

Ryton and Grindle Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual meeting of Ryton and Grindle Parish Council held on Tuesday 19th May 2026 on the rise of the Annual Parish Meeting held at 7.00pm at St Andrew's Church, Ryton

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

1.26 Election of Chairman

It was resolved to nominate John Webb as Chairman of the Council

2.26 Chairman's Welcome and Announcements

Cllr John Webb welcomed everyone to the meeting

3.26 Election of Vice-Chairman

It was resolved to nominate Cllr Jonathan Hartnell-Beavis as Vice-Chairman of the Council

4.26 Apologies

There were no apologies for absence

5.26 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were no declarations of interest of interest

6.26 Public Forum

There were no comments from the public at this time

7.26 Shropshire Councillor's Report

There was no written or verbal report from the Shropshire Councillor at this time

8.26 Minutes

It was resolved to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 24th March 2026 as a true record

9.26 Clerk's Report

A VAT reclaim has been filed with HMRC.

An application has been filed with Shropshire Council for the Environmental Maintenance Grant. This was not put in the budget as it was not certain the scheme would go ahead this

year. The office emailed the Clerk on the afternoon of the meeting asking for more information, this will be sent in due course.

A document has been circulated to Councillors about a pilot Parish Road Warden scheme being undertaken by Church Preen, Hughley and Kenley Parish Council. This was noted. The Parish Council is waiting to see what happens in the Shifnal Town Council pilot scheme as that be something it wishes to join. Representatives of the Parish Council attended a recent meeting linking it up with neighbouring Parishes regarding the Shifnal scheme. This was held in Norton Village Hall and was organised by the outgoing Parish Clerk of Norton.

10.26 Finance

- i) It was resolved to approve the following payments:-

Clerk - £14.40 travel expenses for May
Clerk – Salary Q1 (£514.25)
HMRC – Q1 (£128.40)
Lloyds Bank, fees - *£4.25 for June and July*
Church hire for May - £40
Defibrillator pads - £80.94 net
Riverwood, Environmental Maintenance - £120 for April (invoice 34)
SALC, Affiliation fees - £160.15 (invoice 3268)

- ii) It was resolved to approve the Reconciliation and Bank Statements for end of month of March 2026
- iii) It was resolved to approve Receipts and Payments including income and expenditure spreadsheets to month of March 2026
- iv) **Internal Audit** it was resolved to receive and accept the Internal Audit for the financial year 2025-2026

v) **End of Year**

It was resolved to approve and sign the following:

- Sign Certificate of Exemption
 - Sign Annual Governance Form
 - Sign the Annual Return for 2025-26
 - To confirm the Exercise of Public Rights as 3rd June to 14th July 2026
- vi) Environmental Maintenance Grant – Council noted that an application has been filed for an Environmental Maintenance Grant for the financial year 2026-2027

It was noted that expenditure at the end of the financial year is 98% of the budget. The bank reconciliation for the close of the year is £3,455.

Thanks were noted for the Internal Auditor for his years of service to the community. Cllr Jonathan Murnane was delegated expenditure of £50 to source a gift of thanks for the Auditor.

11.26 Policy Review

It was resolved to accept the following policies:

- Standing Orders
- Financial Regulations
- I.T Policy
- Privacy Policy
- Publication Scheme
- Risk Assessment

12.26 Planning

- a) There were no planning notifications or planning decisions received between the publication of the Agenda and the meeting
- b) Planning enforcement procedures were discussed by members of the Parish Council

13.26 Highways

The signage by Mead Cottage is set back too far from the road and does not clearly indicate to drivers that it is a no-through road. There have been several problems with cars using it when the surface is not at all suitable for this use. It was agreed that this should be reported on Fix My Street, preferably with photos.

14.26 Environment

Riverwood were out grass cutting on the day of the meeting. Both side of the bridge have been done to the junction with Ryton Road.

There continues to be a problem with luminous green dog waste bags left lying about. It was agreed to request that Shropshire Council install dog bins at each end of the footpath by St Andrew's Chhurch as this is the one most used by dog walkers..

15.26 Correspondence

There was no further correspondence to be brought to the attention of the Parish Council

16.26 Any other Parish Matters

There were no other Parish Matters

17.26 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 21st July 2026 at 7pm at St Andrew's Church, Ryton