

**RUYTON XI TOWNS PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**16 AUGUST 2010**

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The Parish Council held an extraordinary meeting at the Village Hall; Ruyton XI Towns on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2010 at 7.30 pm.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Mr T. Allison; Mr C Brown; Mrs Caesar-Homden; Mr C Case; Mr S Gittins; Mrs M. Lycett; Mr M Lewis; Mrs D. Needham; Mrs R. Slowley; Mrs A. White.

IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk Sue Hackett & Ros Slowley; SC Planning Officer Grahame French and 35 members of the public.

65.10 WELCOME BY CHAIRMAN & APOLOGIES- The Chairman Cllr Case welcomed all to the meeting and suggested that items 68.10 & 70.10 per the agenda be deferred. This was agreed by those present. He announced that the following councillor had conveyed his apologies for absence:

Cllrs J Hamlett - (work commitments). They were accepted and approved by the Council.

*The Chairman opened the public session in which it had been agreed that Mr Simon Gittins would present the Wykey Farm planning application for an anaerobic digester. The Chairman explained that Mr Gittin's personal and prejudicial interests in the planning application would prevent him from speaking or voting on the matter within the official council meeting.*

66.10 PUBLIC SESSION

Mr French introduced the Wykey farm application and explained Shropshire Council's role as the principal planning authority and the consultations carried out to date by the authority.

Mr Simon Gittins gave a power point presentation which:

- Introduced the process of an anaerobic digester and provided details of how they were being used in farming overseas.
- Gave details of the proposed site of the anaerobic digester at Wykey Farm and its visual impact.
- Provided a detailed summary of the expected impact on the environment with regard to traffic movements, odour, noise and risk to the community.

Members of the public spoke and expressed their concerns which related to:

- An increase in HGV and farm traffic movements on what was already too busy and narrow lanes.
- Visibility and noise of the site.
- Concerns as to whether a phase 3 development was intended.
- The storage and transportation of generated gases.
- The storage of rotting potatoes.

Mr Simon Gittins responded to the many questions and statements made by the public.

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The Chairman asked if there were comments from those present concerning the Wigmarsh planning application. Three members of the public spoke and expressed the following concerns:

- Unsuitability of the present site for the use of low loaders and HGV traffic
- Steady erosion of narrow local lane infrastructure.
- Absence of a planning notice being displayed.

*The Chair closed the public session and reinstated standing orders.*

67.10 COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - In accordance with S50-52 of LGA 2000 the following declarations were made and noted by the Council:

Cllr Caesar-Homden reported her ongoing dual hated interest as both the appointed SC Councillor for the Ward and Parish Councillor; this restricted her from involvement in Planning Matters (Min 69.10).

Cllr Gittins and Cllr Lycett expressed their personal and prejudicial interest in the planning application at Wykey Farm at Min 69.10. (The applicant being Mr Gittins and Mrs Lycett's close connections with the Gittins.)

68.10 CONFIRMATION & ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: The matter by agreement was deferred to the Sept meeting.

*Cllr Gittins left the room.*

69.10 PLANNING MATTERS - With agreement the Chair took the Wigmarsh Cottage application first as Cllr Lycett wished to contribute to the discussion.

- a) The Council considered the following planning applications:

*Cllr Brown left the meeting.*

Planning Ref: 10/03062/COU Wigmarsh Cottage Eardiston West Felton SY11 4HB

Proposal: Application under Section 73a of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the use as a commercial ...

**The Council resolved without dissent to object to the above planning application as the infrastructure of narrow lanes did not support the business's current rural site location as:**

- **No planning notices have been displayed;**
- **Inappropriate business in the countryside;**
- **The size of vehicles currently in use are too large for the lanes and cause disruption for other road users and nearby residents;**
- **The hours of work proposed in the application would aggravate the situation and cause more disruption to local residents;**
- **There were concerns that an increase in the volume of business has already occurred and has aggravated the situation which is considered detrimental to the well being of local residents;**
- **Low loaders are experiencing difficulties in turning at the site, which demonstrated it unsuitability. The Parish Council considered that the business should relocate to a more suitable site.**

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(The resolution was proposed by Cllr Case and seconded by Cllr Allison. Cllrs Lewis and Caesar-Homden abstained from the vote.)

*Cllr Lycett left the meeting.*

Plan reference 10/03213/MAW Wykey Farm, Wykey, Ruyton XI Towns, Shropshire, SY4 1JA  
Proposal: Construction of an on-farm agricultural anaerobic digestion plant

**The Council resolved without dissent that the application be supported as it will be a source of renewable energy; however it takes on board the genuine concerns of many residents of Wykey who attended the meeting and endorsed that the following conditions should be considered by the Planning Authority for inclusion:**

- **Traffic movements associated with the AD to be restrained to social hours.**
- **Non-local traffic travelling to Wykey should use the route from Ruyton XI Towns.**
- **Applicant to look at road improvements from West Felton to Wykey.**
- **SC to appropriately monitor the traffic movements between phase 1 and 2 as described in the application.**

( The resolution was proposed by Cllr Needham and seconded by Cllr Case. Cllrs White and Caesar-Homden abstained from the vote.) *The Chairman with agreement lifted standing orders momentarily to check with the public that the appropriate conditions had been recorded. As no further points were raised the Chairman reinstated standing orders.*

b) Severn Trent Plant - Ruyton XI Towns. Cllr Gittins feedback on recent consultation meeting – Deferred to the Sept Council meeting.

70.10 RUYTON PRIMARY SCHOOL - PRE SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT - Deferred to the next Council meeting.

71.10 SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA – Other than the following notices issued by the Chairman, other items were deferred to the next meeting:

- B4397 closed Monday 23rd Aug – Thursday 25th through the village to Platt Bridge.
- Bus Service through closure – no info.
- Bollards in Church Street will be installed on 23rd Aug. Cllr Caesar-Homden reported she had been working closely with nearby businesses and residents.
- New bus shelter in place by the Bridge Inn, with bus stop sign and time table.
- Level Crossing closed at Baschurch 11pm-5am, 21-23 Aug, 27-30 Aug, 3-6 September.
- SC currently consulting on library service.

The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 9.50pm. The next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council was noted as being on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2010 at 7.30pm at the Memorial Hall, Ruyton XI Towns.**

Confirmed as accurate.....Date.....