

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

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021  
Held at St Andrew's Church, Ryton, 7.30pm

In attendance: Cllrs John Webb, Sarah Williams, Jonathan Hartnell-Beavis; Caroline Davies; Gina Somerville, the Parish Clerk and three members of the public.

## **21.59 Chairman's Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

## **21.60 Apologies**

There were no apologies at this time

## **21.61 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest at this time

## **21.62 Public Forum**

1. Cllr Sarah Williams had reported a missing road sign on the entrance to Grindle. Residents of Grindle present at the meeting confirmed that it had not yet been replaced.
2. A member of the public asked how much disposable income the Parish Council had available. The Parish Clerk said that at the end of September the Parish Council held £5259.80 in funds and had spent just over a third of its precept. Not all bills arrive evenly over the year and some expenditure was due, for example, contribution for the church for use of the building. However, she expected that the Parish Council would come in under budget this year.
3. A member of the public asked if it would be possible to have money spent on a new memorial stone in the graveyard. There was some discussion on this point, with mention made of the possibility of public subscription and fundraising. It was noted that there is currently no dedicated war memorial and that the annual remembrance wreath is placed on the memorial bench. Cllr John Webb noted that the War Memorials Trust had recommended that the plaque from the replaced bench be re-fixed on the new bench to honour the original intentions. The PCC's view was that above the hymn board would be the most appropriate place to put the plaque in the church.
4. A member of the public said that resisting pointless blowing about of leaves and less mowing lawns would be beneficial to climate change.
5. Cllr Sarah Williams raised the issue of muddy lanes and that it didn't matter who the Parish Council wrote to about it. Cllr John Webb said that he would contact the NFU Compliance Officer for advice.

6. Cllr Caroline Davis asked if there had been progress on tidying up Grindle, and said that she had not seen much in her part of the area. A member of the public said that he had seen some work carried out but that in his view it was hard to see what had been done and that 'the hedges aren't cut now, they're vandalised'. Cllr Sarah Williams questioned the optimum time for cutting hedges, in response, Cllr Jonathan Hartnell-Beavis said that from the conservation perspective in his view it would be late January and February. Cllr John Webb said he would also raise this issue with the NFU.

### **21.63 Shropshire Councillor's Report**

There were no reports from the Shropshire Councillor at this time

### **21.64 Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

Cllr Caroline Davis asked if there was a budget line for the Queen's Jubilee celebrations, the Parish Clerk replied that there was not but that this was something that could be put into the budget for the upcoming financial year.

There was some discussion on the notes from the organiser of the celebrations for the Diamond Jubilee. Approximately 60 people had attended this event. Cllr Sarah Williams noted that the event had been largely self-funding from ticket sales and the sales of commemorative mugs. Cllr Caroline Davis said that she would be happy to organise the Platinum Jubilee celebrations, and Cllr Sarah Williams offered to introduce Cllr Davis to the Diamond Jubilee organiser as this might be helpful as a starting point. Cllrs John Webb and Jonathan Hartnell-Beavis both noted that Chinese lanterns and bonfires were both to be avoided because of climate change.

### **21.65 Minutes**

It was proposed, seconded, and resolved to confirm the minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021

### **21.66 Clerk's Report**

It was noted that the budget and precept would need to be decided at the January meeting in time for filing the budget request to Shropshire Council at the end of January. Shropshire Council will send out details about the tax base at the end of December.

### **21.67 Finance**

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

SALC	<i>Fundamentals Training</i>	£90.00
Riverwood	<i>Maintenance Sept</i>	£65.00
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Save Our Shropshire	<i>Training Course</i>	£90.00
Web Orchard	<i>Web Hosting &amp; Support</i>	£190.00 (excluding VAT)
Clerk	<i>Salary Quarter 3</i>	£310.64
HMRC	<i>PAYE Quarter 3</i>	£77.80
Clerk	<i>travel November</i>	£14.40

Regarding the cost of hosting the website, Cllr Sarah Williams said that whilst agreeing to pay the current provider for the upcoming year, she reiterated that it was not the easiest system to use and remained concerned that the website was static and needed to be more dynamic. The Parish Clerk suggest that looking at training on use of the system and considering other options over the course of the upcoming year might be a way forward.

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There were no receipts to note at this time

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

- a) To approve the Reconciliation and Bank Statements for end of month of September 2021
- b) To approve Receipts and Payments including income and expenditure spreadsheets to month of September 2021

The following was noted:

- c) The Spend Against Budget at half year

## **21.68 Planning**

- a) Planning notifications

The following was noted:

21/04684/TCA  
Fell 1no Eucalyptus within Ryton Conservation Area  
2 Worfelands, Grindle Road Junction To Ryton House, Ryton, Shifnal, TF11 9JJ.

To note: 14 day notification beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2021

- b) Planning decisions

The following was noted:

21/03800/TCA (validated: 06/08/2021)  
The Lindens, Ryton, Shifnal, Shropshire, TF11 9JL  
To fell 1no Lime tree (nearest the car port on the northern boundary of the property) and replant with a trees species to be agreed and the 4no Lime trees south of the one to be felled to crown lift to approx 5m (break of crown), crown reduce the remaining canopy by up to 2m from the branch tips and crown thin up to 20% canopy volume by removing branches from the dense regrowth resulting from the previous lopping within Ryton Conservation Area (amended description)  
Decision: No Objection

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

## **21.69 Highways**

- a) Highway maintenance: Cllr Sarah Williams noted that the Shropshire Star had reported that the condition of the roads across the county had got worse in the last year. The A442 by Pendlestone Mill is close to disintegration. It is meant to be resurfaced by the end of the year.
- b) There were no other highway matters to discuss at this time.

## **21.70 Environment**

- a) Climate Emergency: Cllr Jonathan Hartnell-Beavis gave a report on the 6 Parishes Climate Emergency event he had organised, he said it had been timed to be in the middle of COP26. The turnout had been good, about 50 people, there were various information stalls including farming, transport, and carbon footprint. A contact list had been built that would keep people informed. It was a useful event designed as an example of what can be done, and he would be working with other parishes using this model.
- b) Triangles: Cllr John Webb said that he had a figure of £500 in materials in respect of the Triangles maintenance project but that this would be reduced if it went to one sleeper depth. His aim would be to complete the project by Spring - ideally the end of February. When the materials were purchased, Shropshire Council would need to be informed that the work was going to go ahead. Cllr Jonathan Hartnell-Beavis suggested that informing the supplier of the materials two to three weeks in advance of the work being done might enable delivery to the site.

It was agreed that the date for the work to be completed would be decided at the January meeting. The 26<sup>th</sup> February was pencilled in as a potential date.

- c) There were no other environmental matters to discuss at this time.

## **21.71 Defibrillator**

Cllr John Webb said that he thought the project to install a defibrillator should go ahead.

Cllr Sarah Williams noted that grants were not available yet from the British Heart Foundation and questioned if it was worth waiting. Cllr Gina Somerville suggested that fundraising or public subscription might be an alternative option. Cllr Jonathan Hartnell-Beavis said that the Platinum Jubilee might be a good opportunity for a fundraising event.

Cllr Gina Somerville said that finding a suitable location for the equipment was more of a problem than the cost. It would have to have an electrical source. Cllr Sarah Williams said that she had seen defibrillators attached to poles rather than buildings.

There was some discussion on suitable locations. Accessibility and the Parish having two villages was a consideration.

Cllr Gina Somerville said that the cabinet and device would cost approximately £1800. Where it is to be located is the first question to answer, it would need a supply to the box. Then it would be possible to look at what device is the most suitable.

It was noted that there would be a maintenance cost and a requirement to update the pads, but this was not considered to be significant. The Parish Clerk estimated that a line of approximately £100 in the annual budget would be sufficient.

It was agreed that Cllr Jonathan Hartnell-Beavis would make enquiries about possible sites for the equipment, and that the parish clerk would make enquiries about installation.

## **21.72 Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr John Webb said that there had been no interest yet from neighbouring parishes in a joint Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Sarah Williams said that there was no appetite for doing a Parish Plan as it had no standing in law, whilst a Neighbourhood Plan would allow for a say in the shaping of development. She accepted that it would need a mandate from the public and that whilst there had been no objections there had not been a majority expressing that they were strongly in favour of it. Cllr Caroline Davis commented that the impact of Covid should not be underestimated in this respect.

Cllr Jonathan Hartnell-Beavis said that if the Parish Council was able to use the website to consult with the public then this would put it in the position to consult and information gather. He suggested that this would be a good start.

It was agreed that the Parish Clerk should write to the other of the 6 Parishes to request if there were any interest in doing a combined Neighbourhood Plan.

## **21.73 Correspondence**

The following was noted:

- a) The War Memorials Trust has contacted the Parish Council following up a concern raised by a member of the public about the replacement bench and the memorial plaque. The Trust has recommended that the plaque is refixed on the bench to honour the original intentions.
- b) The Lord Lieutenant has requested nominations for attendees at a garden party to be held in June 2022 at Orleton Hall.
- c) Hope House has written to the Parish Council to thank it for its £50 donation

Suggestions were made as to nominees for the Garden Party that the Parish Clerk said she would follow up with Councillors following the meeting.

## **21.74 Any other Parish Matters**

There were no other matters to be brought to the attention of the Parish Council not otherwise covered on the Agenda.

21.75      **Date of Next Meeting**

*The next meeting will be on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at St Andrew's Church, Ryton, 7.30pm*