

# RUYTON XI TOWNS PARISH COUNCIL

## 24 JULY 2017 MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at 7.30 pm on 24 July 2017 at The Victoria Room,  
Ruyton XI Towns

Parish Councillors in attendance: Mr A Johnston (Chairman); Mr R Harrison; Mr R Edward; Mr S Denyer; Mr T Allison; Mrs A Sanders Royle; Mr D Spicer.

Also in attendance: Charlie Irmonger (CSO W Mercia Police); Sue Hackett (Clerk); and 6 residents.

- 34.17 PUBLIC SESSION – A group of 5 Birch Grove residents described anti-social behaviour and issues they were experiencing with new tenants at Birch Grove. Reported incidents were confirmed by the CSO in attendance who confirmed that the Police were being called out regularly to incidents. The Chairman thanked the residents for their report and confirmed that although the Parish Council had no direct powers as such they would follow up the situation with STAR Housing and involve their Shropshire Councillor. Councillors were particularly interested to find out more about policies which justified the rehoming of external urban tenants in an unsuitable rural housing environment when the local needs of homeless villagers were being overlooked.

A resident from the Platt Bridge area of the village spoke of parking concerns within the village. Vehicles parked off road and partially on pavements were making it increasingly difficult to negotiate already narrow pavements for pedestrians; particularly with young children or assisting the elderly. The CSO stated that legally such situations were difficult to police, whilst it was agreed by those present that yellow lines would be an unwelcome introduction. Following some discussion it was agreed that the Clerk be tasked with designing a small ticket which could be issued by councillors; there by bringing to specific vehicle owners attention the need to park responsibly and not block pavement access. In addition it was agreed that the August newsletter was to promote the problem. **ACTION** Clerk.

- 35.17 INTRODUCTION BY CHAIRMAN & APOLOGIES – The Chairman opened the Parish Council meeting at 8.20 p.m. and reported that regrettably apologies had been received from Cllrs Gittins, Berry, and Bardsley who were unable to attend due to holiday and work commitments, whilst Cllr Hall was unwell. These were accepted and approved by the Council.

- 36.17 COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS & DISPENSATIONS – Cllr Allison expressed his personal interest in the Village Hall Committee's request for a donation see 40.17 a. below.

### 37.17 LOCAL REPORTS

- a. Police Report – CSO Irmonger reported on the incidents at Birch Grove and explained that it was best for the PC to contact West Mercia themselves to arrange the local volunteer speed check training. **ACTION** Clerk to make contact.
- b. Safer Roads Group/Multi Agency Group – Cllr Edwards circulated copies of the Multi Agency Group meeting draft minutes which took place on 19/7. Following some discussion the following outcomes arose:

- Council resolved to bid for a SC Road Safety Scheme which raised the existing zebra crossing with the addition of rumble strips either side on the approach to the crossing. **ACTION** Clerk to submit bid to SC D Gradwell.
  - Ask Cllr Bardsley to organise a trip to Much Wenlock TC; to view the new HGV scheme which had been introduced with a view to whether a similar scheme would be suitable for RXI Towns. **ACTION** Clerk to ask NB to arrange.
- c. SALC Training Event – Cllrs Harrison and Edwards gave positive feedback on the Councillor Induction training they had received.
- d. Parish & Town Councils Forum – The Chairman summarised the event.
- e. Oswestry Community Directory Launch Event 17/7/17 – Cllr Harrison explained that the directory which was hard copy was to be made available in public/community places such as libraries etc.

38.17 MAIN AIMS OF THE COUNCIL – A group of councillors agreed to meet to form a Working Party, which would be responsible for producing an electronic questionnaire to engage with the community in order to update and consolidate the aims of the Council. **ACTION:** Initial meeting 2.00 pm on 3<sup>rd</sup> August at the Victoria Room; Clerk to organise.

39.17 PARISH PLAN – It was agreed that a new Community Led Plan was needed and that this would be approached after the above had been accomplished.

40.17 FINANCE

- a. Council considered the following funding requests:
- Council resolved that it finance the Hanging Basket Prize (up to £20); which would be announced at Home Grown Show. **ACTION** Cllr ASR to organise.
  - PCC's request concerning maintenance of the church clock. **ACTION** Clerk to obtain further details.

*Council resolved that Chairman suspend Standing Orders enabling Mr White to present the Village Hall Committee's request for funding towards replacement of windows at Memorial Hall. Standing Orders were then reinstated.*

- Council resolved without dissent to purchase the windows for Memorial Hall at a cost of £2,900 (net of VAT) using the s133 Local Government Act 1972. **ACTION** Clerk to place order when required to using Village Hall Committee specification and preferred supplier.
- b. The Clerk reported that £63,595 was held in the bank as at 30 June 2017; and that the SC Environmental Grant (which had been increased) of £1,131.48 was expected in August. The Chairman examined the bank statement and Clerk's prepared payslips for June and July with regard to salary payments and found all to be in order.
- c. Council considered the following invoices/reimbursement claims and resolved without dissent to make the following payments with the exception of chq 875 which was to be retained until the Sept meeting given that the Youth Group did not operate in July/Aug.

Chq No 880	Clerk	Reimbursement of travel and home office costs	£132.42
874	Highline Electrics	Street light repairs, June	£130.50
875	Great Ness & Little Ness PC	Donation to Youth Group	Not issued
876	SALC	Training Courses	£140.00
877	DE Peate	Village Maintenance	£817.00
878	PSDF	Deposit transfer	£25,000.00
879	Mazars LLP	External Audit Fee 2016/17	£240.00

- d. The Clerk summarised the opening of the CCLA Deposit Fund account. Council resolved without dissent to open the CCLA account with the sum of £25,000.00 and agreed that the following cheque signatories be set up:  
Cllrs A Johnston; D Spicer and Clerk S Hackett. Two signatures being required on any instruction. Cllr Berry to request Vicar to confirm PC's accounts details.
- e. Clerk explained the criteria the PC had to meet for the NALC Transparency Grant. Council agreed that the Council no longer met these requirements.
- 41.17 COUNCIL CONFIRMATION & ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES  
Council resolved without dissent that the draft minutes of the council meeting held on 12/6/2017 as circulated were a true record & instructed the Chairman to sign them as such.
- 42.17 SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL – No report available.
- 43.17 CONSULTATIONS- To be considered by Council:
- a. Proposal by Police & Crime Commissioner to amalgamate Shropshire & Telford Fire Service with West Mercia Police Force. The consultation on the latter ending on 11/9/2017. Council agreed that the consultation should be responded to on an individual basis and Clerk to inform wider community. **ACTION:** Aug Newsletter.
  - b. Shropshire Council Parking Policy - The consultation on the latter ending on 17/10/2017. Council agreed that the consultation should be responded to on an individual basis and Clerk to inform wider community. **ACTION:** Sept Newsletter.
- 44.17 LOCAL PROJECTS UPDATE:
- a. AED Project – Cllrs A Sanders Royle reported that the school preferred the AED cabinet to be kept locked. She agreed to report on other matters at the next meeting.
  - b. Hanging Basket Project – Discussed see 40.17 a.
  - c. Birch Grove – The Clerk reported that the equipment was to be repainted in August and that warning road signage still had not been installed. Councillors expressed their disappointment and urged the Clerk to follow up with SC Highways. **Action.**
  - d. Beacon to Commemorate End of WWI – Cllr Sanders Royle reported on the initial plans for the event.
- 45.17 PLANNING MATTERS – The Council were informed that there were no new planning applications and that the following SC decision had been made since the last meeting:  
Reference: 16/04598/VAR (validated: 11/10/2016)  
Address: Butlers Barn, Elbridge, Ruyton XI Towns, Shropshire, SY4 1JJ  
Proposal: Variation of Condition No.2 (approved plans) attached to permission 13/04080/VAR (Variation to 12/03060/FUL) to allow for a revision to the garage building SC Decision: Refuse
- 46.17 CLERK'S UPDATE REPORT & COMMUNICATION – See Appendix A
- Council agreed that the Clerk progress the application for NALC Foundation Award and request Mr Case's assistance.
  - ROYAL BRITISH LEGION LAMP POST POPPIES CAMPAIGN - Council resolved the purchase of up to £60 of poppies for the lamp posts. **ACTION;** Clerk to progress.
  - Council noted the SC Outdoor Parks & Recreation report on Nesscliffe hillfort.
- 47.17 COUNCIL TO CONFIRM RE-ADOPTION OF ITS POLICIES – Councillors reported that the policies could not be viewed via the website. **ACTION** Clerk to follow up with Colin Case.
- 48.17 SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA – No matters arose.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.55 p.m.

Confirmed as accurate..... Chairman Andrew Johnston  
Date.....