

Ryton and Grindle Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of Ryton and Grindle Parish Council held on 25th March 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)

76.25 Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

77.25 Apologies

An apology was received from Cllr Anne Banks

78.25 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this time

79.25 Public Forum

There were no questions from the public at this time

80.25 Shropshire Councillor's Report

There was no report from Shropshire Councillor for Shifnal Rural, Cllr Elizabeth Barker, at this time

81.25 Minutes

It was resolved to confirm the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 27th January 2026 as a true record

82.25 Clerk's Report

The unstable wall reported on Fix My Street has now been repaired. Shropshire Council had responded to the report to say that it had investigated but considered no further action was necessary. It is assumed private parties undertook the work.

The Parish Clerk is arranging a meeting with the website providers to progress email set-ups. The end of the financial year is this month, and work will begin on audits, this will be reported back at the May meeting.

83.25 Finance

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

Clerk - £14.40 travel expenses for March
Clerk - £514.05 Salary for Q4
HMRC - £128.60 PAYE/NI for Q4
Parochial Church Council - £40 for rent (March)
ICO subscription (direct debit) - £47
Lloyds Bank - £4.25 pcm fees – April to May *automatic payment*

- ii) It was agreed to approve the Reconciliation and Bank Statements for end of month of February 2026
- iii) It was agreed to approve Receipts and Payments including income and expenditure spreadsheets to month of February 2026
- iv) The Asset Register was reviewed and agreed, this included writing off the printer and laptop as obsolete. The Parish Clerk said that all data is stored on a cloud and backed up on a hard drive.

84.25 Planning

- a) The following was noted:

4 Worfelands, Ryton, Shifnal, Shropshire, TF11 9JJ

Proposal: erection of single sotre extension to rear/side elevation, installation of boxed dormer window to rear roofline and rooflights to front roofline to facilitate loft conversion

Decision: Grant Permission

- b) There were no other planning matters to consider at this time

85.25 Highways

- a) The following was noted:

Road Closure: Severn Trent will be closing an unnamed road in Ryton between 4th and 8th May 2026 to repair waste water pipework the closure and diversion route are on <https://one.network/?tm=GB148565810>

- b) Other Highway matters:

There is sign-post leaning on the entrance to Hennington Road by Grindle Road. This is to be reported via Fix My Street.

A resident has complained about the number of advertising signs for storage units on the Highway. Cllr John Webb noted that this had been discussed with Shropshire Cllr Elizabeth Barker and that she would be following this up.

86.25 Environment

- i) Rights of Way: Cllr John Webb reported that he had been walking all the footpaths in the parish to check on styles, kissing gates, and bridges. He has not walked all of them yet. The Parish Clerk said she would find out more information from the Countryside Team at Shropshire Council about the responsibilities for repairing styles.

ii) Other Environmental matters:

A litter pick has been organised for Saturday 25th March at 9.30am. Details will go out on the village What's App. It is anticipated that it will be for about an hour and a half.

The next meeting of the Climate Action Group will be on Thursday 2nd April at 7.30pm at Beckbury Village Hall. There will be a guest speaker talking about what is going on across the county.

Cllr John Webb reported that he had attended the Restoring Shropshire's Verges conference in Church Stretton. It was an interesting event but does not really apply to Ryton as there are no suitable wide verges.

87.25 Correspondence

The Police and Crime Commissioner has sent out a consultation regarding the proposed merger of police forces. This will be circulated to Councillors.

88.25 Any other Parish Matters

There were no other Parish Matters to consider at this time

89.25 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 19th May 26 at Ryton Church, this will be held on the rise of the Annual Parish Meeting, due to be held at 7pm at Ryton Church on 19th May 2026.