

# RUYTON XI TOWNS PARISH COUNCIL

## 11 APRIL 2016 MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at The Victoria Room, Ruyton XI Towns at 7.30 pm on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

**Parish Councillors in attendance:** Mr C Case (Chair); Mr T Allison; Mr M Berry; Mr S Gittins, Mr D Spicer, Mr M Lewis, Mrs A White and Mrs R Slowley (Vice-Chair).

Also in attendance: Shropshire Councillor (SC) Nick Bardsley; Clerk Sue Hackett and 4 members of the public.

155.15 CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION - The Chairman opened the meeting.

156.15 PUBLIC SESSION - During the session, the Riversdale development options as provided by the developer (Wayne Sidell) were circulated. Following input from members of the public present and councillors it was agreed that the following response would be made to the developer.

The overall opinion of those present was that the Community wish to retain Riversdale which is highly thought of as a historic building which contributes to the village street scene and would prefer for it to be refurbished. In addition there is a preference for smaller homes within the parish which is demonstrated by the Parish Plan.

Mr Edwards a member of the public raised a number of local issues which the Council responded to. It was agreed that the local Police Team would be contacted with respect to concerns at Birch Grove.

157.15 APOLOGIES & COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS - The Clerk reported that apologies for non-attendance were received from Cllrs Drinan; Sanders-Royle, and Johnston who had been unable to attend due to personal commitments. These were accepted and approved by Council.

158.15 COUNCILLORS DISPENSATIONS – There were none.

159.15 HIGHWAYS

- a. Traffic Management – Cllr Mick Berry reported that Ben Hamilton Baille's had provided an excellent report; on which the Parish Council intended to build on via a Neighbourhood Plan. (See Comments at Min 161.15 d. below.)
- b. Safer Roads Partnership – Cllr Berry reported on disappointing outcomes; as the 20 mph speed limit was not in fact in force.
- c. A5 Visit/ Campaign- Shotatton Junction – Councillors agreed to take photos of the traffic queues at the junction. The Clerk was asked to obtain accidents statistics; and speeding offences from PC Dale. Details of the campaign remained outstanding.
- d. Police Report – The Clerk gave the monthly police report on behalf of PC Dale.

160.15 SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL – SC Councillor Nick Bardsley confirmed that the next LJC meeting was to take place on 28-4-2016 at Hordley Village Hall and would be attended by Kate Garner and George Candler. Nick went on to discuss the options for Shropshire schools who were being forced into becoming academies by Central Government.

161.15 PLANNING MATTERS

- a. Riversdale Development Proposals – please refer to Public Session.
- b. Council to consider planning applications – There were none.
- c. Council to be advised of Shropshire Council Planning decision:  
Reference: 15/05396/FUL & 5397/LPC (validated: 18/01/2016)  
Address: Coton House, Ruyton XI Towns

Proposal: Amendment to Planning Permission 14/02856/FUL for the erection of 2 storey oak frame sunroom and bedroom... SC Decision: Grant Permission

- d. Council considered Cllr Berry's and Case's verbal reports on the need for a Neighbourhood Led Plan; formation of a Steering Group and immediate funding requirements. Cllr Berry reported on a recent Neighbourhood Plan training event which had been attended by Cllr Drinan and himself. Following on from the advantages described from having such a plan it was agreed that the Parish Plan Steering Committee be used initially as a catalyst to form a Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, tasked with developing the project and securing grant funding. To encourage community participation it was agreed that the Ben Hamilton Baille report would be used. It was further agreed that the NPSG would be funded from residual PPSG funds and it was resolved that a start up sum of £500 would be given to the group by the Council; to cover administration costs

162.15 CONFIRMATION & ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS MINUTES - Draft minutes as circulated of the Council meeting held on 14th March 2016 were resolved as accurate. The Chairman was instructed to sign them as such.

163.15 PROJECTS/LOCAL REPORTS UPDATE:

- a. Ruyton Primary School – Nothing new to report.
- b. Doctors Meadow Play Area – The Clerk's reported on three quotes having been received for the installation of a section of a basket ball court. It was resolved that the contractor GR Contracting be appointed to carry out the work at a cost of £4,750. (Cllr White abstained from the vote; being unconvinced of the need for the court.)
- c. Village Hanging Basket Project – The Clerk read out a draft letter; which members agreed should be mailed/emailed to local people and businesses asking for donations towards the project. Clerk to action.
- d. Cllr Gittins confirmed that there was a delay with Pentons obtaining a licence to fell the trees at the Spinney.

164.15 FINANCE

- a. Council resolved to authorise payment of the following:  
Cheque 803 £3369.30 VAT £561.55 Highline Electrical Limited; Street light repairs; and fitting of 5 LEDs  
Cheque 804 £316.00 Ruyton XI Towns PCC; Rent of room 11/4/16; and Grant towards repair of Church Clock £300.00;  
Cheque 805 £411.90 SALC; Annual subscription fees.  
Cheque 806 £88.80 Mrs S Hackett; Working from home allowance, mileage claim.  
Cheque 807 £500.00 Ruyton XI Towns Parish Plan Steering Group. Start-up grant.  
Bank Standing Order 20/04/2016 Clerk's net pay £516.53.
- b. Council's agreement of yearend bank reconciliation; payroll reconciliation and draft accounts was deferred as the Clerk awaited the bank statement.
- c. Council to consider Year End Budget Monitoring report – Council agreed to defer to the next meeting.

165.15 CLERK'S UPDATE REPORT & COMMUNICATION – The Clerk's report was noted. See Appendix A.

166.15 INSURANCE & FIXED ASSETS – Council approved the fixed assets and insurance arrangements having been presented with a Fixed Asset Listing as at 31/3/2016.

167.15 SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA – None.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30 p.m. and thanked everyone for attending. It was noted that the next meeting was to be the Annual Parish Council meeting which is to be held following the Annual Parish meeting at 7.00 p.m. at The Victoria Room on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

Confirmed as accurate.....C CASE CHAIRMAN Date.....