

# RUYTON XI TOWNS PARISH COUNCIL

## 3 OCTOBER 2017 PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at 7.30pm on 3 October 2017 at The Victoria Room, Ruyton XI Towns

Parish Councillors in attendance: Mr A Johnston (Chairman); Mrs A Hall; Mr T Allison; Mrs A Sanders Royle; Mr R Harrison; Mr R Edwards; Mr S Denyer.

Also in attendance; Mark Blount (Shropshire Council); Anne Chalkley (Locum Clerk) and 8 residents.

- 63.17 PUBLIC SESSION – There were no questions for the members.
- 64.17 CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE & APOLOGIES – The Chairman reported the following apologies had been received Nick Bardsley (Shropshire Council Councillor); David Spicer (other commitments). Mr M Berry (Unwell); Mr S Gittings (work commitments) and the Local Police Team. These were accepted by members.
- 65.17 COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS & DISPENSATIONS – There were none.
- 66.17 THE CLIFFE IT'S OWNERSHIP – Mark Blount introduced himself and handed out a map showing the land and reported on the 16th July 1990, the Trustees, together with the Rt. Hon Richard Thomas Orlando, Seventh Earl of Bradford, Peter Orlando Ronald Bridgman and Brian John Crighton, sold the lands at Nesscliffe, Hopton, and the southern, Little Ness end of the Cliffe, to Shropshire Council, but retained the Lordship of the Manor of Ruyton XI Towns which, as stated above, includes the waste of the manor, this being the northern part of the Cliffe Common in Ruyton XI Towns Parish. He understood that by retaining the Lordship of the Manor of Ruyton XI Towns, they also retained The Northern section of the Cliffe.

The solicitors for the Bradford Settlement, having studied their documents, confirmed the Bradford Settlement's ownership of the northern Ruyton XI Towns end of the Cliffe by fax, and this was presented to the Public Inquiry into Rights of Way over the Cliffe held at Ruyton XI Towns on October 31st 2000, and accepted by the Inspector taking the Inquiry.

Mark informed the Council that the owner would like to sell the land and was looking for a price of £16,000 but was open to negotiation. Due to the cuts, Shropshire Council is unable to purchase the land and thought that the Parish Council would be interested in purchasing it. The owner is happy to attend a Parish Council meeting to discuss the sale and Shropshire Council would agree to take on the 'Health and Safety' aspect of the land for the Parish Council.

Mark was asked if there was a time scale to purchase the land and his reply was there was no time scale.

It was **AGREED** to suspend Standing Orders to allow the residents to speak on this agenda item. One resident asked how many acres and if the land could be fenced off. Mark informed the resident there was 32.2 acres of land and that it has been 'Open Space' for a long time and although permission was needed to fence off the land it would be difficult to get approval from the Secretary of State as it had been open to the public for so long. Mark also confirmed that Secretary of State approval would be required for any boundary changes, approval to build as well as protection of commoners' rights. Mark was unable to confirm who owned the mineral rights to the land.

The Chairman with **AGREEMENT** reinstated Standing Orders.

The Chairman asked Mark if he would look into the legal obligations faced by the Parish Council as owners should they agree to purchase the land. Mark agreed to check the land owner's duties and whether 'Health and Safety' aspects could be transferred to Shropshire Council. Mark was of the opinion that Shropshire Council would support future maintenance as it would be in the public and community interest. The Chairman thanked Mark Blount for attending and he left the meeting.

#### 67.17 LOCAL GROUP REPORTS

- a) Police Report – A report provided by PCSO Charles Iremonger was read out as follows:

“Since the last Parish Council meeting the following incidents have been reported:  
4 x ASB; 6 x Suspicious Circumstances; 6 x Concerns for safeties.

There is nothing to be concerned about in relation to the 'Concern for Safety' matter, everyone is safe and well.”

- b) Volunteer Speed Watch Scheme training update – Cllr Edwards gave a report on the volunteer speed watch scheme.
- c) Safer Roads Group – Cllr Edwards reported that he had spoken to Jason Hughes from the Traffic Signals team and he is happy to meet at Much Wenlock with members and he will attend as well. He is awaiting dates for this meeting. The Chairman thanked Cllr Edwards for his report.
- d) Oswestry Area Committee (SALC) – Cllr Denyer reported that most of the meeting was taking up with Code of Conduct Training which was very interesting. The Chairman thanked Cllr Denyer for his report.
- e) SC Parish & Town Councils Forum Meeting – The Chairman reported that this meeting had been cancelled.

68.17 MAIN AIMS QUESTIONNAIRE – Cllr Harrison reported that 55 people have completed the on-line survey to date and he found their comments very useful and the age range was from between 16 years and the older. Hard copy questionnaires had yet to be analysed. The Chairman thanked Cllr Harrison for his report.

69.17 SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL – Nothing to report.

70.17 PLANNING – The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had been notified of the following planning decisions:

- a) Ref: 14/03043/FUL; Admiral Benbow, Church Street, Ruyton XI Towns, SY4 1LA  
Conversion of existing public house to residential dwelling to include replacement garage and car port extensions....Shropshire Council Decision Withdrawn.
- b) Ref: 17/03308/FUL; 2 Vine Villas Pound Lane Ruyton XI Towns SY4 1LE  
Erection of a first floor extension ... Shropshire Council Decision Permission Granted.
- c) Ref: 17/03419/FUL; Yew Tree Cottage Blackbow Hill Ruyton XI Towns SY4 1HU  
Erection of first floor extension to form enlarged bedroom and balcony; internal alterations to ground floor with veranda....Shropshire Council Decision Permission Granted.
- d) Ref: 17/02201/FUL; Proposed Agricultural Workers Dwelling SW Shelvock, Ruyton Xi Towns. Proposed reception of agricultural workers dwelling with garage and office. Shropshire Council Decision Refused

#### 71.17 FINANCE

- a) Council considered the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017 Bank Reconciliation as presented. It was **RESOLVED** to approve it and the Chairman it as such after checking it to the bank statement.
- b) Council considered and **RESOLVED** to authorise the following grant and reimbursement claim for payment; however as only one cheque signatory was present it was **AGREED** for the cheques to be signed at the next meeting.

Ruyton XI Towns Village Hall ( Chq )	Donation to Home Grown Show LG Act 1972 s137	£100.00
A Johnston (Chq)	Reclaim of expenses re Banners promoting launch of Questionnaire	£35.73

- c) The Vice Chairman was unavailable to update as to whether CCLA account has been opened. The matter was deferred.

72.17 COUNCIL CONFIRMATION & ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES – It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the 11 September 2017 as a true record and the Chairman was instructed to signed them as such.

73.17 LOCAL PROJECTS UPDATE:

- a) AED Project – Cllr Sanders Royle reported that Numbers Plus (Ian Conway) had confirmed that they would be able to set up an automatic call rota scheme for annual cost £99 + VAT. Council **AGREED** in principle to meet this annual cost given that refresher training would be set up via the Ambulance Service free of charge. **ACTION** the Clerk to contact the Ambulance Service to arrange dates for a refresher course.
- b) Beacon to Commemorate End of WWI – Cllr Sanders Royle reported that there was no further progress at the moment.
- c) War Memorial – Cllr Sanders Royle reported that she had sent the original War Memorial Trust grant claim paperwork to Peter Dunbar of the Memorial Restoration Company in Shrewsbury; following her meeting with him in September. It was **AGREED** that should the grant claim be successful; Peter Dunbar would be appointed to carry out the work. The Locum Clerk suggested protecting the War Memorial by listing it with English Heritage. After some discussion about the need to protect the War Memorial it was **AGREED ACTION** that the Clerk look into having the War Memorial listed by English Heritage.

74.17 CLERK'S UPDATE REPORT & COMMUNICATION – See Appendix A. The members read the Clerks report and it was **AGREED** that Cllr Andrea Hall attend the SALC AGM; Clerk to arrange.

75.17 TRAINING FEED BACK – Various councillors gave feedback on Planning, Community Led Plan and 20mph event.  
Cllr Denyer reported that he had attended the Community Led Plan/Neighbourhood Plan meeting and obtained relevant documents explaining the different types of plan and what was involved. It was **AGREED** that the Parish Council would consider these options in more detail at a future meeting and dependent on the feedback and interest shown in responding to Planning within the recently launched Questionnaire.  
Cllr Hall reported that she attended the 20mph event and that it was evident that there was a demand for more use of this speed restriction. However Shropshire Council's reaction to the expansion and enforcement of 20mph zones had not been particularly encouraging.

76.17 STREET LIGHT POPPIES – Cllr Denyer reported that the poppies which had been purchased and he was preparing to install nearer Remembrance Day.

77.17 SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA – Cllr Allison brought up the Tractor-pulling event on the field and Cllr Sanders Royle reported on the amount of mud on the road that had not been cleared up after the event. The Locum Clerk reported that there was a dedicated telephone number at Shropshire Council to use to report 'Mud on the Road' which she provided to all councillors. (Tel 0345 678 9006)

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm. The next Parish Council meeting is to be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 7 November 2017 at the Victoria Room.

Confirmed as accurate ..... Cllr Andrew Johnston  
CHAIRMAN OF PARISH COUNCIL

Date:.....