

Ryton and Grindle Parish Council

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COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held at St. Andrew's Church, Ryton, on Wednesday 8th March 2017 commencing at 7:30 pm.

Present: Cllr Allan Amey (Chair); Cllr Mark Dady; Cllr Sarah Williams and Cllr Francis Jellings

In attendance: Stephen de Launey, Clerk to the Council and 2 members of the public.

Public Forum

PF12/16 Welcome

Cllr Amey welcomed all present.

PF13/16 Former Ryton Playing Fields Planning Application

Following a public question on the status of the planning application, councilor Amey advised that the Parish Council had objected to the application on the basis that the proposals for the site, which fall within the Ryton Conservation Area, were not considered to bring any improvement to the conservation area. The initial application had now been withdrawn but a new, almost identical application had just been lodged with Shropshire Council which the council would be considering.

PF14/16 Grindle House Farm

Continuing concerns were being raised by Grindle residents. HGV trucks were still accessing the site via Ryton village centre, rather than the 'approved' route and the large pothole outside the farm entrance, which had been repaired, was now as bad as ever. Passing place between Grindle and Sutton Maddocks had been churned up so badly that it now resembled a ploughed field.

Cllr Amey advised that the parish council would be represented at the May public hearing at which the Planning Inspector would determine the current Shropshire Enforcement notice.

PF15/16 Footpaths

Footpaths throughout the parish were reported to be in a poor state with some of the styles in a dangerous condition. The parish Council was asked to contact Shropshire council, express concern at the steady deterioration of footpaths and seek assurances that safety concerns would be investigated. Councillor Amey assured those present that the Parish Council would follow up this request with a letter to Shropshire Council.

PF16/16 Tree on Ryton Road

It was reported that a tree had fallen on the grass verge in Church Lane, Ryton (adjacent

to the right of way entrance) and required cutting up and removal. Letter to Shropshire Council required.

PF17/16 Close of Public Forum

The Chair thanked those present for attending and closed the Public Forum at 7:50 pm.

Council meeting

29/16 Apologies

Apologies received from Cllr Ann Dukes. Cllr Amey proposed, Cllr Dady seconded and it was RESOLVED that the apology be accepted.

30/16 Declarations of Interest

None received.

31/16 To Receive and Approve the Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr Amey, seconded by Cllr Williams and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 14th December 2016 be approved and signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record.

32/16 Finance Report

The Clerk presented the finance report to 28th February, 2017. There had been no receipts or payments since the last report on 8th December 2016 and the balances remained unchanged at £1,201.31.

Payments due for the period to 31st March 2017 were:

Clerk's Salary	118.98
Clerk's Expenses	19.80
HMRC PAYE	29.80

Total	168.58
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It was proposed by Cllr Amey, seconded Cllr Dady and RESOLVED to accept the financial report and approve the payments.

33/16 Bank Account

The Clerk advised members that a third signatory to the bank account was required. Bank account authorisation required two signatures and currently, there were just two signatories, Cllr Amey and Cllr Dukes; it was advisable to appoint a third. Additionally, the Clerk would need to be granted administration rights to the account. It was proposed by Cllr Amey, seconded by Cllr Dady and RESOLVED that the Clerk be granted admin rights to the account and that Sarah Williams would become a 3rd signatory.

34/16 Former Playing Fields, Ryton Road

Planning Application 16/04772/FUL had been withdrawn but a new application 17/00853/FUL had been submitted, which was very similar. Members considered the changes made but continue to believe that the proposals do not enhance the Ryton Conservation area of which this site forms a part. Cllr Jellings proposed, Cllr Williams seconded and it was RESOLVED to object to Planning Application 17/00853/FUL.

35/16 Grindle House Farm

Cllr Amey reminded members that the public enquiry into the current enforcement will be held on 23rd May, starting at 10:00 in the Ludlow Room, Shirehall. Members discussed the employment of a highways expert and after some discussion, Cllr

Amey proposed, Cllr Dady seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Parish Council employ the services of a highways expert to present their case at the public enquiry and that Sutton Maddocks and Kemberton Parish Councils be invited to share the costs of doing so.

36/16 Environment and Highways Maintenance Grant

The Clerk reported that Shropshire Council had, unexpectedly, closed grant applications for 2016/17 before our application was submitted. He advised that funding for 2017/18 had now been announced with expressions of interest required by Monday 27th March 2017 and suggested that the Parish Council resubmit its application for the new financial year. Cllr Dady proposed, Cllr Jelelins seconded and it was RESOLVED to make an Environment and Highways Maintenance Grant application for 2017/18.

37/16 May 2017 Elections

The Clerk reported that he had received nomination packs which would be distributed to all members who had expressed a willingness to stand. Completed forms needed to be hand delivered to the returning officer and the Clerk offered to deliver them himself to Shirehall if members returned the completed forms to Heather House, 2 Ryton Park by Monday 27th March.

38/16 Correspondence

None that had not been covered under other agenda items or circulated to councillors.

39/16 Matters Arising from the last meeting not already covered.

There were no other matters arising.

40/16 Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was agreed as Wednesday 10th May 2017. This would be the Annual Council meeting and would follow immediately on from the Annual Parish meeting which would start at 7:30 pm.
The meeting closed at 9:10 pm.

Signed10th May 2017