

RUYTON XI TOWNS PARISH COUNCIL

6th March 2018 PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 6th March 2018 at The Victoria Room, Ruyton XI Towns.

Parish Councillors in attendance: Mr T Allison; Mr S Denyer; Mr E Edwards; Mr S Gittins; Mrs A Hall; Mr R Harrison; Mr A Johnston (Chairman); and Mr D Spicer.

Also in attendance: Nick Bardsley (SC Councillor); Sue Hackett (Clerk); and 3 residents.

140.17 PUBLIC SESSION – Mr David Shearan gave a presentation on a new parish council website. Possible content was discussed and David explained that much of the work would be carried out by himself at no cost; however an annual maintenance cost of approximately £60.00 per annum would be incurred and was dependent on the domain name chosen and hosting. Councillors discussed general permissions and administration rights and the benefits of updating the current website.

141.17 CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION & APOLOGIES - The Chairman opened the meeting and reported that Cllr A Sanders Royle had been unable to attend for personal reasons. Her apologies were accepted by Council.

Council **AGREED** in principle that David Shearan and the Clerk should progress the development of the trial website; whilst David should establish costs relating to the use of .org.uk and .gov.uk. The Chairman thanked David for his work and presentation on the website on behalf of the Council.

142.17 COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS & DISPENSATIONS – None were declared.

143.17 LOCAL GROUP REPORTS

- a. Local Police Report. – The Clerk confirmed that she had not as yet received a report; but would circulate any received between meetings.
- b. Volunteer Speed Watch Scheme Training – Council **AGREED** that the proposed date of Sat 24/3/2018 at 10.30 am was preferred and that the Clerk inform all concerned. Venue confirmed as Café Eleven.
- c. Safer Roads Group – Cllr Gittins confirmed that installation of the entrance gates on Olden Lane would be completed on 7/3/2018.

144.17 SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL (SC) – Councillor Nick Bardsley summarised the following:

- Progress of the Baschurch Doctors Surgery project;
- Shropshire Council Local Plan Review Update;
- Highways England's progress in the prioritisation of the duelling of the A5 between Shrewsbury & Oswestry.

145.17 CLERK'S UPDATE REPORT & COMMUNICATION – The report at Appendix A was noted. Council **AGREED** that the Clerk inform SC that as a result of the delay (approx. 2 years) in SC acting upon the Parish Council's expression of interest in financially assisting in the maintenance of the "SC" owned recreational grounds in the parish; the Parish Council (PC) was no longer in a position to pursue this. **ACTION:** Clerk.

146.17 THE CLIFFE – The Chairman gave an update of the meeting attended by himself; the Clerk; Mark Blount (Shropshire Council Officer) & James Squier (Bradford Estates).

He went on to report that following on from the meeting an offer had been made by Bradford Estates to sell The Cliffe to the Parish Council for a specific amount; whilst SC had agreed to contribute £2,000 to the PC towards the purchase cost. (It was **AGREED** that since the purchase agreement has not as yet been finalised it was inappropriate for the consideration to be disclosed at this stage.)

The Parish Council having considered and fully discussed the offer and its obligations arising from taking on the land **RESOLVED** by a majority to proceed with the purchase of The Cliffe; on the understanding that Bradford Estates be requested to meet the PC's legal costs in the transaction. **ACTION:** Resolution to be communicated to Bradford Estates and Clerk to seek solicitor to act for the PC in the advent of the purchase progressing.

147.17 COUNCIL CONFIRMATION & ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES - Draft minutes of the Council meeting held on 6 February 2018 as circulated and uploaded to the Council's website were considered and **RESOLVED** as accurate. The Chairman was directed to sign them as such.

148.17 FINANCE

- a. Council considered the following invoice and **RESOLVED** that it be authorised for payment; instructing the Chairman and Cllr Spicer to check the supporting invoice prior to signing the cheque payment:

Payee	Description	£	VAT
Highline Electrical Ltd	Street Light repairs/ Park Bank	57.00	9.50

- b. The Clerk reported that the most recent bank reconciliation; as at 31/1/2016 gave a balance of funds of £46,827; which had been checked and confirmed by the Chairman. The yearend out turn as at 31/3/2018 was expected to be £48,779; given that a £2,000 grant was expected from Shropshire Council; later in March.
- c. Council **AGREED** that the Clerk should amend the Council's earmarked reserves; to reflect the additional expected expenditure in:
Street Lighting LED Replacement Project;
The Cliffe;
Birch Grove Recreational Equipment. **ACTION:** Clerk to update in yearend accounts.

149.17 LOCAL PROJECTS UPDATE:

- a. Birch Grove Recreational Project – The Clerk reported that she still awaited confirmation that grant funding had been secured.
- b. Doctors Meadow Recreational Area/Spinney Planting - Cllr Gittins reported that inclement weather had prevented further progress re repairs to goal posts, car park and preparations for planting.
- c. Competition for new logo for Council – Following some discussion; Council **AGREED** that Cllr Denyer should provide a more detailed report on the proposed competition.
- d. “Dog Mess Clean-Up Campaign” – Cllr Spicer circulated a report and photographs of “mess” in the village. The Clerk's report on costs and proposals for a clean-up campaign were noted however it was decided that there was a need for further research by councillors on options and a decision to be made at the next Council meeting as to the way forward. **ACTION:** Councillors to carry out further research.
- e. War Memorial Trust Grant Pre-Application – The Clerk reported that as yet she had received nothing from the W M Trust.
- f. “Ruyton in Bloom” Hanging Basket Scheme - Council **AGREED** that the matter be deferred to the next meeting.
- g. Purchase of a memorial bench - Council **AGREED** that the matter be deferred to the next meeting.

150.17 PLANNING – The Clerk reported the following SC planning decision:

Reference: 17/05946/VAR

Address: RDW Exhibitions, Little Ness Road, Ruyton XI Towns, SY4 2LL

Proposal: Variation of Condition No. 4 (approved plans) attached to Planning Permission OS/96/9422 dated 23 July 1996

Decision: Grant Permission

PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the above Act Council **RESOLVED** that due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted the public and press should not be present.

Cllr Bardsley and members of the public left the meeting.

151.17 STREET LIGHTING – Council having consider the street lighting LED and maintenance quotes received; requested that further technical information be sought relating to lumens output; colours available and LED light direction. **ACTION** Clerk to obtain. It was **AGREED** that the matter be deferred to the next meeting; when the additional information would be available.

152.17 APRIL MEETING AGENDA ITEMS- Council agreed that the following items in addition to those deferred above be included; New website; Spring PC Newsletter; Litter in the Village.

153.17 SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA – It was agreed that a letter be sent to Luke Penton; thanking him for his voluntary work in clearing the snow. **ACTION** Clerk.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.55 p.m. and thanked all for attending. The next parish council meeting is to be held on 3 April 2018 at 7.30 p.m. at The Victoria Room.

Confirmed as accurate..... Chairman of Parish Council

Cllr Andrew Johnson Date.....

Appendix A Clerk's Update Report & Summary of Communications Received