

## RUYTON XI TOWNS PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

A Parish Council meeting was held at Ruyton XI Towns Memorial Hall on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2013 at 7.30 pm.

**Councillors in attendance:** Mr C Case; Mrs R Slowley; Mrs A Sanders Royle; Mrs A White; Mr A Johnston; Mr M Niddrie-Davies; (newly appointed); Mr T Allison; Mr S Gittins

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

31.13 WELCOME BY CHAIRMAN – The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed the new SC Councillor Nick Bardsley to the meeting.

32.13 PUBLIC SESSION – A presentation was given by Steve McGill on behalf of Conover College who also introduced the Manager of the proposed home at Kynaston Farm. He explained the purpose of the college and the age group of the young people with profound and multiple learning difficulties who are to be cared for at the home. He explained that the College due to its success and need was expanding and that local housing was being acquired by the College, proposals for Kynaston Farm, which is expected to house 6 young people and be staffed 24/7. In response to questions asked by the public and councillors Mr McGill confirmed that 2 vehicles would be used for use by the young people, (including a people carrier); plus 3 staff cars therefore 5 vehicles in total would be expected to be in use regularly at the property. Mr McGill went on to describe pinch points at tea time due to staff rota change overs. Mr McGill confirmed that this issue would have to be managed given the limitations of School Rd and that staff will not be allowed to park on the pavement.

Several residents asked a number of additional questions of Mr McGill; which he responded to. And stated that the College and their students have to adapt to many challenging physical environments.

33.13 APOLOGIES – The Chairman announced that the following apology had been received: Cllr Spicer – Unable to attend due to work commitments. This was accepted and approved by Council.

34.13 CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLORS – Mr Malcolm Niddrie-Davies was co-opted by the Council as a parish councillor. (Abstentions: ASR & CC due to bias.) Mr Niddrie-Davies signed his declaration of acceptance of office, which was witnessed by the Clerk.

35.13 COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS  
Cllr Slowley declared an interest in 13/01528/ FUL; Cllr Gittins declared an interest in 13/01341/FUL.

36.13 SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR REPORT – SC Councillor Nick Bardsley gave a summary report in which he outlined the SAMDev developments and confirmed that a report was to go to Cabinet at the end of June. He went on to confirm the PC's views with regard to the recent Bridge Inn and Land West and Land South West of Birch Grove application and that the applications would go to the Planning Committee.

Cllr Bardsley expressed his concerns with regard to the possible closure of Baschurch Fire Station. Members were in agreement that the station is an important rural service. The Chairman proposed that the Council supports its SC Councillor and local parishes in support of keeping its fire station. (Seconded TA; Cllrs all in agreement.)

Baschurch Railway Station – Cllr Bardsley stated that he wished to support the re-opening of the railways station and urged the Council to support it. The Council were unanimous in their support.

37.13 CONFIRMATION & ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: Draft minutes of the parish council meeting held on 13/5/13 were unanimously resolved as accurate, with the amendment of a Cllr Allison's initial to "T" on page 1; as amended the Chairman was instructed to sign them as accurate. (Proposed RS; Seconded AJ)

#### 38.13 PLANNING MATTERS

*Cllr Slowley left the room.*

- a. 13/01528/FUL Kynaston Farm - In light of the new information provided by Conover College in the public session; the Council agreed to amend its response with regard to the planning application and withdraw its objection to the planning application.

*Cllr Slowley returned to the room.*

- b. The following planning applications were considered:  
Ref. No: 13/01758/FUL Proposed: Dwelling Adjacent 1 Startlewood Cottages Startlewood Lane Ruyton XI Towns. Council agreed unanimously to make no comment.

Ref. No 13/01694/FUL Mount Cottage, Little Ness Proposed: Erection of two storey and single storey extensions following removal of existing conservatory. Council agreed unanimously to make no comment.

- c. The Clerk reported that there had been no new planning application decisions notified to the Council since the last meeting. It was noted that the planning application relating to 13/01341/FUL had been opposed by the SC Environmental Team and it was decided that no further comment was necessary.

#### 39.13 LOCAL REPORTS

- a. Drs Meadow Spinney, Diamond Jubilee Woodland Project – Cllr Gittin's confirmed that there would not be an issue with the logging licence; and work would commence in Autumn.
- b. SALC Area Com Meeting Oswestry – To take place at 7.00pm on 25-6-13 at Oswestry Guildhall and include Code of Conduct training. Councillors to confirm their availability.

40.13 HIGHWAYS & FOOTWAY LIGHTING – The Clerk reported that the light in School Lane had been attended to by Scottish Power. Councillors raised the following:

- Doctors Meadow – Nettles encroaching paths preventing public use
- Doctors Spinney near bridge – Nettles encroaching preventing public use. Action Contact SC Clive Dunn; to arrange mowing.
- D Peate had most satisfactorily cleaned up Church Bank.
- Belisha beacon on south side of school crossing was no longer working. Action: Clerk to inform SC.

#### 41.13 SC CONSULTATIONS

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- a. SC Safer Roads Consultation - Council considered the feedback received and confirmed that there was a need for a new engineering deterrent other than the ones which existed to reduce traffic speeds within the village's 20mph zones. It was agreed that crucially traffic speeded through the village in excess of 20 mph and this included agricultural vehicles and HGVs. There was also a need to introduce:
- 20 mph home zones based in residential areas;
  - At Mill Lane the 30 mph restriction needed to include the estate.
  - A greater 30mph limit restriction zone to the west of the village.
- Action: Clerk to communicate to SC.
- b. SC Dog Restriction Order(s) – Cllr Slowley stated that within Doctors Meadow the playing field should be banned to dogs specifically within the track and equipped play area. Dogs should be on leads when walked on the track. Action: Clerk to communicate to SC as part of their consultation.

### 42.13 FINANCE

- a. Payments – The following were approved for payment by the Council and Cllrs Slowley & Case were instructed to check and authorise the cheques as presented. (Proposed SG; Seconded AJ.)

SO	Clerk	June Clerk's Salary to be processed by standing order 20-6-13	£537.33
Chq 605	Clerk	Reimbursement for Mileage & postage.	£27.60

The Clerk provided a Treasury report based on a reported bank balance as at 31-5-2013 of £ 45,321.60; which included the receipt of £700.00 for SC Small Maintenance Grant and interest of £7.99 for the month.

- b. Clerk confirmed that no enquires had been made by electors with regard to the annual accounts and the Annual Return and accompanying documents had been submitted to Mazars on 10/6/13.
- c. Council confirmed that SO's relating to April and May Clerk's payments had accurately debited the Council bank account on 20-5-13.

43.13 CLERK'S UPDATE REPORT & COMMUNICATION – The Clerk summarised the report at Appendix A. Shropshire RCC funding request was circulated; Council agreed not to support the request.

44.13 WAR MEMORIAL- Council agreed to set up a Working Party to progress its renovation in time for 2014. Cllr ASR agreed to look into it and report back at the next meeting.

### 45.13 SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA – Urgent Items

- a. Baschurch Fire Station – The Council agreed to write in support of not closing the station. Action: Clerk to confirm in writing.
- b. Baschurch Railway Station see 36.13 above.
- c. Newsletter – It was agreed that the Chairman would explore the production of a E parish newsletter with hard copies being made available at the local Post Office.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.51. Council to meet next at The Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2013.

Confirmed as accurate..... C CASE                      Date.....