

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

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Ryton and Grindle Parish Council was held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7.00pm at St Andrew's Church, Ryton**

**In attendance: Cllrs Caroline Davies, Jonathan Hartnell-Beavis, John Webb (Chairman), Parish Clerk (Vanessa Voysey) and one member of the public**

## **2023.18 Chairman's Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## **2023.19 Apologies**

There were none at this time

## **2023.20 Co-Option**

There were none at this time

## **2023.21 Declarations of Interest**

There were none at this time

## **2023.22 Public Forum**

Cllr John Webb said that a member of the public had been in touch about grass-cutting and what was currently covered in the maintenance contract. This was in connection with a part of the village that had previously been maintained by a resident. Cllr Jonathan Hartnell-Beavis said that he had also had a comment about this area.

It was noted that the boundary with Shifnal parish is halfway across the river at Grindleforge Bridge, so most of the bridge is not in the Parish. Cllr John Webb had tidied up most of the bridge himself following comments about the overgrowth of vegetation and difficulty establishing who had responsibility for it.

A member of the public commented that there is still no signpost at Whiston Bank. Cllr John Webb said that he would report this on Fix My Street, noting that the location is in Burnhill Green and Staffordshire.

## **2023.23 Shropshire Councillor's Report:**

Andrew Sherrington was elected as Shropshire Councillor following the election held on 7<sup>th</sup> September. The Parish Clerk has been in touch with him and will invite him to the next meeting.

## **2023.24 Minutes:**

- a) It was proposed, seconded, and resolved, to confirm the minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023

- b) It was agreed to note the minutes take from the informal meeting held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023

### **2023.25 Clerk's Report**

The Parish Clerk noted that the Insurance is due to be paid by 12<sup>th</sup> September to renew the policy and that the price is competitive.

### **2023.26 Finance**

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

Travel expenses (July, September) £18.80  
Salary (Quarter 2) £440.46  
HMRC (Quarter 2) £110  
Zurich Insurance - £214  
Riverwood environmental maintenance for April - £96 *retrospective*  
Riverwood environmental maintenance for May - £96 *retrospective*  
Riverwood environmental maintenance for June - £96 *retrospective*  
Riverwood environmental maintenance for July – £96 *retrospective*  
Riverwood environmental maintenance for August  
Henry Angell James Trust – donation £150 *retrospective*

- b) Receipts: there were none at this time
- c) It was proposed, seconded, and resolved to approve the Reconciliation and Bank Statements for end of month of July 2022
- d) It was proposed, seconded, and resolved, to approve Receipts and Payments including income and expenditure spreadsheets to month of July 2022

It was noted that expenditure is at 36% of the budget at a third of the way through the year.

It was noted that it was agreed to pay Friends of St Andrew's £200 in May's meeting. Cllr Jonathan Hartnell-Beavis questioned if this had been actioned, and noted that there were separate bank accounts for the Friends of St Andrews and St Andrew's Church.

It was agreed to pay an additional £100 donation to the Friends of St Andrews, and £100 to the Church for room hire for the year.

### **2023.27 Planning**

There were no planning notifications received since the publication of the agenda

There is no update yet on plans by Apley Estate for Grindle Farm, and work on a house on the entrance to Ryton village seems to have stalled.

### **2023.28 Highways**

- a) Highway maintenance: it was noted that the one rough area in the Parish is outside Grindle Farm, it was questioned what is happening on Grindle Road on the Kemberton side. It was requested that the Parish Clerk pass this question on to Kemberton Parish Council .

- b) Cllr Jonathan Hartnell-Beavis said that a member of the public had contacted him about a blocked drain on the junction of the main road and the road to the church. Cllr John Webb said that he had been reporting blocked drains using Fix My Street and that he would report this one as well.

#### **2023.29 Environment**

It was agreed to request Riverwood, the Parish Council's environmental contractor, to cut the grass on the side of the bridge not currently covered under the contract.

#### **2023.30 Correspondence**

There was none at this time

#### **2023.31 Any other Parish Matters**

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

#### **2023.32 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on at St Andrew's Church, Ryton, at 7.00pm on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November – the meetings for the rest of the year will be Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January and Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March.