

Ryton and Grindle Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of Ryton and Grindle Parish Council held on Tuesday 25th November 2025 at 7.00pm at St Andrew's Church, Ryton

In attendance: Jonathan Hartnell-Beavis, Sarah Isbister, Jonathan Murnane, John Webb, Shropshire Councillor Elizabeth Barker, one member of the public, and the Parish Clerk (Vanessa Voysey)

48.25 Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

49.25 Apologies

Anne Banks was absent from the meeting

50.25 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

51.25 Public Forum

The church is looking to install a dry-composting toilet facility. A member of the public asked if the Parish Council might consider supporting this project with a financial contribution. Figures and costings are not available yet. Councillors present said that in principle they would be willing to support it.

A new vicar will be starting in the middle of February.

52.25 Shropshire Councillor's Report

Shropshire Councillor Elizabeth Barker reported that she had spoken to Highways about the loose manhole cover (minute 43.25). It needs to be reported on Fix My Street so it has a reference number. It is possible that ultimate responsibility will be with Severn Trent.

The housing matter raised will require an enforcement form to be filled in.

Cllr Barker asked if there were any other issues that needed her to look into. Councillors said that there had been comments from the public about business adverts on the roadside. Cllr Barker said she would find out more information about this and noted that it was likely not to be considered a Highways issue.

Flytipping incidents should be reported on Fix My Street.

53.25 Minutes

It was agreed to confirm the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 16th September

54.25 Clerk's Report

The Parish Clerk said that she did not have a response as yet regarding the retaining wall (minute 43.25). It is thought that it is the responsibility of the owner not Highways.

A Remembrance Day wreath was made for the Parish Council as agreed in the last meeting (minute 46.25), it was agreed that this was very good and that a donation of £50 should be made to the Royal British Legion.

A survey has been sent back to the PCC office (minute 45.25). It was noted that the Government has now decided to abolish Police and Crime Commissioners.

Cllr Jonathan Hartnell-Beavis said that he had not yet met with Ryton Hall Management Committee (minute 46.25). It was noted that the churchyard trees have been inspected and that some works have been undertaken.

The Clerk of Stockton Parish Council has booked Norton Village Hall for 9th December and has invited members of the Parish Council to attend a meeting about devolved Shropshire Council services. Councillors John Webb and Jonathan Hartnell-Beavis expressed an interest in attending it. The Parish Clerk said she would pass on details of the meeting to all Councillors and would advise the Stockton Parish Council's Clerk that Cllrs Webb and Hartnell-Beavis were likely to attend it.

Next meeting will need to decide the budget. The Parish Clerk said she would send out a draft when the taxbase information has been received by Shropshire Council.

The Chairman raised the requirement for a dedicated email address for all Councillors. The Parish Clerk said she would find out a costing for dedicated gov.uk email addresses and bring the information to the next meeting.

55.25 Finance

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

Clerk - £14.40 travel expenses for November
Clerk – salary for Quarter 3 (£514.25)
HMRC – tax for Quarter 3 (£128.40)
Parochial Church Council - £40 for rent (November)
Web Orchard – £258.55 fees for website for the year
Web Orchard - £30 change to gov.uk domain (*retrospective*)
Riverwood - £144 (September, invoice 31) (*retrospective*)
Riverwood - £144 (October, invoice 32) (*retrospective*)
Riverwood - £144 (November, invoice 33)

Lloyds Banks Fees - £4.25 each month for November to January

- ii) It was agreed to approve the Reconciliation and Bank Statements for end of month of October 2025
- iii) It was agreed to approve Receipts and Payments including income and expenditure spreadsheets to month of October 2025

56.25 Planning

- a) There were no planning notifications or planning decisions received between the publication of the Agenda and the meeting
- b) Cllr John Webb noted that planners have visited Apley and have looked at various things the Estate would like to do, including looking at the Grindle site.

57.25 Highways

- a) There were no potholes to report
- b) Cllr John Webb has spent approximately two hours clearing drains on the roadside.

58.25 Environment

- i) There was a discussion on Rights of Way and finding the numbers of footpaths. It was noted that Shropshire Council's website has an interactive map showing footpaths. It was suggested that The Land Registry might also be able to help.
- ii) The Climate Action Group met at Beckbury last week. It is planning a food festival to be held in September next year in Beckbury.
- iii) Cllr John Webb said he would speak to Riverwood about its workload, including the Remembrance seat.

59.25 Correspondence

- i) A guidance note from SALC about planning has been circulated to all Councillors.
- ii) SALC will be holding a Chair's meeting on 15th January

60.25 Any other Parish Matters

There were no other Parish Matters at this time

61.25 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 27th January 2026