

## RUYTON XI TOWNS PARISH COUNCIL

A Parish Council meeting was held at Ruyton XI Towns Memorial Hall on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2013 at 7.30 pm.**

**Councillors in attendance:** Mr C Case (Chairman); Mrs R Slowley (Vice-Chair); Mrs A Sanders Royle; Mr S Gittins.

**Also in attendance:** Clerk Sue Hackett; Shropshire Councillor Nick Bardsley

- 125.13 PUBLIC SESSION – No members of the public were present
- 126.13 WELCOME BY CHAIRMAN - The Chairman opened the meeting.
- 127.13 APOLOGIES - The Clerk confirmed that apologies for absence had been received from:
- Cllrs D Spicer and A Johnston; due to work commitments. Cllrs T Allison and A White; due to personal commitments. These were accepted and approved by the Council.
- 128.13 COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS – None were declared
- 129.13 COUNCILLORS DISPENSATIONS – The Chairman proposed that the Council give a dispensation to Cllr Sanders-Royle and Spicer who are residents of the Parish; enabling them to take part in the Budget/ Precept setting at Min 138.13 and in future meetings up until March 2016. This was seconded by Cllr SG and supported.
- 130.13 LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE/ PARISH PLAN REVISIRED PROJECT- The Chairman included an update report on Gill Porter's Community-Led Planning presentation which he agreed to circulate. He went on to report that the Extend Group had been successful in their LJC grant application.
- 131.13 SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL REPORT – Cllr Bardsley kindly provided an update report on the possible closure of Baschurch Fire Station; please refer to Appendix C.
- 132.13 CONFIRMATION & ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: Draft minutes of the parish council meeting held on 11/11/13 were considered and confirmed by resolution as accurate. The Chairman was requested to sign them as such.
- 133.13 PLANNING MATTERS
- a. Council considered the following planning applications:
- Reference: 13/04408/FUL  
Address: Mog Cottage , The Rough, Ruyton Xi Towns, Shrewsbury, SY4 1JB  
Proposal: Erection of first floor extension; roof alterations; erection of 3-bay, part open fronted, garage block with workshop (amended description)
- Council agreed to make no comments.
- Reference: 13/04083/MAW  
Address: Land at Startlewood Farm Hopton Nesscliffe  
Proposal: Change of use to waste transfer station...
- Council agreed to object to the application which was recognised as being outside the parish on the grounds that the site was inappropriate as the proposal was for a non agricultural industry to be based in a rural setting. (The proposal being more suited to an industrial site.)

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The visual impact on the Cliffe a natural beauty spot and inevitable increase in traffic movements in the locality were considered detrimental to the growing Tourism trade in the area and contrary to the SC CS16 which promotes high quality sustainable tourism, culture and leisure. (Proposed RS; Seconded ASR; Abstention CC For RS; ASR; Against SG.)

Action: Clerk to submit PC comments to SC Planning.

West Felton Planning Application 13/01221/OUT- 35 new houses on Tedsmore field - The Chairman reported on a FOI request he had made as a result of the SC Planning Officer's decision to support the application which was contrary to the West Felton PC SAMDev response. He went on to add that he would be representing SALC at the SC Planning Committee meeting on 10/12/13; when the application was to be considered.

The Chairman reported that the property Riversdale; Ruyton XI Towns was being inaccurately promoted by a Estate Agent as having development possibilities which it hadn't concerning plot6. It was agreed that the Clerk inform the estate agent concerned of the error. Action: Clerk.

- b. Clerk to report on local SC planning application decisions made recently:

Reference: 11/05774/LBC (validated: 04/01/2012) Shelvock Hall, Elbridge.  
Proposal: Works to facilitate the conversion of farm buildings into holiday let units; conversion of the court yard buildings to provide leisure/function suite; associated works  
SC Decision: Grant Permission

Reference: 13/03967/FUL (validated: 04/10/2013) Haughton Grange, School Road.  
Proposal: Erection of single storey car port and garden store  
SC Decision: Grant Permission

- c. The Chairman updated on the SC Planning Committee Policy/Procedure Changes which Ian Kilby had presented to the SALC Exec.
- d. The Chairman stated that following a site inspection of an area behind the Oaklands with regard to its suitability for affordable housing; ownership appeared to preclude the land from being developed. This was noted by members.

### **134.13 LOCAL REPORTS**

- a. SALC Executive Report – The Chairman confirmed that the accounts for 2013 had been agreed.
- b. New Parish Newsletter – The Chairman reported that this was on going.
- c. Village Hall Committee – The Chairman reported that 100 year celebrations were being planned for 2014 and that the panto had been a huge success.
- d. Baschurch PC were congratulated for gaining the Fields In Trust Inclusive Play Award.

135.13 HIGHWAYS & FOOTWAY LIGHTING – The Clerk reported that a street light at Birch Grove had been reported as faulty to the contractor. The Vice-Chair stated that the school's belisha beacon was still faulty. Action: Clerk to report to SC.

136.13 SC PLACE PLAN CONSULTATIONS – Cllr Slowley provided an update which was agreed by Council and to be submitted by the Clerk by 28/1/14. (See appendix C.)

### **137.13 PARISH'S RECREATIONAL SPACES**

- a. Doctor's Meadow – Chairman stated that improvements were on going.

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- b. Spinney Area – Cllr Gittins confirmed that he had been unable to progress this matter with Penton family. Council decided to consider project at next meeting.

### 138.13 FINANCE

- a. The following payments were approved for payment by resolution, (Proposed SG; Seconded RS.) and councillors with authority asked to sign the corresponding cheques:

SO	Clerk	£537.33	Salary payment 20/12/13
CHQ621	Chairman	£52.99	Reimbursement of cost of Christmas tree and decorations for Village.
CHQ622	SLCC	£49.00	Annual subscription contribution 2014

- b. Council considered Budget Monitoring report as at 31-10-2013; which supported that the Council had underspent against budget and confirmed by resolution that £5,000 should be set aside in a restricted Village Hall Project account; as discussed in the previous year. The Clerk presented the Draft Budget 2014 Appendix B and stated that as yet SC had not confirmed the parishes Band D base and Council Tax Relief Grant. AS a result Council agreed to defer the setting of budget and precept until the January meeting.
- c. The Clerk confirmed that Mr Townson had agreed to the appointment of internal auditor for 2013/14 at a quoted cost of £100. Noted by Council.

### 139.13 CLERK'S UPDATE REPORT & COMMUNICATION – Appendix A.

Council decided to decline the invitation by Hordley PC to attend a January 2014 meeting in connection with ABP Abattoir as they were less affected than neighbouring parishes. Action: Clerk to inform PC.

### 140.13 WAR MEMORIAL TASK GROUP- Cllr Sanders Royle reported that grants were in progress.

### 141.13 SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA – By agreement the items had been included within Planning above.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50pm there being no further business. The Parish Council next meets on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at 7.30pm at The Memorial Hall Ruyton XI Towns.

Confirmed as accurate..... CHAIRMAN OF PARISH COUNCIL  
Cllr Colin Case.

Date 13/1/2014