

Ryton and Grindle Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of Ryton and Grindle Parish Council held on Tuesday 27th January 2026 at 7.00pm at St Andrew's Church, Ryton

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

62.25 Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

63.25 Apologies

There were no apologies at this time

64.25 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this time

65.25 Public Forum

It was noted that the loose manhole cover has now been repaired.

66.25 Shropshire Councillor's Report

There was no report at this time.

67.25 Minutes

It was resolved to confirm the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 25th November 2025 as a true record

68.25 Clerk's Report

- i) Gov.Uk emails: it was noted that there would be no additional cost for the set up for all Councillors to have an official gov.uk email.
- ii) Buckingham Palace Garden Party: the lottery for tickets was noted. Volunteers from the community were suggested as suitable names to put forwards.

69.25 Finance

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

Clerk - £14.40 travel expenses for January
Parochial Church Council - £40 for rent (January)
Royal British Legion - £40 donation (agreed in November meeting)
Lloyds Bank - £4.25 pcm fees – February to March *automatic payment*
Shropshire Council - £125 – election costs

- ii) It was agreed to approve the Reconciliation and Bank Statements for end of month of December 2025
- iii) It was agreed to approve Receipts and Payments including income and expenditure spreadsheets to month of December 2025
- iv) This item was covered in the Clerk's report.
- v) Environmental maintenance contract for 2026-2027: it was agreed to continue with Riverwood as environmental maintenance contractor for the upcoming financial year. Visits will increase by £5 per visit.
- vi) The draft budget for the financial year 2026-2027 was agreed with the following additions:
 - Increase AED budget to £200 to allow for a donation of £100 to the Henry Angell James Memorial Trust. The pads will need replacing in April.
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 - The Environmental Maintenance budget should be increased to £1200 to cover additional costs and duties
 - The village noticeboards will need some repair. £200 should be put in the budget to cover it. It was agreed for Cllr Jonathan Hartnell-Beavis to get a quote from a local joiner for this work.

It was agreed to file a precept of £5290 with Shropshire Council, based on this budget, by the end of January 2026

70.25 Planning

- a) The following was noted:

25/04576/TCA (validated: 04/12/2025) St Andrew Church, Ryton
Proposal: Crown lift to give clearance from cables (as per schedule) 5no. Lime trees within Ryton Conservation Area
Decision: No Objection

- b) There were no planning notifications or planning decisions received between the publication of the Agenda and the meeting
- c) There were no other planning matters to consider at this time

71.25 Highways

Cllr John Webb said that there were plenty of uneven surfaces and potholes in the Parish. Reports have been placed on Fix My Street.

Cllr Jonathan Murnane raised a concern about the poor condition of a section of wall on the roadside and the potential for it to shut down the road if it deteriorated further. The Parish Clerk said she would follow this up and see if someone in Shropshire Council could advise about any action that could be taken.

72.25 Environment

- i) Rights of Way: Cllr John Webb said that are seven footpaths in the Parish, he now has all the footpath numbers. He has walked some to see if they are clear. Cllr Sarah Ibister said she had also walked some of the footpaths.
- ii) Other Environmental matters: Cllr John Webb said he had picked litter whilst walking around the Parish looking at the highway surfaces He had picked up three bags of litter, included a number of green dog waste bags left in hedges. Cllr Jonathan Hartnell-Beavis suggested another litter pick takes place in March.

73.25 Correspondence

There was no additional correspondence to consider at this time

74.25 Any other Parish Matters

There were no other Parish Matters to consider at this time

75.25 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 24 March 26 at 7pm at Ryton Church