

## RUYTON XI TOWNS PARISH COUNCIL 6<sup>th</sup> June 2016 MEETING MINUTES

The Parish Council meeting was held at The Victoria Room, Ruyton XI Towns at 7.30 pm on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

In Attendance: Mr C Case; Mr A Johnston; Mr M Berry (Vice Chair); Mrs R Slowley (Chairperson); Mr T Allison; Mr D Spicer; Ms A Sanders Royle and Mr S Gittins.  
Also in attendance: 3 members of the public; Sue Hackett (Clerk).

20.16 PUBLIC SESSION – Mike Watkins spoke of the outcomes of the recent local parish councils meeting with the Transport Minister, regarding the A5. He asked that the Parish Council support resurrecting the need for the North West Relief Rd; which would benefit both Shrewsbury Town centre and relieve traffic on the outlying parishes overburdened road networks.

The Parish Council unanimously agreed to support this and directed the Clerk to write to the following councils requesting their support for the project to be relaunched by Shropshire Council and the MP Owen Paterson: Bicton PC & Shrewsbury TC; Nesses PC; W Felton PC; Bomere Heath PC; Knockin PC; Montford PC and Kinnerley PC requesting their support (SC Councillor Nick Bardsley to be copied in on the correspondence.)

### 21.16 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN & VICE CHAIRPERSON

Following the resignation of the current Chairman Colin Case (who expressed his wish to resign from his current position at the meeting, and then left the room), it was unanimously resolved that Cllr Ros Slowley be elected as Chairperson until May 2017. ((Proposed MB; Seconded AJ.) Cllr Slowley accepted the position and duly signed her acceptance of office. *Cllr Case returned to the room.*

The Parish Council thanked Cllr Colin Case who had served as Chairman for 8 years, and contributed much to the Parish Council and recognised his commitment to the Community during this time.

The Chairperson then asked for nominations for Vice- Chair. It was unanimously resolved that Cllr Mick Berry be elected as Vice-Chair until May 2017. (Proposed RS; Seconded MD.)

22.16 APOLOGIES - The Clerk reported that Cllrs White, Lewis and Bardsley had apologised for non-attendance due to personal/other commitments. These were accepted and approved by the Council.

### 23.16 COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

DISPENSATIONS Cllr Case reported a pecuniary interest in Min Ref 31,16c and the reimbursement of £450; for the purchase of hanging baskets for the village.

24.16 APPOINTMENT OF PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES – Council appointed the following councillors:

- (a) Primary School representative- Cllr C Case.
- (b) Shropshire Council LJC reps – Chairperson; Cllr M Berry.
- (c) SALC Area Committee reps for North Cllr C Case and Oswestry Cllr Slowley and Case.
- (d) Village Hall representative – Cllr T Allison.
- (e) Nesscliffe Heritage Group – Council noted the group had disbanded.
- (f) Emergency Planning Officer – Cllr D Spicer.
- (g) Parish Plan Steering Group – Councillors Case, Allison, Spicer, Berry, Slowley, White and Sanders Royle.
- (h) Tree warden/Snow warden – Cllr Gittins.

25.16 A5 & SHOTATTON CROSSING – Cllr Gittins summarised his meeting with the Transport Minister & MP Owen Paterson on 27/5/16; Council confirmed that the meeting had produced positive outcomes and that the local community should be encouraged to put their views forward via the web link by the Minister’s PA. Clerk to circulate in the next newsletter. (See below) Cllr Gittins and Cllr Sanders Royle were thanked for their contributions.

26.16 SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL REPORT – Unavailable.

27.16 LOCAL REPORTS – Parish Plan Steering Group

Dave Spicer reported on the initial meeting of the group, (held on 6/6/2016), Safer Roads was discussed and the group’s plan to work towards a Public Meeting being held in September for consultation purposes to ensure any proposed initiatives are fully supported before being initiated. Ball park figures for some village road improvements were being sought by Cllr Drinan.

28.16 PLANNING MATTERS:

- (a) It was noted that no new planning applications have been notified to the PC since the previous meeting.
- (b) The Clerk notified the Council of the following planning decision:  
Reference: 16/00312/FUL (validated: 01/02/2016)  
Address: Lane End, Tedsmore Road, West Felton, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY11 4ER  
Proposal: Conversion of a former agricultural building into an office  
Decision: Grant Permission

29.16 CONFIRMATION & ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

Draft minutes of the council meeting held 6 May 2016 were resolved as accurate by Council. The Chairperson was then directed by Council to sign the minutes as such.

30.16 HIGHWAYS & MAINTENANCE ISSUES – Cllr Drinan raised the issue of the inaccessibility of footway (for pedestrians, particularly those having to use push chairs or wheelchairs) between Ruyton XI Towns and Baschurch. The verges not having been appropriately cut when work had been carried out by SC contractors earlier in the year. It was agreed that the Clerk would follow the matter up with Cllr Bardsley; as he was aware of the issue and the footway was actually located in Baschurch Parish.

The Clerk informed councillors that she had circulated the following road closure via the Yoland email list and Community Facebook page.

A5 between Wolfshead Roundabout and Queens Head Junction.

Date and duration: 4<sup>th</sup> July 2016 for 5 nights (20.00 – 06.00).

The kissing gate post (behind the primary school) was reported as broken; Cllr Gittins agreed to inspect and arrange for repairs.

It was agreed that the Clerk would follow up (with SC) the Parish Council's request for the 30 mph speeding restrictions in School Rd to be relocated (back) to include Packwood School.

Similarly the Clerk was asked to follow up as to why 8 traffic cones remained located outside Cliffe House; Little Ness Road. The cones had originally been put there by a SC contractor at least 3 months ago and were now considered a hazard, can they please be removed or alternatively provide a reason to the PC for them being there.

Clerk also to inform SC that their newly planted oak sapling at Olden Lane had not survived; and could it please be replaced in the Autumn/Spring.

Council instructed the Clerk to contact PCC about the need for the hedge located at The Victoria Room to be cut back as it was impairing the vision of motorist at the T junction opposite the church. Clerk also to instruct D Peate to adjust mirror located on the junction with The Little Ness Rd.

#### 30.16 PROJECTS UPDATE:

a. Hanging Basket Project – Cllr Case reported that the village's hanging baskets were being supplied by The Derwin Nursery, at a cost of £450, as Barncroft no longer sold baskets. The Derwin having previously supplied the baskets at a competitive cost and being locally based. Council noted that Mr & Mrs J Gittins had once again provided a beautiful floral display at The Cross; Ruyton XI Towns. It was agreed that the Clerk should write expressing the Council's thanks.

b. Doctors Meadow – Basketball court. The Clerk reported that the contractor had been asked to delay his date of commencement due to the Community Picnic being held on 11-6-016. It was agreed that Cllr Case would meet him on site the following week to discuss the project fully with him. The Clerk confirmed that she had asked D Peate; the village maintenance contractor to cut and tidy up the perimeter hedging at Drs Meadow; in the car park area.

c. Village Picnic Confirmed as being held – Sat 11<sup>th</sup> June 2016; between 12.00 - 5.00 pm at Drs Meadow. All details were confirmed as being on the Community Facebook page and would be circulated in the PC's newsletter.

#### 31.16 FINANCE

a. The Clerk reported that May receipts included interest £3.75, Hanging Basket donations £360.00, a VAT Refund (2015-16) of £472.33 and Highways Maintenance Grant of £700.00.

Payments made had reconciled to the Council's accounts and the bank balance held as at 31/5/2016 was £58,951.66. A further £85.00 had yet to be banked in donations to the Hanging Basket project.

b. The Council agreed to implement the NG pay rise of 1% (w/e 1/4/2016) in accordance with the Clerk's contract. This would be processed in the Clerk's July pay, and it would involve a back dated payment.

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

Chq No 000814 Ruyton XI Towns PCC £16.00; Rent of room on 6/6/16;

Chq No 000815 Clerk £516.53; June's Net Pay;

Chq No 000818 D Peate £ 675.00; Village maintenance since Feb 2016; repairs to benches etc. (Invoice details verbally reported by the Clerk to full council)

Chq No 000816 Colin Case £450.00; Reimbursement of hanging basket costs, supported by Derwin receipt.

Chq No 000817 Post Office Ltd £300.00; Tax due to HMRC 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter.  
(Proposed MB; Seconded AJ.)

32.16 CLERK'S UPDATE REPORT & COMMUNICATION – The Clerk summarised recently received correspondence and confirmed the following:

- Following on from the successful meeting with the Transport Minister on the A5 emailed correspondences had been received and circulated to councillors.
- Cllr Drinan was booked to attend the SALC public speaking training.
- A recent email received from SC had been forwarded concerning Transfer of Services Meeting, scheduled for 14 June 2016, 12 noon to 2 pm at University Centre, Guildhall, Shrewsbury. Cllr Sanders Royle agreed to attend.

33.16 SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA – The Council agreed that the Clerk should trial an Electronic mailchimp newsletter. Having discussed its contents it was agreed that the Clerk would issue the newsletter by 11/6/2016 and include:

- Councillor details
- Details of the Village picnic
- The link provided to enable the community to provide feedback on the need for improvements on A5 at Shotatton and the need for North West Relief Road in Shrewsbury.
- Projects Update and thank you to those who have donated to the hanging basket scheme.

The Chairperson thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.20 p.m. She announced that the Parish Council would next meet on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at 7.30 p.m. at The Victoria Room, Ruyton XI Towns.

Confirmed as accurate.....Chair person Cllr R Slowley Date.....