

Ryton and Grindle Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 15th September 2021
Held at St Andrew's Church, Ryton, 7.30pm

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

21.42 Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, thanking members of the public, and Graeme Manton from Apley Estates, for their attendance.

21.43 Apologies

Apologies were received from:

Cllr Caroline Davis – Personal Commitment
Cllr Gina Somerville – Personal Commitment

The apologies were received and accepted.

It was also noted that Shropshire Councillor Richard Marshall had filed an apology in advance of the meeting as he would be attending Stockton Parish Council's meeting that evening.

21.44 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest to declare at this time

21.45 Public Forum

The Chairman, Cllr John Webb, invited Graeme Manton from Apley Estates to outline his vision for Grindle.

Mr Manton agreed that the sites at Grindle needed work on them and reported that design consultants and architects had been consulted. His intention would be to visit the Parish Council before any plans are submitted, he anticipated that this would be the first meeting in 2022 and that at this time proposals would be more concrete including sketch drawings.

Housing conversion is most likely at the lower Grindle site, most likely to include a mix of open market and affordable housing, and renovation of the existing farm house. It is likely that the traditional building would be converted and the concrete garage demolished. It is hoped that the Parish Council would be onside with the plans.

A member of the public commented that the bottom buildings were only a mess if you walk around the site. Grindle looks a mess if you walk through it because hedges are cut badly, it is poor quality work including by the Council. There is also a safety issue with roadsides. The Chairman, Cllr John Webb, commented that blind bends can be cut at any time of the year. He agreed that the general appearance of the hamlet is something that should be

looked at as part of the equation alongside fresh housing. Cllr Sarah Williams said that the potholes in the village do not give a good impression, and that part of the Kemberton Road is chewed up. Pressure is needed to get this addressed

Mr Manton said that the main farm yard had been subject to fly-tipping. The site will be cleared up and left, the intention is to concentrate on the lower section first. A reasonable timescale is five years. Planning applications would be approximately three months, building works 18 months, and factoring in delays the process would be three to five years. On the general appearance of Grindle, it is encouraging that residents take pride in its appearance and have raised this issue. It is something that Apley Estates will need to address.

The Chairman, Cllr John Webb, asked about the possibility of using the main office as a meeting room in the winter as it is cold in the church in meetings in November and January. Mr Manton replied that he would look into this, and also questioned if a village hall might be a useful part of a new development.

Cllr Sarah Williams asked how it would be possible to get drivers of agricultural vehicles to respect the local area and environment, noting the impact of agricultural traffic on the roads and in particular the verges. Mr Manton said that he could speak to his employees. A member of the public commented that if the road is narrow and the vehicle is wide there is no chance.

Cllr Sarah Williams also raised the impact of mud left on roads and the illegality of leaving it, commenting that this was a road safety issue and not just an inconvenience. Mr Manton responded that Apley Estates does have a road sweeper.

The Chairman, Cllr John Webb, thanked Mr Manton for attending the meeting on behalf of Apley Estates.

A member of the public noted that the signs for Ryton on top of Whiston Bank had never been replaced after being removed about four years ago. Cllr Sarah Williams said she would be reporting the missing road signs by Grindle triangle using 'Fix My Street'.

21.46 Shropshire Councillor's Report

Shropshire Councillor for Worfield, Richard Marshall, was in attendance at another Parish Council meeting.

21.47 Minutes

It was proposed, seconded and **resolved** to accept the minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 21st July 2021 as a true record.

21.48 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that she had liaised with the Chairman about insurance renewal and best value was to renew the current policy with Came and Co at £218, the same premium as the previous year.

It was **agreed** to approve this payment in addition to the approved payment list.

21.49 Finance

8.1

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

SALC	£30	Training: fundamentals	(Paid by BACS)
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SALC	£75	Training: Chairmanship	
Riverwood	£65	Groundworks for August	
Clerk	£310.84	Salary Quarter 2	
HMRC	£77.60	PAYE Quarter 2	
Clerk	£28.80	Travel (July, September)	

8.2

To note any receipts: none at this time

8.3

It was proposed seconded and **resolved** to receive and approve:

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

21.50 Planning

a.

21/03800/TCA (validated: 06/08/2021)

The Lindens, Ryton, Shifnal, Shropshire, TF11 9JL

Reduce height by 3-4 metres and trim back 3no Lime and fell 2no Lime within Ryton Conservation Area

No Objection.

The Parish Council noted input of the tree officer on the application.

21/03966/FUL

Erection of a two storey rear extension and single storey side extension following removal of existing rear conservatory and utility to side; removal of 3 no existing garden structures and replacement of entrance gates and piers

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No objection. The Parish Council comments that that this is the ideal time to make energy efficiency improvements.

- b. Planning decisions: none at this time
- c. Any other planning matters: none at this time

21.51 Highways

a) Highway maintenance

Cllr John Webb, Chairman, said he would be contacting Shropshire Cllr Richard Marshall regarding cleaning of gullies on the highway.

b) Any other highway matters

There were no other matters to report not otherwise covered in the public forum.

21.52 Environment

a) Triangles

Cllr Sarah Williams gave an update on the Triangles maintenance project, reporting that the area had been measured up and materials costed at TFM.

Cllr John Webb said that it had been difficult to obtain quotes for the work but that he had a quote of £1200 to deliver the whole project. He said that getting contractors to the work was a consideration rather than relying on a volunteer work party.

There was some discussion on the practicalities of delivering the project and on the cost of contracting out the work. Cllr John Webb said he would request a breakdown of costs from the company that had quoted for the work.

It was proposed, seconded, and **resolved**, to purchase materials of up to £500 towards the project.

b) Climate Emergency

Cllr Jonathan Hartnell-Beavis said that whilst there was no update at this time, he had just completed a Carbon Literacy programme, a five hour course, and that hopefully ideas will spring out of it. He is also working with other local councils across the county looking at getting actions in place. This would possibly include a public meeting.

He noted that the carbon footprint of the parish was twice the national average; considerations were the agricultural nature of the parish, the size of the houses and the location. Fuel poverty is linked into the overall picture. It is a complex issue.

c) Memorial Plaque

It was noted that a member of the public had contacted the Parish Council to request that it reconsidered the current location of the Memorial Plaque previously on the Memorial Bench. The member of the public was unhappy at the plaque being located on a public noticeboard underneath notices of dog walking and similar, and that a family member was one of those named amongst the fallen.

The Chairman, Cllr John Webb, advised that he had removed the plaque from the noticeboard. There was now the option to put it on the new bench, or on an alternative site, possibly the church gates.

It was agreed that the Parish Clerk should contact the member of the public and the vicar about the available options. The Parish Council noted that placing the plaque on the church gates would require permission from Lichfield Diocese.

d) Any other Environmental matters

There was agreement that the Parish Clerk should liaise with Cllr Sarah Williams in contacting possible volunteers for a working party to move the Triangles project forward.

21.53 Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Cllr Caroline Davis was unable to attend the meeting but had said that she was willing to take a lead on participation in the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

It was noted that a street party in the Parish would be fun.

21.54 Neighbourhood Plan

It was agreed to defer this item

21.55 Correspondence

- i) Hope House has written to thank the Parish Council for the donation of £50
- ii) Apley Estates has written to the Parish Clerk in response to the report filed by Cllr Hartnell-Beavis regarding the upkeep of Grindle

This correspondence was noted.

21.56 Parish Council Website

Cllr Sarah Williams said that she did not find the current website user friendly and expressed concern at it being static. The Planning Tracker is an important part of it and that would need to be considered if looking at alternatives.

It was agreed that the Parish Clerk would look at renewal times and domain ownership.

21.57 Any other Parish Matters

There were none at this time

21.58 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on 24th November 2021 at St Andrew's Church, Ryton