

## RUYTON XI TOWNS PARISH COUNCIL JANUARY 2013 MINUTES

A meeting of the parish council was held at Ruyton XI Towns Memorial Hall on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2013 at 7.30 pm.

Councillors in Attendance: Mr T. Allison; Mr C. Case (Chairman); Mr S. Gittins; Mr M Lewis; Mrs M. Lycett; Mrs D. Needham; Mrs R. Slowley (Vice-Chair); Mrs A. White.

Also in attendance: Clerk - Sue Hackett; SC Cllr Aggie Caesar-Homden; 2 members of the public.

104.12 PUBLIC SESSION – No issues were raised.

105.12 WELCOME BY CHAIR & APOLOGIES - The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and wished everyone a Happy New Year. The Clerk informed the Council that the following apology had been received:

Cllr Johnston - Unable to attend, due to a personal commitments.

This was accepted and approved by the Council. The Chairman announced that Cllr Brown had tendered his resignation as councillor. The Clerk had been advised that the Council now had to decide whether to advertise the vacancy within the parish and co-opt or await the parish elections in May. Council decision postponed till February meeting.

106.12 STANDING ORDERS AMENDMENT - The Clerk explained that to facilitate the Council's ability to grant dispensations for potential dis-closable pecuniary interests Standing Orders required an amendment. (See Appendix C) Council resolved without dissent that the proposed amendments be approved and adopted with immediate effect. (Proposed CC; Seconded DN.)

107.12 DISPENSATION REQUEST & APPROVAL – The Parish Council was asked to consider that its members be given a dispensation for their potential dis-closable pecuniary interest for a period of 3 (three) years as at this date to enable the Council to properly consider the setting of the Precept for the coming years. This application had been made by the Chairman as the Council would not be quorate without such a dispensation and would therefore be unable to set a precept, which would in turn result in the Council being unable to function. It was resolved without dissent by the Council to grant Dispensations to all members. ( Proposed CC; Seconded TA.) All completed dispensation forms were signed as such by the Clerk as evidence of this.

108.12 COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS – All councillors declared interests in setting the Council's precept. It was noted that dispensations had been however granted.

109.12 CONFIRMATION & ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: It was resolved without dissent that the draft minutes of the parish council meeting held on 10/12/12 as circulated were accurate and they were signed by the Chairman.(Proposed TA; Seconded AW.)

110.12 SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL – Cllr Aggie Caesar-Homden stated that she had received the completed Council's Place Plan Questionnaire which she had decided to

consult on separately within the Parish (next Tuesday). Cllr Cesar-Homden stated that she was intending to include every household and business. Members of the Parish Council questioned the need to do this separately as their SC Councillor as it questioned the validity of the responses submitted by the Parish Council.

Cllr Cesar-Homden stated that she was organising a traffic survey for Ruyton and Baschurch parishes in response to concerns expressed by residents about vehicle movements. Cllr Cesar-Homden asked if the Parish Council would be willing to contribute financially in order to facilitate a 24 hr. survey. She went on to explain that she still awaited quotes for carrying out such a survey. The matter was therefore deferred until costs were known.

### 111.12 PLANNING MATTERS

a. The following planning applications were considered:

Reference: 12/05123/FUL (validated: 18/12/2012)  
Address: Land adj Cross View , School Road, Ruyton XI Towns  
Proposal: Construction of brick/stone boundary wall following removal of existing hedge on Olden La and timber fence

Council agreed to make no comment.

Reference: 12/04859/FUL  
Land NW of Enigma, Shotatton, Ruyton XI Towns Shrewsbury Shropshire SY4 1JH  
Erection of one demountable building to be used as cafe to inc siting of toilet facilities

Council agreed by a majority to object on grounds of road safety as a truck stop would make an existing hazard at the cross roads even more hazardous. ( Proposed CC; Seconded RS.)

Reference: 13/00065/FUL (validated: 07/01/2013)  
Address: 29 Aldersley Way, Ruyton Xi Towns, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 1NE  
Proposal: Erection of part two storey/part first floor extension to side

Council agreed to make no comment.

Ref : 12/0519/REM ( 7-1-13)  
Address: Cliffe House Big Walls Ruyton XI Towns  
Proposal: Application for consent of reserved matters (scale, appearance and landscaping) pursuant to 09/02729/OUT for erection of 2 dwellings.

Council agreed to make no comments to the current planning application amendment but believed that there was a current compliance issue and that a SC planning officer visit was warranted to ensure work to date is compliant.

Council noted the following SC planning application decisions:

Reference: 12/04613/LBC (validated: 06/11/2012)  
Address: Ruyton Manor, Olden Lane, Ruyton XI Towns, Shrewsbury  
Proposal: Works to amend design of stable doors and remove chimney stack affecting a Grade II Listed Building SC Decision: Grant Permission

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Reference: 12/04586/FUL (validated: 07/11/2012)  
 Address: Ruyton Manor , Olden Lane, Ruyton XI Towns  
 Proposal: Erection of single-storey building to house biomass (woodchip) boiler  
 SC Decision: Grant Permission

Reference: 12/03085/FUL (validated: 09/08/2012)  
 Address: The Farm Buildings, The Firs, Ruyton XI Towns, Shropshire  
 Proposal: Erection of a 50kw micro generation wind turbine with control box (mast height 36m, rotor diameter 19.2m) SC Decision: Grant Permission

The Chairman expressed his disappointment in the SC decision made relating to 12/03085/FUL and requested that it be queried by the Council as the Parish Council's objection was considered a non-material consideration by the SC Planning Officer and therefore dismissed by the Planning Committee. It was agreed that this be queried with Ian Kilby and his opinion sought as to how the PC can improve.

- 112.12 HIGHWAYS & FOOTWAY LIGHTING – The Chairman reported on a water leak which arose in December from a SC property (across Grug Hill) this was regarded as a hazard to the community. The Chairman stated that Shropshire Council confirmed that they were looking in to the matter.
- 113.12 WAR MEMORIAL – The Chairman with the agreement of the Council suspended Standing Orders so that Irena White could report. Irena stated that she was awaiting a site visit by the Conservation Officer and was in the process of obtaining quotes for the work needed. Packwood School was also being approached about the plaque. The Chairman thanked Irena for the report and reinstated Standing Orders.
- 114.12 FINANCE
- a. PC Budget & Precept 2013-14 – The Clerk's Precept Report was considered Appendix B and council tax implications discussed. Council resolved without dissent to approve the precept of £17,000 and total expenditure budget £21,666. (Proposed CC Seconded SG.)
  - b. Payments – The Clerk presented suppliers invoices etc; which required authorisation by the Parish Council for payment. It was resolved without dissent that Cllrs Lycett and Cllr lewis be instructed to sign and check the payments. (Proposed RS; Seconded TA.)

Chq	Payee	Description	
332	Information Commissioner	Notification of Data protection	£35.00
335	SC	VAS Contract 2012-13	£1,560.00
336	SLCC	Annual membership	£60.00
337	The Three Parishes Newsletter	December edition	£67.80
338	C Case	Reimbursement for Christmas tree for the village	£38.00
339	V & W Electrics	Lamplight Maintenance	£47.42
340	Condoover PC	Contribution to SLCC Course in Feb	£5.00
341	Clerk	Mileage Dec & Jan meetings	33.80
342	V & W Electrics	Lamplight Mtce	£59.90

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The Council agreed to authorise payment for the VAS when a suitable bill had been received and when assurances had been received that the devise is reset when moved between locations. (Proposed CC; Seconded AW.)

- c. Receipts & Treasurer's Deposit Account – The Clerk informed the Council that as at 31/12/2012 bank balance £35,830.95; interest receipts during the month £7.77.
- d. Quarterly bank reconciliation report – Cllr Lycett confirmed the bank reconciliation as at 10/12/12 where balance was £33,699.67 taking into account un-presented cheques.

115.12 CLERK'S UPDATE REPORT & COMMUNICATION – The Clerk presented her report see Appendix A. Council agreed to respond to the Police Commissioner about their concerns should Oswestry Town Police Station close. Completion of the SALC Survey was delegated to the Chairman & Clerk.

116.12 SC SPEED MANAGEMENT POLICY – SC Cllr Caesar-Homden stated that the policy was aimed at reducing the current 5 policies to 1. Council agreed that feedback to the SC consultation would be delegated to the Chairman. The Chairman stated that there was a need to clarify whether West Mercia Police would enforce 20 mph limits within Shropshire. Similarly there was a need to establish whether Shropshire Council can enforce weight restrictions on B roads and bridges. If SC can do this, Council agreed that Platt Bridge required such a restriction together with the B4397 and B5067.

117.12 REPORT ON THE CLIFFE – Cllr Slowley reported on the motor bikes and action during the Christmas break which had been followed up PC Dale.  
*Cllr Caesar-Homden left the meeting.*

### 118.12 LOCAL REPORTS

- School Governors - Head teacher was to retire at the end of the academic year.
- Diamond Jubilee Spinney Project -Simon Gittins agreed to lead on the project.

### 119.12 SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA – Urgent Business Items.

Bus shelter panel at shelter near Bridge Inn – Council agreed to replace damaged panel; Chairman to liaise with D. Peate on the matter.

Council agreed that the bus shelter near The Victoria Room required adding to the Council's Asset Register and insurance policy; replacement value est. £4,000.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45pm stating that the next parish council meeting would be held on 10<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30 pm at The Memorial Hall, Ruyton XI Towns.

Confirmed as accurate.....*C Case*.....Date 11/2/13  
CLLR COLIN CASE Chairman of Parish Council

Abbreviations used: SC Shropshire Council; HA Highways Agency; LJC Local Joint Committee ( 5 Perrys); PC Parish Council; Cllr Councillor; Chq Cheque.