

RUYTON XI TOWNS PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

1st March 2010

The parish council held an ordinary meeting at The Memorial Hall; Ruyton XI Towns on Monday 1st March 2010 at 7.30 pm.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT:

Mr T. Allison	Mr C. Case - Chairman	Mrs M. Lycett	Mrs R. Slowley
Mr J. Hamlett	Mrs D. Needham	Mrs A Caesar-Homden	Mr C Brown
Mrs A. White			

IN ATTENDANCE: PC Dale Clerk – Sue Hackett; & members of the public.

97.09 WELCOME BY CHAIRMAN & APOLOGIES: The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and reported that Cllr Caesar-Homden had reported that she would be unable to attend the entire meeting due to other commitments. Council therefore agreed that specific matters relating to the Councillor would take precedence in the agenda after the public session and police report.

The Chairman went on to report that the Council had received Cllr Garbett's resignation as a parish councillor and regretted his decision as he was a valued member of the Parish Council. It was agreed that a new vice chair would be appointed at the April meeting. Cllr Hamlett reported that Cllr Lewis had been unable to attend due to work commitments.

These were noted, accepted and approved by the council.

98.09 COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In accordance with S50-52 of LGA 2000 the following declarations were made and noted by the council:

Cllrs Slowley; Needham; White; Case; and Allison expressed their ongoing personal interest as members of the Parish Plan Steering Committee (PPSC) and resulting involvement in the Play Builder Scheme

Cllr Caesar-Homden expressed her ongoing personal and prejudicial interest in item 107 a and e as she was the SC Councillor for the area.

Cllr Lycett expressed her ongoing personal interest and involvement in the Play Builder scheme.

Cllrs Slowley and Case reported their ongoing personal interests as School governors.

The Chairman opened the public session.

99.09 PUBLIC FORUM

Complaints were received from the public that the parish council notice board next to the Church and Council website was not being kept up to date. It was stated by Cllr Caesar-Homden that it was the Clerk's duty to keep the notice board up to date. The Clerk replied that when agreeing to take the post it had been agreed that a 36 mile (round) trip did not justify her personally visiting the village to update the notice boards and that councillors had agreed to carry out this duty having been supplied with the necessary notices and keys. The Clerk stated that she was unaware that this had become a problem. It was agreed that Cllr Caesar-Homden would personally ensure that in future the notice board was kept updated with the aid of Cllr M Lewis. The Chairman apologised for not having updated the Council's website which by prior agreed arrangement within the Council he was responsible for maintaining. The Clerk stated that within her terms of employment she was not responsible for updating the Council's website, or producing the Council's Newsletter and that by local arrangement notice boards were updated locally.

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These comments were noted by the Council and it was agreed that Communications would be reviewed as an agenda item for the 29 March Council meeting.

The Chairman resumed council business.

105.09 CONFIRMATION & ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

(a) Draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8/2/10; were not deemed accurate by the Parish Council as the following insertions were required:

Min 83.09 Bullet point one – First sentence “at Cedar Cottage, Brownhill” was to be inserted after “to his perimeter wall”; as the description was vague.

Bullet point two – Third sentence “effectively” was considered to be inaccurate and was to be substituted for “safely”.

Min 86.09 (d) - “Pooh Bridge” was inaccurately named and the following required inserting.....”the bridge from School Rd”.

Min 95.09 (a) – “6 intensive poultry units” was to be replaced by “5 intensive poultry units.” And Cllr’s Caesar-Homden’s apologies for being unable to attend the meeting on the 22-2-10 required insertion.

The Council having agreed that the minutes were now an accurate representation of the meeting **authorised the Chairman to initial the amendments and sign the minutes confirming their accuracy.**

(b) Draft minutes of the parish council extraordinary meeting held on 22/2/10 were not deemed accurate by the council, and the following amendments were required:

Councillors present: “Mr M Hamlett” was to be replaced with “ Mr J Hamlett”.

Min 97.09 – Omitted to include Cllr Caesar-Homden; this was inserted however no reason was given at the meeting for her absence so this was not inserted.

Min 101.09 – “Little Fox Buildings” was replaced with “Fox Holes Farm”.

The Council having agreed that the minutes were now an accurate representation of the meeting **authorised the Chairman to sign confirming their accuracy.**

106.09 POLICE REPORT - PC Dale summarised recent reported incidents relating to the damage to vehicles and theft of heating oil in or near the parish and then demonstrated the new padlocks now available. PC Dale also reported on the success of the Rural Watch Scheme which had been so successful in the Shrewsbury South area. He urged people to sign up to the scheme which kept the rural community in touch with crime reports in their area via the internet. The Chairman thanked him for attending.

107.09 LOCAL REPORTS

(a) St John The Baptist Primary School, Safe to School Routes February Meeting – Cllr White gave a summary of the meeting whilst Cllr Caesar-Homden stressed that no decisions as yet had been made and further consultation was necessary. It was agreed that Cllr White would continue to represent the council at future meetings (Next meeting scheduled 10/3/10).It was also agreed that Cllr Caesar-Homden would chase SC for the detailed written report on the HGV survey which had taken place last year.

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(b) Shropshire Council Report - Cllr Caesar-Homden confirmed that there would be 0% increase in council tax in the Oswestry area and that a litter pick had been organised for the 12/3/10. Cllr Needham requested more information on possible cuts proposed in the services available to the older population which was steadily expanding in Shropshire. Having summarised recent SC reviews concerning the meals on wheels service Cllr Caesar-Homden agreed to obtain more specific information for the next LJC and parish council meetings. Similarly a more detailed report was requested by Cllr Slowley on the proposed "My Place" youth provision in Oswestry. Cllr Caesar-Homden agreed to obtain plans for the next LJC and parish council meetings and a update on when the new Leisure Centre at Oswestry would be available for public use. The Chairman thanked Cllr Caesar-Homden for her report.

(d) Local Joint Committee (LJC) –Cllr Caesar-Homden confirmed that the next meeting was to be held on 17/3/10 in West Felton and encouraged the council and members of the public to attend as a presentation was being given by SC Planning officers on the Local Development Framework Core Strategy. Cllr Slowley had nothing to add to the report.

Cllr Caesar-Homden then left the meeting.

(c) Ruyton XI Towns Parish Plan Steering Committee – Cllr Allison reported that there was no progress on the installation of the new stiles.

(e) Ruyton XI Towns Drs Meadow Playbuilder Site - Cllr Slowley reported that contractors were expected on site any day and installation would be complete in 3 weeks.

(f) SALC Northern/Oswestry Area Committee – the Chairman reported that the training session on employment law had been good; however the future of the current committee was questionable.

(g) Ruyton XI Towns Sports Committee – Cllr Brown reported on the success of the site visit by the sub contractor arranged via Clive Dean. The outcome was that there was a need for SC to carry out corrective work on the existing drainage system as the existing membrane did not effectively drain the water away. The work had been commissioned for May. The Chairman commended the action taken and hoped that Cllr Brown would be able to provide a positive report in June.

(h) Nesscliffe Advisory Group – Cllr Slowley reported that there was little to report.

(i) Other – Nothing to report.

108.09 FINANCE - Reimbursement of the Clerk's expenses for £34-60 (chq 689) which included postage and mileage was authorised for payment by the council.

The Clerk reported that she had received one confirmed quote for the production of the Elbridge notice board for £725; (this did not include installation) and awaited other quotes. The council who were eager to place the order requested that she followed up with regard to the outstanding quotes and placed the order asap.

109.09 NEW BUS SHELTER AT RUYTON XI TOWNS – The Clerk to reported that she awaited SC feedback. This was accepted by the council.

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- 110.09 HIGHWAY MATTERS - The Chairman reported that he was optimistic about the traffic management proposals for the village (Ruyton XI Towns) and awaited confirmation of the outcome as the officer was having to liaise with other partners on the matter. The Chairman reported that on reflection it had been decided that notices should only be issued to residents who had invasive hedges on Brownhill/Church Bank and that verbal communication was preferable in the first instance. He was therefore in the process of talking to residents on the matter.
- 111.09 THE CLIFFE – Cllr Allison confirmed there was nothing to report
- 112.09 SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL CONSULTATIONS
- a) SC Charter for more Effective Local Government in Shropshire – Council agreed that the need for uniform file format in communication between SC and parishes was important and should be included in the Clerk’s report to SC.
 - b) Local Development Framework Consultation & Site Allocations and Management Development – The Chairman impressed on councillors the volume of documentation to digest and encouraged them to review it prior to the LJC meeting. It was agreed by Council that the policy should be deferred until the parish council meeting on the 29/3/10 and added to the agenda. The Clerk informed councillors that the Site Allocations and Management development consultation was not expected to be published until April, the soundness of the Strategic Core Strategy comments were expected by 29/3/10.
- 113.09 PLANNING MATTERS – There were none.
- 114.09 COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED – See Clerk’s report at Appendix A. **Council agreed that Cllr Needham could attend the SC planning training session.**
- 115.09 HANGING BASKET SCHEME – The Clerk reported on the request by Mr Gittins that local contributions to the scheme are encouraged in the parish. The council noted this and stated that it would do its utmost to promote the scheme.
- 116.09 REQUEST BY PC FOR ALLOTMENT GROUND IN PARISH – The Clerk reported that so far 2 landowners had replied not wishing to participate in the scheme. This was noted by the Parish Council.
- 117.09 There were no supplementary agenda items other than the agreement of the agenda of the Annual Parish meeting which was noted by the Clerk.

The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 9.45pm. The next ordinary parish council meeting is to be held at the Memorial Hall on 29 March 2010 following the Annual Parish Meeting.

Minutes approved as correct:Chairman 29/3/10