

RUYTON XI TOWNS PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

22 February 2010

The parish council held an extraordinary meeting at The Victoria Room; Ruyton XI Towns on Monday 22nd February 2010 at 7.30 pm.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT:

Mr T. Allison Mr C. Case - Chairman Mrs M. Lycett Mrs R. Slowley
Mr M Hamlett Mrs D. Needham

IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk – Sue Hackett; 5 members of the public.

97.09 WELCOME BY CHAIRMAN & APOLOGIES: The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and reported that the following apology had been received from a parish councillor unable to attend. Cllr White – Unable to attend due to prior engagement.

Councillors agreed that this apology be accepted and approved by the council.

98.09 COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In accordance with S50-52 of LGA 2000 the following declarations were made and noted by the council:

Cllrs Slowley; declared a predetermined interest in the planning application below at Min 101.09 as she had already submitted comments to the planning authority concerning the planning application. The Chairman explained to those present the importance of declaring a personal or prejudicial interests.

The Chairman then suspended council business and invited members of the public to speak.

99.09 PUBLIC FORUM

Mr Slowley enquired as to the size of the HGVs required for transport purposes. Councillors agreed that these were not stated in the planning application documentation.

Mr Townsend; (a resident of Great Ness) provided information which supported his concerns over the visual impact of such a large scale development imposed on the rural countryside and stressed that it would impact on the views from The Cliffe. These were supported by other residents from Great Ness who quoted the Felton Butler farm as having a similar impact. Councillors and the public discussed the issues and inaccuracies made in the planning application. In conclusion residents from Great Ness asked the council to support their objections to the planning application as Ruyton XI Towns would be affected by the environmental impact of the proposals.

Mrs Slowley (Cllr); spoke of her concerns as she believed that the planning application would adversely affect tourism in the area; the Rights of Way network which linked surrounding communities and be overall detrimental to the local community. She stressed that its environmental impact and increased HGV traffic movement would have an effect on all communities in the vicinity and that the scale of the development was most concerning.

The Chairman then resumed council business.

100.09 CONFIRMATION & ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

With the agreement of councillors present this was deferred to the next council meeting.

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101.09 PLANNING MATTER – 09/01778/FUL Erection of 5 poultry units at Little Fox Buildings, Little Ness.

Cllr Slowley left the meeting.

The Chairman explained that with the exception of Mr and Mrs Slowley no objections had been received by the council from Ruyton XI Towns residents as the proposed site and proposals did not directly affect Ruyton. He invited councillors present to individually air their views on the application. After lengthy discussion the Chairman called for a councillor to put forward a proposal either objecting or supporting the planning application; there were none.

Council agreed without dissent to forward the following comments to the planning authority. (*Proposed by Cllr Allison; Seconded by Cllr Case.*)

The parish council recognised that the large scale development would have serious impacts on the neighbouring communities of Great & Little Ness and believed that although Ruyton XI Towns itself was not principally affected by the proposed application there would be an effect on the wider rural community. A planning application of this scale would adversely affect:

- Tourism;
- The surrounding countryside;
- The Rights of Way and Bridle path network; and
- The existing infrastructure of narrow country lanes which make up the local area.

In particular the council noted the visual impact the proposed development would have on the landscape and supported the need for conditions to be imposed which would mitigate this:

- Planting to suitably screen the buildings; and
- Painting the exterior of the over large buildings to suitably blend in with the local landscape.

The need for the planning authority to strictly monitor traffic movements to ensure adherence to those forecasted and adherence to the given prescribed routes was also considered important.

The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 9.15pm. The next ordinary parish council meeting is to be held at the Memorial Hall on 1 March 2010 at 7.30pm

Minutes approved as correct:Chairman 1/3/10