

RUYTON XI TOWNS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

11 JANUARY 2016

A meeting of the Parish Council which was held at The Victoria Room, Ruyton XI Towns at 7.30 pm on Monday 11th January 2016.

Parish Councillors in attendance: Mr C Case (Chair) Mrs R Slowley (Vice-Chair); Mrs A Sanders Royle; Mr T Allison; Mr D Spicer; Mrs A White; Mr M Berry; and Mrs M Drinan.

Also in attendance: Clerk Sue Hackett; PC Peter Dale and one member of the public.

- 119.15 CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION – The Chairman opened the meeting and wished everyone a happy new year.
- 120.15 PUBLIC SESSION – No matters arose.
- 121.15 APOLOGIES & COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS – Councillors confirmed that as residents of the parish they had pecuniary interests in setting the Council's precept for the coming year. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Cllr Gittins.
- 122.15 COUNCILLORS REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS FOR SETTING THE PRECEPT – These were renewed by resolution of the Council as the precept was to be agreed and a quorum was required to do this. (The Clerk collected the dispensation request forms.)
- 123.15 HIGHWAYS/TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ACTION PLAN – Following an update by Cllr Drinan it was agreed that a press release would be devised by the Chairman and Cllr Drinan and circulated in February by the Clerk to other Shropshire Clerks, Nick Bardsley and Y Brown to encourage further participation at the March event. Cllr Berry confirmed that the Safer Roads Partnership speed survey had taken place in Ruyton village in school term time; and that he still awaited the findings.
- 124.15 SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL (SC) REPORT – Unavailable.
- 125.15 PLANNING MATTERS
- a. The Clerk confirmed that no new planning applications had been received.
 - b. Shropshire Council Planning decisions; Cllr Slowley reported on the 22 December 2015 SC Planning Committee meeting and planning application ref 15/04348/FUL. She confirmed that planning permission had been given as the property was an annexe to Walnut House and was to be converted to an office; conditions were imposed which prevented it being used as a residential property.
- 126.15 CONFIRMATION & ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS MINUTES - Draft minutes of the council meetings held in November and December were resolved as accurate and the Chairman was instructed to sign them as such. (Proposed AJ; Seconder MB.)
- 127.15 PROJECTS/LOCAL REPORTS UPDATE:
- a. Ruyton Primary School – Nothing to report.
 - b. Doctors Meadow Play Area – Chairman distributed plans for the installation of part of a basketball pitch at the site. Council agreed its quotation and specification and that quotes should be obtained for the work as described and that the Council would manage the project.
 - c. Local Police Report – PC Peter Dale's reported that there had been little crime in the area over the last 2 months and went on to confirm that accidents regularly occurred at (A5) Shotatton cross roads.

- d. Following some discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would write to SC Highways asking whether additional road marking and reflective measures are being taken when work programmed at the junction takes place on 2/3/16.

128.15 CLERK'S UPDATE REPORT & COMMUNICATION – The Clerk summarised the report at Appendix A.

129.15 FINANCE

- a. Council resolved to pay the following suppliers, instructing Cllrs Slowley and Case to check the supporting paperwork to the cheques raised before authorising payment:

Chq No 783 HighLine Electrical Limited £262.51; Street light repairs; VAT £43.75;
Chq No 784 Ruyton XI Towns PCC £16.00; Rent of room 11/1/16;
Chq No 785 Post Office Ltd £ 387.00; Third quarter tax;
Chq No 786 Heys First Aid Ltd £280.00; Nov and Dec AED training courses.
(Proposed CC; Seconded MB.)

- b. Expenditure Budget & Precept 2016-17 – The Chairman summarised the Budget and the precept recommended. Clerk's Report Appendix A. It was noted that SC; Fire Service and West Mercia were expected to increase their council tax elements. The Council resolved without dissent to approve a reduced precept of £18,000; supporting a total expenditure budget £18,820. The Clerk reported that this would result in a decrease in the PC's council tax element of a Band D property's annual bill of approximately £1.12 p.a. (Proposed CC; Seconded SC.) Action Clerk to submit signed (by Chairman) precept request to SC.

130.15 SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA – Following Cllr Allison's report it was agreed that:

- a. The PC would issue a local press release stating that it was disappointed that Drs Meadow car park was being misused by drivers who were damaging the green space and that the PC was considering preventative measure to restrict this. (E.g. Introduce a barrier between the car park area and green space, which would limit vehicle manoeuvres.)
- b. Council recognised Cllr Bardsley's new appointment as portfolio holder of SC Education.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.27 and reminded councillors that the next meeting was to be held on 8th February 2016 at The Victoria Room; Ruyton XI Towns.

Confirmed as accurate Chairman Cllr Colin Case
Date.....8/2/2016.....