

# ***Ryton and Grindle Parish Council***

**Minutes of the meeting of Ryton and Grindle Parish Council held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 7.00pm at St Andrew's Church, Ryton**

**In attendance: Cllrs Caroline Davies, Jonathan Hartnell-Beavis, John Webb (Chairman), Shropshire Councillor Andrew Sherrington and the Parish Clerk (Vanessa Voysey)**

## **2023.33 Chairman's Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, giving a particular welcome to the newly elected Shropshire Councillor, Andrew Sherrington

## **2023.34 Apologies**

There were none at this time

## **2023.35 Co-Option**

There were no nominations for co-option at this time

## **2023.36 Declarations of Interest**

There were none at this time

## **2023.37 Public Forum**

There were no questions from the public at this time

## **2023.38 Shropshire Councillor's Report**

Cllr Andrew Sherrington said that he was on two Task and Finish groups: Capital Strategy, and Operating Revenue. His participation would involve looking at internal processes and making recommendations. Capital Strategy looks at how projects are completed and approved. The approved audit report noted 'significant' multiple control deficiencies within the operation of the council. He noted that the budget for the North Western Relief Road had been voted in despite a typo with a discrepancy of £95M.

Cllr Sherrington has asked the Scrutiny Committee two questions. One question asks about the standard of service level reply for Parish Councils and Members of the Public. A second question asks about the complete end-to-end process for road repairs.

Cllr John Webb requested that roadside gullies are brought up with Highways. He said that he had cleared some himself in the past. He has put them on Fix My Street where they may be marked as being looked actioned, but in reality, when he goes back to look, the work has not been done. Cllr Sherrington noted that Fix My Street requests are passed to the contractor, who then have a rein over whether or not to do them or not.

**2023.39 Minutes:**

It was proposed, seconded, and resolved to confirm the minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023

**2023.40 Clerk's Report**

The Parish Clerk noted that the precept will need to be set in the January Meeting

**2023.41 Finance**

- a) It was proposed, seconded, and **resolved** to approve the following payments:-

Travel expenses (November) £14.40 and £10 due from Quarter 2  
Salary (Quarter 3) £440.46  
HMRC (Quarter 3) £110  
Information Solutions / website £228  
Riverwood maintenance – September £96  
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- b) There were no receipts

- c) It was proposed, seconded, and **resolved**, to approve the Reconciliation and Bank Statements for end of month of September 2022

- d) It was proposed, seconded, and **resolved**, to approve Receipts and Payments including income and expenditure spreadsheets to month of September 2022

**2023.42 Planning**

There were no notifications received since the publication of the agenda

**2023.43 Highways**

- a) Highway maintenance: Cllr John Webb said that he would continue to report any issues that came up on Fix My Street.
- b) Any other highway matters: Cllr Jonathan Hartnell-Beavis noted that the Highway Department's white paint markers by the entrance to Grindle Farm had worn away.

**2023.44 Environment**

It was noted that the hedges of Ryton court have been cut back but that the debris has been left on the side of the road. Cllr Jonathan Hartnell-Beavis suggested approaching the residents committee about it.

**2023.45 Correspondence**

A road closure is planned on Grindle Road between 5<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024 for pre-dressing patchwork.

**2023.46      Any other Parish Matters**

- i)      It was agreed to reimburse Cllr John Webb £19.99 for the cost of a poppy wreath
- ii)     Work on the bench for Olive's Corner has been completed, it will be put in place by Apley Estates. It was requested that the Parish Clerk thank Apley Estates on behalf of the Parish Council.
- iii)    It was agreed to a summary of what has been discussed by the Parish Council to the editor of the local newsletter.

**2023.47      Date of Next Meeting**

*The next meeting will be on at St Andrew's Church, Ryton, 7.00pm, January 8<sup>th</sup> 2024*