

# RUYTON XI TOWNS PARISH COUNCIL FEBRUARY 2015

## MINUTES

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at The Victoria Room, Ruyton XI Towns at 7.30 pm on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

**Councillors in attendance:** Mr C Case (Chairman); Mrs R Slowley (Vice-Chair); Mr A Johnston; Mr S Gittins; Mr D Spicer; Mr M Berry (Co-opted); Mr T Allison.

**Also in attendance:** Nick Bardsley Shropshire Councillor, 7 members of the public and Sue Hackett Clerk.

- 163.14 WELCOME BY CHAIRMAN & PUBLIC SESSION - The Chairman welcomed those in attendance at the meeting and opened the public session. Council agreed to follow up where possible on issues raised by Mr & Mrs Hamlett who were concerned about the behaviour of mountain bikers who were disturbing their cattle at dusk. Council agreed that the actions of the cyclists was irresponsible.
- 164.14 APOLOGIES – The Clerk reported the following councillors had apologised for non-attendance due to personal commitments. Cllrs Mary Drinan, Anita White and Avi Sanders Royle. These were accepted and approved by the Council.
- 165.14 COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS – None
- 166.14 CO OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR – The Chairman welcomed both applicants Mr Mick Berry and Mr Robert Edwards and asked each applicant to introduce themselves to the Council. Following this both applicants left the room, whilst a vote was taken and then returned to the room.

The Chairman announced that Mick Berry has been co-opted by a majority vote. Mick Berry signed the acceptance of office thereby agreeing to act as a co-opted parish councillor. Councillors thanked Mr Edwards for applying and was assured that when a vacancy arose Mr Edwards would be invited to apply.

### 167.14 PLANNING MATTERS

- a. The following planning applications were considered:

Reference: 15/00109/PIAPA (validated: 29/01/2015)

Address: Bridge Shop, Brownhill, Ruyton XI Towns

Proposal: Application for Prior Approval under Part3, Class IA of the Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development)

(Amendment & Consequential Provisions) (England) Order 2014 for the change of use from A1 (Retail) to Residential Applicant: Mrs Lorraine Walker.

Council discussed the application and agreed that the application be supported as long as it was taken in to account that the proposed parking plot as drawn had limitations (i.e. vehicles would be required to reverse out as there was no room to turn). (Proposed CC Seconded DS.)

Reference: 14/05771/FUL & 14/5772/LBC (validated: 12/01/2015)

Address: Talbot Inn , Church Street, Ruyton XI Towns, Shropshire, SY4 1LA

Proposal: Erection of single storey extension to, and conversion of the former stable building to provide multipurpose events rooms, bar area, formation of outside covered seating area . Applicant: Joules Brewery.

Council discussed the application and agreed that the application be supported as long as the development was an integral part of the public house business. The proposal was primarily considered a sustainable solution enabling the public house to continue and extend its business activities. Council also acknowledged that consideration had been given to improving access issues. (Proposed CC; Seconded SG.)

Reference: 14/05743/OUT (validated: 05/01/2015)

Address: Proposed Residential Development to the West of, Little Ness Road

Proposal: Outline application for residential development to include new access

Applicant: Mr & Mrs J Lycett

Following some debate, the Council agreed by a majority that the application be opposed and the following comments be submitted:

As Shropshire Council now has in excess of a 5 year housing supply; its planning policies now carry more weight and as such the proposed development is outside the development boundary depicted in the parish's SAMDev submission (CS4); in open countryside and can therefore not be supported by the Parish Council.

13/03585/OUT Amendments notified on 26/1/2015 by letter.

Address Yardley, Ruyton XI Towns

Proposed: Outline application for residential development comprising of two dwellings, includes access. Applicant D Williams.

*The Council agreed to lift standing orders enabling residents to speak:*

Residents spoke of their concerns about the 4<sup>th</sup> change to the application. The main reasons which opposed the application were summarised:

- Overlooking existing properties
- Revised proposals exacerbated access issues which are already a reserved matter.
- Council were reminded that they had previously opposed the application.

*By agreement the Chairman reinstated standing orders.*

Following some debate, the Council agreed that the amended application be opposed as reverting to 2 dwellings from 4 made no difference to the issues which supported its previous decision. (Proposed CC; Seconded DS.)

b. The following planning decision was noted by the Council:

Ref. No: 14/02856/FUL& 14/02857/LBC | Coton House Ruyton XI Towns

Erection of 2 storey oak frame sunroom and bedroom. Single storey pool house

linked to the house by a glazed oak frame link. SC Decision: Permission Granted

168.14 SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL – Cllr Nick Bardsley stated that he was trying to ensure that the next LJC meeting would include presentations on CIL Payments; and a representative from SC Highway responsible for commenting on planning applications.

169.14 HIGHWAYS & VILLAGE MAINTENANCE ISSUES

- a. VAS Project in partnership with SC – Clerk reported that she was awaiting Scottish Power to establish power to light R3. Cllr NB still yet to determine whether 2015-16 budget will facilitate VAS project (i.e. installation of 2 VASs).
- b. Shotatton Crossroads – Correspondence awaited from MP.  
Grugg Hill and Abbots Lane Ruyton – The Clerk reported that actions by the Police and Shropshire Council Highways had resulted in confirmation that TE Jones had the necessary EA exemption to remove the spoil; which had been a primary cause to the lanes debris and mutilation of the lanes. Meanwhile Highways have

organised a clear up exercise to rectify the situation. Council thanked the Clerk for her swift action.

170.14 LOCAL REPORTS:

- a. Oswestry Area Committee – Cllr Spicer gave a summarised report.
- b. School Report – Cllr Slowley reported that all was well; although the new pupil intake for 2015 was expected to be low. Cllrs Bardsley spoke of the declining numbers in some areas of Shropshire.
- c. SALC AGM – The Chairman reported that the meeting had been well attended and it had been agreed that SALC Exec should write to prospective MP candidates about the following local issues:
  - Discretionary Housing allocation grant (affordable) which was due to be returned to Central Government.
  - Council Tax Support Grant (CTSG).
  - National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

171.14 CLERK'S UPDATE REPORT & COMMUNICATION – The Clerk summarised her report Appendix A.

172.14 FINANCE The Clerk presented suppliers invoices and claims; which required authorisation by the Parish Council for payment. It was resolved without dissent that Cllr Case and Cllr Slowley be instructed to sign the cheques and check the payments as follows: (Proposed AJ; Seconded DS.)

Chq 730 Highline Electrics - Street light maintenance R13;R14;R1;R12 £217.50;

Chq 731 Clerk £74.33 – Reimbursement of costs associated with office £54.80 and 2014/15 NALC Pay award.

Chq 732 Ruyton XI Towns PCC £12.00 – Room hire Feb 2015.

*CONFIDENTIAL ITEM – Council resolved that pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, amended by s100 LGA 1972 members of the public and press were asked to leave the meeting as the following matter was of a confidential nature. Members of the public left.*

Clerk's salary increase for 2015/16 as advised by NALC; Council resolved that the NALC 2015/16 pay rates be applied with effect from the 1/4/2015 and the Clerk's pay be increased to from SP36 to SP 37 in line with her contract and following positive feedback from Council.

173.14 ST LIGHTING - Clerk reported that the lighting engineer had once more been called out again to light R12; following a local resident's report. It was agreed based on the Clerk's computations SC be approached with regard to a contribution towards the costs of maintaining and supplying electricity to lights in Birch Grove. Action: Clerk.

174.14 PARISH NEWSLETTER – Council expressed their thanks to the Clerk for an excellent parish newsletter, which had been well received by the community.

175.14 PROJECTS – Spinney, Defibrillator, and War Memorial - Chairman stated that all projects were progressing but there was nothing significant to report.

176.14 SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA – Council confirmed their support for the Peoples Circus to hold an event on Doctors Meadow playing field in September 2015.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.35 p.m. The next parish council meeting is to be held at 7.30 p.m. at The Victoria Room on 9 March 2015

Confirmed as accurate..... C CASE CHAIRMAN  
Date.....9/3/2015....