

# RUYTON XI TOWNS PARISH COUNCIL MARCH 2015

## MINUTES

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at The Victoria Room, Ruyton XI Towns at 7.30 pm on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

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

**Also in attendance:** Nick Bardsley Shropshire Councillor, Kurt Mabe West Mercia Police; 1 member of the public and Sue Hackett Clerk.

- 177.14 WELCOME BY CHAIRMAN & PUBLIC SESSION – The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and following no comments being raised by the public opened the council meeting.
- 178.14 APOLOGIES - The Clerk reported that Cllr A Johnston apologised for non-attendance due to being indisposed and the Chairman added that Cllr Gittins had been unable to attend due to work. These were accepted and approved by the Council.
- 179.14 COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS – Cllr White declared an interest in planning application 13/03585/OUT due to the close proximity of her home.
- 180.14 PLANNING MATTERS

The Clerk informed the Council that no new planning applications had been notified to the Council, although she had been made aware of a further amendment to planning application 13/03585/OUT; Yardley, Ruyton XI Towns  
Proposed: Outline application for residential development comprising of two dwellings, includes access. Applicant D Williams.

Council agreed (without input from Cllr White) to acknowledge that they had received the notification and that the amendment did not alter their opposition to the application.

The Clerk stated that the following SC planning decision had been received:

Reference: 14/03158/REM (validated: 14/07/2014)

Address: Purton Villa, Church Street, Ruyton XI Towns

Proposal: Reserved matters pursuant to outline planning application ref 10/03995/OUT f or the erection of two dwellings to include access, appearance, landscaping...

SC Decision: Grant Permission.

- 181.14 SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL – SC Cllr Nick Bardsley gave a report in which he spoke of his growing concerns about controversial planning application decisions being repeatedly made by officers and not the Planning Committee. Council agreed to write to SC Cllr M Price and S Davenport on the matter; and their concerns relating SC Highways planning comments. It was also agreed to copy the correspondence to SALC.
- 182.14 HIGHWAYS & VILLAGE MAINTENANCE ISSUES
- VAS Project in partnership with SC – Cllr Bardsley confirmed he was unable to provide an update as at this time. The matter was deferred.
  - Shotatton Crossroads – The Clerk confirmed that correspondence was awaited from MP. Following some discussion and input by Cllr Bardsley Council agreed to write to HA in a positive way stating their support for the A5 being commissioned for a route study but also highlighting the suggestions put forward to date to alleviate the

- problems at Shotatton and Queens Head. Letter to be copied to neighbouring parish councils.
- c. Doctors Meadow Pay Area – Following some discussion it was agreed to support the installation of a permanent basketball net by providing a £1,000 grant to Shropshire Council (from this year's contingency budget heading) who are responsible for the play area.
  - d. Councillors discussed the problem of dog fouling in the vicinity of Platt Bridge and within the Parish. It was agreed that it should be featured in the next parish newsletter; meanwhile the Clerk was asked to highlight the problem via Yoland Brown's electronic circulation list. Cllr Drinan to investigate the possibility of installing a pole mounted dog waste bin at Five Ways.
- 183.14 LOCAL REPORTS - Kurt Mabe provided the monthly Police report and spoke of his success in being able to contact representatives of the Wednesday Wheelers; who apologised for the incident reported at the February meeting. It was agreed that the Clerk communicate the outcome to John Hamlett.
- 184.14 CLERK'S UPDATE REPORT & COMMUNICATION – Following a summary of the report at Appendix A. It was agreed that Cllrs M Berry and M Drinan attend a new councillor course whilst the Clerk attend the Awards Course. All councillors would reflect on their need to attend the remaining courses.
- 185.14 FINANCE
- a. Payments – The Clerk presented suppliers invoices and claims; which required authorisation by the Parish Council for payment. It was resolved without dissent that Cllr Lewis and Cllr Slowley be instructed to sign the cheques and check the payments as follows: (Proposed CC; Seconded DS.)  
 Chq 734 Highline Electrics - Street light R13 maintenance £111.00.  
 Chq 733 S Hackett £38.56 – Reimbursement of costs associated with office.  
 Chq 735 PCC = £12.00 – Rent of room 9/3/2015.  
 Chq 736 Post Office £373.20 – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter's tax & NI settlement.  
 Chq 737 Staples £49.99 – Office supplies/ Security software.  
 Chq 738 D Peate £277.30 – Village maintenance Sept – Jan.  
 9/3/2015 Direct Debit Information Commissioner £35.00 – Data Protection Sub.
  - b. The Chairman confirmed the accuracy of the bank reconciliation as at 31/12/2014; and that one monthly standing order payment to the Clerk for remuneration had correctly debited the bank account, between Oct – Feb and that this agreed with the HMRC RTI monthly report.
  - c. The Clerk reported that the annual VAT claim had been computed and was £423.00.
- 18614 ST LIGHTING – The Clerk reported that she was still chasing the Scottish Power fault on Olden Lane which remained unresolved.
- 187.14 PARISH NEWSLETTER – Following some discussion it was agreed that articles would be provided by 25/3/2015 by:  
 Cllr Allison – RoW and Farmers responsibilities  
 Cllr Sanders Royle – The Launch of the Defibrillator & Need for More Volunteers  
 Chairman – The SC Planning Decision Process & Shotatton  
 Cllr Berry – New Councillor Introduction.
- 188.14 PROJECTS – Spinney, Defibrillator, Safe Guarding Children and War Memorial. Nothing new to report other than the defibrillator was to be handed over in mid March.
- 189.14 CONFIRMATION OF ACCURACY OF 12 JAN & 9 FEB 2015 MINUTES – Council resolved that the minutes of the two meetings were accurate and that the Chairman be instructed to sign them as such. (Proposed CC; Seconded DS.)

190.14 SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

- Council agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting was to be held at 7.00 p.m. at The Victoria Room on 5 May 2015. Cllr Spicer was asked to source a speaker for the event.
- The Clerk's amended contract of employment for 2015 onwards was agreed and signed by the Chairman as such.
- Speed monitoring on the Brownhill was discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk would try to establish when it was last carried out.
- April 2012- March 2013 Minutes were passed to the Chairman for binding purposes.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.55 p.m. The next parish council meeting is to be held at 7.30 p.m. at The Victoria Room on 13 April 2015

Confirmed as accurate..... C CASE CHAIRMAN

Date.....13/4/2015....

Appendix A Clerk's Update Report & Communication