

Ryton and Grindle Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of Ryton and Grindle Parish Council held on Tuesday 16th September 2025 at 7.00pm at St Andrew's Church, Ryton

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

34.25 Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

35.25 Apologies

There were no apologies

36.25 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

37.25 Public Forum

There were no members of the public present

38.25 Shropshire Councillor's Report

There was no report from the Shropshire Councillor at this time

39.25 Minutes

It was agreed to confirm the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 22nd July

40.25 Clerk's Report

The following were noted:

The invoice for Med UK for £243.60 was for a new defibrillator battery, this was replaced in March 2025. This invoice has now been paid.

The Local Government Pay Award has been agreed for the financial year 2025-2026. The raise for the year is 3.2% to be applied from 1st April 2025.

A Memorandum of Understanding has been circulated by Shropshire Council following the 'Shropshire Together' Conference. This is intended as a framework for collaborative working.

The SALC (Shropshire Association of Local Councils) AGM will be held on 29th October 2025 at Shrewsbury Town Football Club, from 4pm to 7pm.

Cllr Jonathan Hartnell-Beavis joined the meeting

There was discussion on the Memorandum of Understanding and collaborative working with Shropshire Council. Interest was expressed in continuing the consultation process. On this basis, it was agreed to sign the Memorandum.

It was noted that the church looks after its own cemetery, and that the Parish Council already looks after the defibrillator and the War Memorial area. Councillors were not against local councils taking more control over local matters, but financial resources are a consideration.

Discussion included questioning if there was any scope in working with other Councils. It was noted that Shifnal Town Council will be in a trial for taking over services from Shropshire Council from April 2026. It was requested that the Parish Clerk makes contact with the Town Clerk.

41.25 Finance

- i) It was agreed to approve and note the following payments:-

Clerk - £14.40 travel expenses for September
Clerk – salary for Quarter 2
HMRC – tax for Quarter 2
Med UK - £243.60 for a new defibrillator battery (*retrospective, agreed minute 85.24*)
Zurich - £214 for insurance (*retrospective, agreed minute 27.25*)
Lloyds Banks Fees - £4.25 each month for June to October
Parochial Church Council - £40 for rent (July)
Riverwood - £114 for July

It was also agreed to pay the Parochial Church Council £40 for rent for the September meeting.

- ii) It was agreed to approve the Reconciliation and Bank Statements for end of month of August 2025
- iii) It was agreed to approve Receipts and Payments including income and expenditure spreadsheets to month of August 2025
- iv) The Council agreed to register for a Gov.UK website and email address at the cost of £25 per year.

42.25 Planning

- a) There were no planning notifications or planning decisions received between the publication of the Agenda and the meeting
- b) The following planning decisions were noted:

04/08/2025: 25/01900/LBC: Grindle House, Grindle Road, Grindle: Re roofing of slate roof *Decision: Withdrawn*

29/07/2025: 25/02078/FUL: Ryton Court, Ryton: Erection of single storey side extension *Decision: Grant Permission*

- c) There has been no news about plans for the Grindle Farm site. Cllr John Webb said he would contact Apley Estates about it.

43.25 Highways

- a) It was noted that there will be a road closure on an unnamed Road between Ryton & A464 on 6th October for Openreach-MJ Quinn to replace a decayed wooden BT pole
- b) Councillors commented on the continuing nuisance caused by the loose manhole cover on the road by Mead Cottage. The Parish Clerk said she would follow this up with the Shropshire Councillor.

Cllr Jon Murnane expressed concern about the condition of a retaining wall on the lefthand side of the road leading from the bridge. It is not part of a property and might be under the control of Highways. The Parish Clerk said she would investigate this matter further.

44.25 Environment

A Climate Action Group has been set up covering Badger, Beckbury and Ryton. New members are welcome to come along. It is looking at local initiatives, this will include setting up a market and repair shop to be held twice a year in Beckbury.

45.25 Correspondence

The Police and Crime Commissioner's Office has sent a Town and Parish Council Survey. This is to be completed by 18th October. The Chairman, Cllr John Webb, was delegated the job of filling in the survey.

46.25 Any other Parish Matters

Several parishioners have raised an issue about a local footpath that passes the border of a house where dogs are fenced in. There has been some concern about the dogs reacting to other dogs passing by and if the fence will hold them in. A diversion from the path has been closed off by the landowner. Cllr John Webb said he would investigate this matter and follow it up.

Cllr Jonathan Hartnell-Beavis had received a response from the Management Committee at Ryton Hall about the self-seeded tree coming out of the wall on the path next to the Hall. The committee is going to take advice from a tree surgeon about any action that needs to be taken. It also commented that the correspondence had raised a broader issue about the condition of the path, its ownership, and the maintenance of trees along it including those in other properties than the Hall. Cllr Hartnell-Beavis said he would be meeting with the Committee about this and would report back to the Parish Council.

It was agreed to commission a local wreathmaker to produce this year's Remembrance Day poppy.

47.25 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 25th November 2025