letter with the Chairman of Kemberton Parish Council to the C.E.O of Shropshire and Phillip Dunne M.P about the condition of the roads. The C.E.O of Shropshire had left soon after. There was some discussion about the lack of response from Shropshire Council. Phillip Dunne had, however, responded and had visited the Parish recently to discuss the matter with the Parish Council.

#### 20.28 Other Parish Matters

Cllr Sarah Williams commented that, 'the squeakiest wheel gets oiled' and that more use should be made of Fix My Street for reportage of plot holes, fly-tipping and other issues that are the responsibility of Shropshire Council. It was suggested that reference to this should be included in the Parish Magazine as well as on the Parish Council's website.

Cllr Richard Holt suggested that the two triangles areas be seeded as a wildflower meadow and strimmed once a year. There was general agreement that this was a good idea, Cllr Sarah Williams added that for highways visibility strips might need to be mown adjacent to the road. It was agreed that this suggestion should be put in the spec for maintenance in February.

#### 20.29 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020