

Ryton and Grindle Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 19th May 2026 in St Andrews Parish Church at 7:00 pm

In attendance: Jonathan Hartnell-Beavis, Jonathan Murnane, Anne Banks, John Webb, Sarah Isbister, the Parish Clerk (Vanessa Voysey), and three members of the public

1 Chairman's Welcome and Announcements

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

2 Minutes

It was agreed to confirm the Minutes of the Ryton and Grindle Annual Parish meeting held on 20th May 2025 as a true record

3 Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising at this time

4 Report from Shropshire Councillor

There was none at this time

5 Chairman's Report on the Council year 1 May 2025 to 30 April 2026

Cllr John Webb reported the following:

Thanks Vanessa for going about your work for us in a professional way, and thanks to my fellow councillors for their input and support throughout the year. We have had no contentious issues in regards of planning applications.

Members of the public have raised concerns over signage placed about our area in respect of Storage Smyth Ltd and whether planning permission should be obtained, our County Councillor was to look into this. On finances we are into the unknown as regards who is going to be acting on matters that arise within the parish, examples of are roadside gulleys, drains, potholes, roadside verges etc. working with Shifnal Town Council in the future may be something that has to be considered over certain works.

Our clerk has done an exceptional job in looking after the finances and a heartfelt thanks to Cedric for completing our internal audit.

Litter picking was undertaken on two occasions in the year but probably this ought to be doubled to four outings to keep on top of this problem.

I personally go around the parish looking for problems and reporting to Fix My Street and urge others to report as well if it's not reported it will not get repaired. It took too long for a manhole cover to be fixed until somebody took ownership of said cover.

Also I have walked the footpaths looking for faults to stiles and the like, there being two stiles on the footpath that links Burma road and on down across to Beckbury Marshes.

John Webb RGPC Chairperson.

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6 Neighbourhood Plan

It was noted the possibility of undertaking a Neighbourhood Plan had been discussed by the Parish Council but that it had been considered not viable in cost or time without joining with another Parish.

7 Public Forum

A resident raised the issue of being compelled to use the recycling facility at Bridgnorth, instead of Halesfield. This wastes time and petrol. It is questioned if it was the best use of staff time for someone to be sitting in a booth waiting to check incoming cars for postcode verification.

Concerns were raised at how this undermines the reason for recycling and negates the green agenda, and that it increases the risk of fly-tipping.

The Parish Clerk said that she would write to Stuart Anderson M.P about this matter.