

RUYTON XI TOWNS PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES MARCH 2012

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on 5th March 2012 at 7.30 p.m. at the Memorial Hall Ruyton XI Towns.

COUNCILLORS IN ATTENDANCE: Mr T. Allison; Mr C. Case (Chairman); Mr A Johnston, Mrs M. Lycett; Mrs D. Needham; Mrs R. Slowley (Vice-Chair); Mrs A White.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk - Sue Hackett; 3 members of the public, Shropshire Councillor A. Caesar-Homden.

147.11 INTRODUCTION BY CHAIRMAN & APPOLOGIES -The Chairman opened the meeting. The Clerk reported that Cllrs Brown, Gittins, and Hamlett had sent their apologies and had been unable to attend due to personal commitments. **These were noted, accepted and approved by the Council.**

The Chairman with Council agreement opened the public session.

148.11 PUBLIC SESSION – No issues were raised.

The Chairman by agreement closed the public session.

149.11 COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - In accordance with S50-52 of LGA 2000 the following declarations were made and noted by the Council:

- Cllrs Slowley, White, Allison, Lycett, Needham and Case; expressed their ongoing personal interest as members of the Parish Plan Steering Committee (PPSC).
- Cllrs Allison, White and Case expressed their ongoing personal interest as members of the Village Hall Committee.

150.11 SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR REPORT – Cllr Caesar- Homden gave an update on the Dunning Close and Bridge Inn Field projects. She went on to outline the alternative transport measures being trialled by SC during the Porthill pedestrian bridge closure (12/3 – 12/7/2012) and measures taken by SC to ensure that no increase had been made in the 2012/13 council tax relating to SC.

Cllr Caesar-Homden left.

151.11 CONFIRMATION & ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: Draft minutes of the parish council meeting held on 8/2/12 were carefully considered and agreed. **The Chairman was then instructed by the Council to sign them as an accurate record.**

152.11 PLANNING MATTERS

- a. The Clerk reported that having sent a letter to Pentons the MD Barry Williams had replied positively that following discussions with Justin Paul he would be responding in detail. (The letter had been copied to Stephen Caplan (SC Estates Manager), Justin Paul (the agent acting for Penton's), Pentons family members and Stuart Thomas (SC Planning Dev Manager). The Chairman stated that this had been a positive outcome given the circumstances and awaited the forthcoming detailed response.

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b. The Clerk reported that there had been no new planning applications notified to the Parish Council since the last meeting.

c. The Clerk reported on planning application decisions notified to the Council:

Ref: 11/05772/FUL & 11/05774/LBC Shelvock, Elbridge, Ruyton XI Towns
Conversion of farm buildings including the change of use of land into holiday let units **SC advised that proposals relating to the application's ATV/ quad bike proposal had been withdrawn. Council agreed to monitor the amended application carefully. SC Pending a decision.**

Reference: 12/00386/MAW (validated: 31/01/2012)
Address: Wykey Farm, Wykey, Ruyton XI Towns, Shropshire, SY4 1JA
Proposal: Erection of a sub-station to serve existing approved anaerobic digester
SC Decision: Grant Permission.

Ref: 12/00162/LBC & 12/00161/FUL Talbot Inn, Church St Ruyton XI Towns Alterations in association with conversion of former barn and stable in to self contained dwelling. **SC pending. The Clerk advised that the SC Planning Officer had spoken with her and would be recommending that the application was approved; although the former barn was to be regarded as separate from the Inn; i.e. not an annex. Council noted the comments.**

Reference: 12/00125/LBC Ruyton Manor Olden Lane. Repair work to roof and exterior, renewal of drainage etc.....**SC Pending a decision.**

153.11 LOCAL REPORTS

- (a) Ruyton Primary School – Cllr Slowley confirmed that the new footpath fence was to be improved and that the School Governors had had a very positive meeting.
- (b) Local Joint Committee (LJC) – The Clerk provided an update by Cllr Gittins on the expected outcome of several local grant applications which included the PC's.
- (c) Nesscliffe Advisory Group – Cllr Slowley report that the group was to meet later in the month.
- (d) Local Police Report – The Chairman confirmed that there had been no new issues reported recently. He urged councillors to use the new 101 contact number.
- (e) SALC Report – None available.
- (f) St Lighting – No new repairs notified to the Clerk.
- (g) Maintenance work to trees required at Marches Meadow – The Chairman stated that using emergency powers he had authorised D Peate to trim back 2 dangerous beech trees at the site. This was unanimously approved by councillors.
- (h) Archived PC Records – An update was provided by Cllrs Needham and Lycett.

154.11 FINANCE

a. The Clerk presented the following suppliers invoices and reimbursements:

293	The Three Parishes Newsletter.	Winter edition of parish newsletter	£87.00
294	The Clerk	4th Quarter net salary	£1,377.28
295	PO limited	4th quarter tax due to HMRC	£343.80
296	The Clerk	Mileage to meeting 5-3-12	£14.40

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Council resolved without dissent to authorise the payments and instructed Cllrs Lycett and Slowley to sign the corresponding cheques after having first checked the supporting documentation.

- b. Cllr Lycett confirmed the accuracy of latest bank reconciliation which she had checked to supporting records and signed the records accordingly.
- c. VAS Donation – Cllr Johnston stated that he had approached Packwood School who were prepared to make a donation, but asked that the outright purchase of the VAS be considered by the Council. It was agreed that as the VAS represented a significant proportion of expenditure that the matter would be discussed in more detail at the Council's next meeting. **Action Clerk to request SC to check accuracy of settings on VAS at Primary School and obtain a more detailed breakdown of costs for renewal of contract in Sept 2012.**
- d. Bus Shelter repairs – The Chairman reported on the progress made to date.
- e. Council's Asset Inventory- Council considered the amended schedule for 2012/13 and agreed its accuracy. (See Appendix C)
- f. Financial Regulations – Council confirmed that the existing regulations were adequate given that NALC are to publish a revised one imminently.

155.11 CLERK'S REPORT & COMMUNICATION – The Clerk summarised her report see Appendix A. Cllr Johnson distributed copies of the Nat Grid's most recent report on The Mid Wales Connection Project. It was decided to support the Oswestry B&B MTRP funding application. **Action Clerk to contact Corrie Davies.**

156.11 PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER – Chairman stated that due to publication deadlines the letter was already in the process of being distributed. This was noted.

157.11 SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

- a. Cllr Slowley gave a report of Dunning Close Play Area and summarised her recent discussions with SC Officer Clive Dean. (See report at Appendix B) Following some discussion it was resolved without dissent that a Parish Council capital grant of £2,500 be made to the project. (Proposed RS; Seconded ML.) It was agreed that the Clerk email Clive offering the PC's assistance in the project and informing him of the Council's intention to contribute £2,500 towards capital equipment. Cllr Slowley went on to describe that the Dunning Close project was to be considered as a priority and that the simpler project at Bridge Inn Field would then commence. **Action Clerk to notify Clive Dean.**
- b. Cllr Needham stated that there existed an opportunity to plant a "diamond jubilee woodland" at Drs Meadow spinney and therefore would be interested in setting up such a project; however the SC maintenance work would need to be completed by 2012 at the spinney. This was noted by the Council. **Action Clerk to notify Clive Dean.**

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and reminded councillors that the next meeting was to be held on **2nd April 2012 at 7.30 pm at the Memorial hall.**

Confirmed as accurate.....C CASE Date 2/4/12