

# RUYTON XI TOWNS PARISH COUNCIL – JANUARY 2014 MINUTES

A Parish Council meeting was held at Ruyton XI Towns Memorial Hall on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at 7.30 pm.

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

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

142.13 PUBLIC SESSION – The Chairman opened the session and asked that Kurt Mabe provide a report on the recent crimes in the parish. Kurt described the recent reported vandalism attack on a car in the parish and urged the public to report similar such incidents and any anti-social behaviour using the 101 call service. He went on to expand on the success of the Drink Driver Campaign over the Christmas period which had resulted in 221 convictions. The Chairman thanked him for his report and invited residents present to speak.

A resident representing a number of residents from Platts Mill spoke of their concerns relating to application 13/04881/FUL. The Chairman responded that the application was not technically within the parish and had been commented on by Baschurch PC; who had opposed it. However arrangements had been made by Ruyton XI Towns PC to comment given its close proximity to the parish. He went on to add that the concerns expressed by residents would be considered when the Council considered the application at 149.13.

143.13 WELCOME BY CHAIRMAN – The Chairman wished everyone a happy new year and opened the Council meeting.

144.13 APOLOGIES - The Clerk confirmed that apologies had been received from Cllr Spicer due to work commitments; Cllr White due to personal commitments. These were accepted and approved by Council.

145.13 COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS – None declared.

146.13 COUNCILLORS DISPENSATIONS - The Parish Council was asked to acknowledge the renewal of dispensations given to councillors present for the potential dis-closable pecuniary interest of councillors living within the parish being able to set a precept for the coming years. It was agreed by the Council that such granted dispensations did not expire until 2015 and were therefore still valid.

147.13 SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL REPORT – Cllr Bardsley provided an update on Baschurch Fire Station Campaign. He highlighted that the Fire Authority would be considering the 2014/15 Budget at two February meetings and following the outcome of the earlier meeting it may be necessary to mobilise support locally to attend the 26<sup>th</sup> February meeting. Cllr Bardsley also reported that the SC LJs (Local Joint Committees) were to be disbanded as at the end of March 2014 and urged community groups to apply for existing grant funding. The SC decision had been taken as a result of budget cuts. Cllr Bardsley also spoke of SC's concerns with regard to planning policy and the requirement to ensure the Council could demonstrate a 5 year housing supply; which

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currently over rides the draft LDF Policy & SAMDev submissions. The Chairman spoke of the need to ensure parish and town councils views on the matter could be consolidated by SALC and NALC alerted to this issue which affects all.

148.13 CONFIRMATION & ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: Draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9 December 2013 were resolved without dissent as accurate and the Chairman instructed to sign them as such. (Proposed CC; Seconded ASR).

## 149.13 PLANNING MATTERS

a. Council considered the following planning applications:

### **13/04881/FUL Platts Mill Farm, Platts Bridge Ryton XI Towns**

Conversion of existing outbuilding (previous office premises) to create live/work unit together with erection of building to house 20 no. boarding kennels.

The Parish Council agreed to object to the proposed erection/conversion of the building to house boarding kennels on site.

The objection was primarily based on the following planning considerations:

- Noise – The Council believed that the intended site's close proximity to residential housing would create an unacceptable noise issue for local residents and remained unconvinced that this could be adequately mitigated by ensuring windows at the kennels are closed as suggested. This would in the Council's opinion be impractical and presumably not be in the best interest to the animals welfare. (RSPCA and PDSA guidance states that such kennels should be situated at least 400 metres from the nearest residential properties.) The nearest residential properties are approximately 50 -60 metres away from the proposed site. This supports the impracticalities of the proposed site.
- Other environmental and health risks associated with smell and waste would inevitably arise from the kennels and were considered detrimental to its residential locality.

In addition the Council was concerned over the additional traffic movements which are expected to arise affecting both Baschurch and Ryton XI Towns. The Parish Council was not however opposed to an amended application being submitted which did not include kennels.

b. The Chairman reported on:

Ref No: 13/04408/FUL Mog Cottage , The Rough, Ryton XI Towns  
Proposal: Erection of first floor extension; roof alterations.....  
Shropshire Council Decision: Permission granted.

Ref. No: 13/04042/FUL Hall Farm Church Street Ryton XI Towns  
Proposal: Construction of a lagoon for the storage of digestate from our Anaerobic Digestion facility.  
Shropshire Council Decision: Permission granted.

The following applications were noted as awaiting a SC Planning Decisions:

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Ref. No: 13/04250/FUL Wigmarsh Poultry Farm Holly Lodge West Felton.  
Proposal: Erection of 500kW wind turbine with 50m hub height (77m tip height) and associated works

Ref. No: 13/04080/VAR Barn Opposite Eldridge Holding (Butlers Barn) Elbridge  
Proposal: Variation of Condition 2 attached to Planning Permission 12/03060/FUL to be varied to include PV panels to roof, conservation sun pipe to en suite and raised eaves to garage.

- c. CIL Monies Priorities – Council agreed that this had been decided at the December 2013 meeting and required no further discussion.

## 150.13 LOCAL REPORTS

- a. Parish Newsletter – Chairman confirmed that attempts to resurrect the newsletter were still on going.
- b. Village Hall Committee – Chairman reported on exterior and exterior improvements to the hall; and that the recent pantomime had been a huge success.
- c. Hill Fort at Nesscliffe – Cllr Allison reported on a recent project set up to uncover the hill fort.

151.13 HIGHWAYS & FOOTWAY LIGHTING – Concerns about the VAS operating correctly from the Wykey approach were discussed; it was agreed that councillors would monitor the situation. The belisha beacon (outside the primary school) was reported as working.

## 152.13 PARISH'S RECREATIONAL SPACES

- a. Doctor's Meadow – The Chairman reported on proposals to repair the bench and it was agreed that the PC would meet half the costs of the repair work. Several councillors agreed to follow up on the damaged memorial bench located at Five Ways.
- b. Spinney Area – Council agreed that SC Officer Clive Dean (CD) needed to progress the project with Penton's family. Action Clerk to inform CD.
- c. Clerk informed the Council of a proposal (by CD) to place a memorial bench on the Cliffe. Council agreed to the proposal. Action Clerk to inform CD.

153.13 FINANCE – The Clerk presented suppliers invoices etc; which required authorisation by the Parish Council for payment. It was resolved without dissent that Cllr Case and Cllr Slowley be instructed to sign and check the payments. (Proposed RS; Seconded AJ.)

SO	Clerk	£537.33	Salary payment 20/1/14
CHQ 623	Clerk	£36.00	Reimbursement travel, postage expenses.
CHQ624	V & W Electrics	£66.20	Repairs to St Light Birch Grove.
CHQ 625	DE Peate	£389.50	Aug – Dec Church yard & Village maintenance.
CHQ627	Post office Ltd	£432.23	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Tax and NI.
CHQ626	Canx.		

The Chairman confirmed the accuracy of the December bank reconciliation showing a reconciled balance in the accounts of £37,437.97. Gross interest in December of £3.18 having been earned.

154.13 COUNCIL'S 2014/15 BUDGET & PRECEPT – The Clerk reported on the draft Budget 2014/15 and the various savings it included. See Appendix B and the council tax implications resulting from it see Appendix A. Council noted that the forecast closing balance £29,890 for 2013/14 was made up of an unrestricted closing balance of £16,375 which amounted to almost one year's budgeted spend.

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Following some discussion the Council resolved without dissent to approve an increased precept of £18,048; which included funding via a Council Tax Support Grant of £841; supporting a total expenditure budget £18,848. The budget as presented was to be increased by £1,000 within Contingency to enable additional funding to be set aside in the New Village Hall Project Reserve.

The Clerk reported that this would result in an increase in the PC’s council tax element of a Band D property’s annual bill of approximately £2.67 p.a. (Proposed CC Seconded RS.) Action Clerk to submit precept request to SC.

155.13 CLERK’S UPDATE REPORT & COMMUNICATION – This was noted. See Appendix A.

156.13 WAR MEMORIAL TASK GROUP- Cllr Sanders Royle reported on progress to date. It was agreed that there was a need for councillors to prioritise the work needed and report back at the February meeting; whilst the War Memorial Trust grant application needed to be followed up. Action: All Cllrs to visit the memorial and ASR to follow up WMT.

157.13 SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEMS:

- Urgent Need for Parish Councillors – Council agreed there was a need to display a more visible poster within the parish. Also Clerk to advertise via Y. Brown.
- Wykey Notice Board; specification agreed as one door display cabinet in hard wood; no lock needed; to include one post as support. Clerk to explore using T & W Group; if not appropriate Nibblets to be used. (Budget agreed £500 max.)
- Council agreed need to discover if a Community First Responder lived locally and what training requirements might be needed to ensure the defibrillator held in school could be used to benefit the community. It was suggested that LJC funding could be sought to provide necessary training.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm and stated that the next meeting would be held at 7.30 pm on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2014 at The Memorial Hall.

Confirmed as accurate..... Cllr COLIN CASE

CHAIRMAN

Date.....