

RUYTON XI TOWNS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES - 10 MARCH 2014

An ordinary Parish Council meeting was held at Ruyton XI Towns in The Victoria Room on Monday 10th March 2014 at 7.30 pm.

Councillors in attendance: Mr C Case (Chairman); Mrs R Slowley (Vice-Chair); Mrs A Sanders Royle; Mr A Johnston; Mr M Lewis; Mr D Spicer; Mrs A White; Mr T Allison.

Also in attendance: Nick Bardsley Shropshire Councillor, CSO Kurt Mabe Police Representative; 17 members of the public and Sue Hackett - Clerk.

174.13 PUBLIC SESSION - The Chairman opened the session and asked that Kurt Mabe be allowed to present the local police report. Kurt described the recent incidents which has occurred in the previous month and there followed a discussion as to how parking issues on School Rd could be reduced when auctions were being held. It was agreed that the Council should explore seeking assistance from Pentons Family in the matter. Kurt went on to describe the new PACT online approach to communicating with the public which is to be trialled on 26/5/2014. Chairman agreed to circulate via Y Brown.

Four residents spoke of their concerns relating to application 13/03585/OUT Yardley which had been resubmitted following an amendment. Council noted their concerns which included:

- Inaccurate drawings; found to be misleading;
- Lack of a traffic report;
- Light pollution;
- Inappropriateness and steepness of the terrain;
- Access issues; particularly relating to Brownhill.

175.13 WELCOME BY CHAIRMAN - The Chairman opened the Council meeting and explained the procedure.

176.13 APOLOGIES - The Clerk confirmed that apologies had been received from Cllr Gittins due to work commitments. These were accepted and approved by Council.

177.13 COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS – Cllr A White declared an interest in 13/03585/OUT Yardley due to the close proximity of her home.

178.13 COUNCILLORS DISPENSATIONS – There were none.

179.13 SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL REPORT – Cllr Nick Bardsley reported that:

- SAMDev had been agreed by SC Cabinet but had yet to be approved by the Inspectorate.
- Constitutions of the SC planning committee's had been amended so that when he acted as a committee member he was unable to vote on a Baschurch or Ruyton XI Towns application.
- He hoped that a parish councillor would be attending the Baschurch Save Our Fire Station celebration event on Friday 14/3/14. It was agreed that Cllrs A Sanders Royle would attend the event on behalf of the PC.

180.13 CONFIRMATION & ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: Council confirmed as accurate the draft minutes of the parish council meeting held on 10/2/14. The Chairman was instructed to sign them as accurate. (Proposed CC; Seconded ASR.)

181.13 PLANNING MATTERS

a. Council considered planning application:

Cllr A White left the room.

13/03585/OUT Yardley, Ruyton XI Towns. Proposed: Amendment to outline application for residential development including access to be considered.

Following some discussion the Council unanimously agreed that although aware of the implications of Central Government's NPPF policy and Shropshire currently being unable to meet its 5year housing supply target as set by Government the amended application should **be refused**. The basis for this is that the site is unsustainable given its character, access and design.

Character: The site is totally inappropriate for the development proposed; this is based on local knowledge and the geography of the site.

Access: This is a well know local black spot for accidents and the visibility issues previous raised have not been resolved in the amended plans. The access on to Brown Hil is particularly dangerous and a greater volume of vehicles using this access point will exacerbate the problem. No traffic survey has been provided. Vis does not meet the Manual for Streets. The drawings take no account of the bend to the east of the access.

Design: It states that the proposed dwellings will not dominate the skyline, one dwelling is actually 3 meters higher than the church tower; which is a focal point of the village.

The Council failed to see why this planning application was validated by the SC Planning Department as it contained many inaccuracies and the drawings provided were considered to be misleading. It was agreed this should be brought to the Planning Department's attention in the SC response. Action Clerk to submit to SC.

Cllr White returned to the room.

- b. The Clerk stated that no local SC planning application decisions had been made recently.
- c. Council considered the following planning applications which had been referred to the Secretary of State:

Ref: 13/0418/FUL Land west of Birch Close; Ruyton XI Towns; Proposed: Erection of 3 dwellings; Planning Inspector Ref: App/L3245/A/14/2214151

Ref: 13/01580/FUL Land south west of Birch Grove, Ruyton XI Towns; Proposed: Erection of 2 dwellings; Planning Inspector Ref: App/L3245/A/14/2214183

Council agreed that authority would be devolved to the Chairman to work with local residents to add further comment by the PC to support the Council's objections to the applications; this would be submitted via the Clerk. (It was further agreed that the latter was to be circulated in draft to all members before its submission.) (

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Proposed Seconded RS abstained.) Clerk was also asked to query the discrepancies in the deadlines.

182.13 LOCAL REPORTS

- a. Parish Newsletter – Deferred to future meeting.
- b. Police Report – See above in Public Session.

183.13 HIGHWAYS & FOOTWAY LIGHTING

Council considered the Highways Agency correspondence received via the MP and stated that they believed that the issues at Shotatton were not being properly prioritised by the Agency. There was no further need for “feasibility studies” but an urgent need for a more dynamic, planned and positive approach to resolving the issues at the junction before further accidents arose. Action Clerk to inform MP and HA; thanking MP for his assistance.

Two lights were reported as not functioning; Action Clerk to report to SC and V&W Electrics.

Council confirmed their approval of Footpath 23 diversion following Cllr Allison’s report.

- 184.13 PARISH’S RECREATIONAL SPACES - Damaged trees in the Spinney as a result of high winds required that the Spinney Project update be obtained from Clive. Action Clerk.

185.13 FINANCE - Council authorised the following payments:

SO	Clerk	£537.33	Salary payment 20/3/14
Chq634	Post Office Ltd	£428.23	4 th Quarter NI & Tax
Chq632	SALC	£30.00	Training 3 delegates
Chq633	Shropshire Council	£1,560.00	VAS
DD	Information Commissioner	£35.00	Subscription renewal

Council confirmed that they wished to continue with the SC Minor Highway & Environmental Maintenance grant for 2014/15 and directed the Clerk to submit the necessary grant documentation.

Note Chq 633 has since been cancelled.

- 186.13 CLERK’S UPDATE REPORT & COMMUNICATION – The Clerk summarised the report which can be found at Appendix A.

- 187.13 WAR MEMORIAL TASK GROUP- Cllr Sanders Royle reported that the preliminary application had been received by the War Memorial Trust. It was agreed that councillors would provide feedback of their survey of the site at the next meeting in order to form an action plan.

188.13 SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA – Urgent Items

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.25pm stating that the next council meeting would be held on April at The Victoria Room.

Confirmed as accurateCllr C CASE Date.....

