

RUYTON XI TOWNS PARISH COUNCIL

JULY 2015 MINUTES

The Parish Council held an ordinary meeting at The Victoria Room, Ruyton XI Towns at 7.30pm on 13th July 2015

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

Also in attendance: Acting Clerk Kim Hackett; Shropshire Councillor Nick Bardsley, David Parker, property agent and 4 members of the public.

37.15 CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION – Cllr Case, Chair welcomed those present to the meeting; then opened the public session and stated that Jo George was not present.

38.15 PUBLIC SESSION

A member of the public asked about the internal audit process and who carried out the audit. The Chairman explained that this was carried out independently by Mr B Townsen. The Chairman then explained LJC funding. A further question was asked as to why no CIL monies had been received by the Parish Council. The Chairman explained that as no new houses had been built that meet the CIL criteria, no funding was due.

Mr David Parker representing a property developer acting for The Talbot Inn described the development proposed for the site. He confirmed that as yet planning permission had not been applied for. Following some discussion the Parish Council thanked Mr Parker for his presentation.

Councillors discussed Ruyton XI Towns PO and Baschurch PO future mindful that a number of POs across the country were closing and the consultation process which Post Office Ltd carry out with the local community prior to their closure. It was agreed that the Clerk for Baschurch PC be asked to keep them informed of any developments with Baschurch PO. **Action: Clerk.**

39.15 APOLOGIES - The acting Clerk reported that Cllr White and the Clerk apologised for non-attendance due to personal commitments. These was accepted and approved by the Council.

40.15 COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS – No new declarations.

41.15 COUNCILLORS DISPENSATIONS – None.

42.15 FOOTWAY LIGHTING – Council deferred the item as the condition survey had not as yet been received by the Clerk. **Action: Clerk to chase.**

43.15 FIXED ASSET REGISTER – Councillors discussed the PC assets as per the register and the open spaces it maintains. (Appendix D) The Chairman then signed the Asset Register as correct on behalf of the PC.

44.15 PLANNING MATTERS

a. Council considered the following planning applications:

Reference 15/02453/FUL and 15/02454/LBC Old Farm Eardiston West Felton

Council discussed the application and resolved that no comment was to be made.
(Proposed CC; Seconded MB.)

Reference: 15/02524/FUL 2 Aldersley Way Ruyton XI Towns

Council discussed the application and resolved that no comment was to be made.
(Proposed CC; Seconded MB.)

- b. The Clerk confirmed that there were no new SC Planning decisions to report.
- c. Councillors formally approved in retrospect the submission made in respect of Planning Ref: 15/01805/FUL Solar Farm application at Baschurch:

*“Given that the planning application will have an impact on Ruyton XI Towns primarily during installation when there is considerable HGV activity for a fixed period of time; the Parish Council trusts that a sensible traffic plan will be agreed which:
Avoids school pick up / drop off times; Takes into account PGL coach movements;
Takes into account busy agricultural harvest times. The PC was disappointed that it had not been notified of this application; by either Shropshire Council or the applicant.”*
(Proposed CC; Seconded AJ.)

45.15 CONFIRMATION & ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

- a. Draft minutes of the council meeting held in June were resolved as accurate and the Chairman was asked to sign them as such. (Proposed CC; Seconded R S.)
- b. The Clerk presented the draft minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in May 2015. Council agreed to formally approve the minutes at the 2016 APM.

46.15 SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL – Cllr Nick Bardsley reported:

- Affordable housing Policy was under attack and difficult to sustain.
- There were proposals to carry out works at The Cliffe and Nesscliffe financed by Heritage Lottery funding. Details were to be presented at September’s meeting.
- No decision as yet had been taken as to whether SC Planning Committees were to merge.

47.15 HIGHWAYS & VILLAGE MAINTENANCE ISSUES – None arose.

48.15 PLACE PLAN – Cllr Slowley confirmed that Ruyton XI Towns was accurately presented on the Oswestry Place Plan.

49.15 PROJECTS UPDATE:

- a. AED Project – Cllr Sanders Royle explained that she was in the process of arranging another training session and those in the first training session had received their certificates.
- b. Spinney – Cllr Gittins confirmed that he was confident that the scheme would go ahead in the autumn.
- c. Doctors Meadow – Cllr Case confirmed that Clive Dean had still to secure SC funding for their contribution to the basketball stand and net, whilst the Clerk had applied for grant funding.
- d. Safeguarding Young People – Cllr Spicer reported that there was no further progress as yet.
- e. Emergency Planning Unit – Cllr Spicer asked for this to be scheduled for a future meeting.

50.15 FINANCE

- a. The Acting Clerk gave the Treasury Report and Cllr Berry confirmed that SO payments to the Clerk corresponded with those authorised and had debited the

PC's bank account correctly. The Clerk's bank reconciliation was also checked and agreed by Cllr Berry.

- b. Council resolved to pay the following, instructing Cllrs Slowley and Case to check the supporting paperwork to the cheques raised before authorising payment:
Chq 754 Ruyton XI Towns PCC £12.00; for rent of room 13/7/15;
Chq 755 SALC £60.00; Councillor Training;
Chq 756 Scottish Power £242.93; ST Light energy costs for first three months;
Chq 757 M Berry £33.80; Councillors mileage expenses relating to training event.
- c. Councillors agreed to open a one year Nationwide deposit account with an initial deposit of £15,000. **Action: The authorised signatories (D.Spicer, R Slowley and C Case) agreed to complete their application forms and have them authorised by a professional person and return them to Cllr Case.**

51.15 PC NEWSLETTER & FUTURE MEETING DATES - Council agreed that the Clerk be responsible for the production and circulation of the Summer Newsletter; publishing the newsletter in late July early August. **Action: Clerk.**

52.15 CLERK'S UPDATE REPORT & COMMUNICATION – The Clerk summarised the report Appendix A. Councillors agreed that an alternative more robust vandal proof memorial plaque for the bench on The Cliffe be allowed. **Action: Clerk to inform relatives.** Cllrs Berry and Drinan were given their SALC councillor training certificates.

53.15 LOCAL REPORTS – None.

54.15 SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL ROAD SAFETY POLICY Councillors discussed the need for a 20mph speed restriction at School Rd, Packwood. It was agreed that the PC should drive the task with the aim of reducing the speed limit. (Proposed MB; Seconded DS.) Council discussed other priorities including:

- a weight limit on Platt Bridge,
- improved traffic calming in the village and
- an improved road surface where the road bends to the east of Brownhill

Action: The Clerk contact David Gradwell with the above list of priorities before the end of July. (Proposed CC; Seconded DS.)

55.15 SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

- a. Cllr Allison explained that there was a potential problem with access for Fire Engines at the Ruyton XI Towns access to The Cliffe. **Action: Clerk to contact Shropshire Fire Service to determine if there was a problem.**
- b. Cllr Berry explained that a passport had been found in the village. **Action Clerk tasked to find out if it was a residents or a visitor's passport.**
- c. Following a report by the Chairman it was agreed that a bench owned by the PC be varnished. **Action: Chairman to arrange via Mr Peate.**

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50 pm; members were noted that the next Council meeting was to be held on 7th September 2015 and agreed that the meeting commence at 7.30pm

Confirmed as accurate C.CASE CHAIRMAN
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