

RUYTON XI TOWNS PARISH COUNCIL

10 APRIL 2017 MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at The Victoria Room, Ruyton XI Towns at approximately 8.20 pm on Monday 10th April 2017 as it followed the Annual Parish Meeting.

Parish Councillors in attendance: Mr T Allison; Mr C Case; Mrs R Slowley (Chairperson); Mrs A Sanders Royle; Mr D Spicer; Mr A Johnston; and Mrs A White.

Also in attendance: Nick Bardsley (Shropshire Council (SC) Councillor); Sue Hackett (Clerk); and 4 residents.

- 146.16 PUBLIC SESSION – No new discussion arose as members of the public expressed their concerns at the Annual Parish meeting.
- 147.16 APOLOGIES & COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS & DISPENSATIONS – The Chairperson opened the meeting and reported that apologies had been received from Cllrs Berry and Drinan who were unable to attend. These were accepted by the Council. No declarations were made.
- 148.16 SAFER ROADS GROUP – Cllr Case summarised the outcomes of the recent meeting and it was agreed that in future meeting minutes of the Multi Agency Group would be forwarded to the Clerk for onward distribution to all councillors. Action: Clerk to arrange.
- It was also agreed that Cllr Spicer would prepare an update report on proposals the Group were working on for distribution in the next Council newsletter which was to be issued in May.
- 149.16 SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL – SC Councillor Nick Bardsley stated that there was nothing to add to the report that he had given at the Parish Meeting and looked forward to seeing the Council in May if elected.
- 150.16 CONFIRMATION & ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS MINUTES - Draft minutes as circulated of the Council meeting held on 13 March 2017 were **resolved** as accurate and the Chairperson instructed to sign them as such.
- 151.16 FINANCE
- a. Council **resolved** to pay the following and instructed Cllrs Slowley and Case to check supporting paperwork to cheques raised; when signing the cheques:
Chq No 866 NALC Foundation Award £10.00;
Chq No 867 Ruyton XI Towns PCC £200.00; Annual rent of room for council meetings
Chq No 868 Clerk's April Net Pay £725.29.
Bank Standing Order instructions were approved for Clerk's pay for 2017/18 to be paid by 25th of each month.
 - b. Council were unable to agree yearend bank reconciliation; payroll reconciliation as the bank statement was awaited. Matter deferred to Internal Auditor.
- 152.16 CLERK'S UPDATE REPORT & COMMUNICATION
- a. The Clerk reported that it was now imperative that councillors who had agreed to act as cheque signatories now signed the bank mandate as retiring councillors were the sole signatories on the account. Council resolved that Cllrs Johnston, Spicer and Berry and the Clerk Mrs Hackett be set up as signatories on the account as soon as possible.

- b. Council also agreed that where possible that direct debit payments be set up for routine expenditure such as quarterly Scottish Power payments. Action Clerk to arrange.
- c. The Clerk reported that SALC was organising new training for new councillors and chairs and that dates would be forwarded to all concerned.
- d. New councillor induction files would also be made available at the May meeting.
- e. As there were 6 parish councillor nomination and 11 parish councillor seats; vacancies existed for 5 seats. The Clerk reported that Cllr Gittins had expressed his interest in being co-opted. However vacancies could not be advertised until 5 May and co-options were not possible until the Council's June meeting.
- f. The Clerk reported that as no longer 2/3 of councillors would be none co-opted councillors the Parish Council would be unable to use the Power of Competence.
- g. The Clerk summarised communications received since the last meeting and explained that residents concerned about the precept increase in 2017/18 had been responded to and having received the Chair's explanation issued in the January Council newsletter were in fact supportive of the increase. Similarly Cllr Gittins and the Clerk had responded to a resident who was concerned about the felling of trees in the Spinney, but once the situation had been explained was again supportive of the scheme.

153.16 LOCAL REPORTS

- a. Birch Grove Recreational Ground – The Clerk gave a resume of Cllr Gittins intentions to build ramps for the play area however she was unable to provide specific details as she had not been present when Cllr Gittins met with residents. Council agreed that Cllr Gittins needed to urgently report on progress. The Chairperson confirmed that quotes received from SC with regard to the installation of a basket swing were between £4,000 - £6,000. The Clerk was asked to acquire alternative quotes for play equipment which would complement the current installation.
- b. Hanging Basket Project – Council agreed that Colin Case would manage the project with the assistance of D Peate on installation. The Clerk reported that a donation of £50.00 had been received to date.
- c. The Cliffe – Cllr Allison confirmed that following his inspection the general condition of recognised RoWs on the Cliffe were found to be satisfactory.

154.16 PLANNING – Council considered the following application:

Reference: 17/00964 The Mill, Wykey, Ruyton XI Towns

Proposal: To create a horse manege

Council considered the application and agreed that they wished to make no comment, neither in support or against the application. However Council agreed that comments should be made highlighting that neighbouring properties had not been informed of the application.

155.16 SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL'S CONSULTATION ON ECONOMIC GROWTH – Council agreed that there would be no Parish Council feedback on the consultation. However individuals were encouraged to provide feedback. Deadline 28/4/2017. Please refer to: <http://new.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/economic-growth-strategy/>

156.16 INSURANCE & FIXED ASSETS – Council agreed to defer to the May meeting when the insurance quote was received.

157.16 SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA – No matters arose. The meeting closed at 9.25p.m.