

RUYTON XI TOWNS PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES – NOVEMBER 2013

A Parish Council meeting was held at Ruyton XI Towns Memorial Hall on Monday 11th November 2013 at 7.30 pm.

Councillors in attendance: Mr C Case; Mrs R Slowley; Mrs A Sanders Royle; Mrs A White; Mr A Johnston; Mr D Spicer; Mr T Allison; Mr M Lewis.

Also in attendance: Nick Bardsley Shropshire Councillor, 22 members of the public and Sue Hackett Clerk.

106.13 PUBLIC SESSION - The Chairman explained the procedure for residents to participate in the Public Session. He then opened the floor to any resident who wished to speak.

A number of residents including those living in West Felton Parish gave their views about the planning application 13/04250/FUL. In summary residents objected to the planning application based on:

- Factual inaccuracies in the application.
- 5 residential properties being within 1 mile of the proposed site; whilst a livery yard and racing stable were also in the immediate vicinity. Both health issues and business continuity issues therefore arose as a result of the proximity of the turbine.
- Inappropriate noise levels and intrusion from shadow flicker and reflections.
- Visual intrusiveness on the general land scape being some 250 mtrs high.
- Detrimental effect on local Bridal Ways and Rights of Way; and tourism together with H & S concerns
- The risk of the devaluation of the market price of properties.
- Interference with flight training at MoD at Shawbury.

107.13 WELCOME BY CHAIRMAN – The Chairman opened the Council meeting at 8.45pm.

108.13 APOLOGIES - The Clerk confirmed that apologies had been received from Cllr Gittins – work commitment. The Chairman reported that Cllr Niddrie-Davies had resigned and that two vacancies now existed on the Parish Council. These were accepted and approved by Council.

109.13 COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS – None were declared.

110.13 COUNCILLORS DISPENSATIONS – None received.

111.13 CLOSURE OF BASCHURCH FIRE STATION – The Chairman urged all parish councillors to attend the next meeting which was to be held at Baschurch Fire Station on 19 November at 7.00pm.

112.13 SC LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE REPORT - The Chairman stated that he would be attending the next meeting which was a public meeting; to be held on 13/11/2013 at 7.00pm at West Felton Village Hall.

113.13 SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL REPORT – Cllr Bardsley presented SC's proposals to widening the B4397 junction at Shottaton on the A5. Council considered the proposals which they recognised as having been previously presented to them in November 2012. Councillors agreed that in their opinion this would not improve the safety at the crossing,

which required redesign by the Highways Agency and SC. However the following intermediate measures were put forward by the Council to SC Highways to investigate further:

- Improvements to the visual awareness of the junction; through reflective poles etc and possibly the introduction of lighting; as traveling north on the A5 the junction is poorly lit at night.
- Repainting of the junction highway with lanes at the crossing depicting direction of travel. Action Clerk to correspond with SC Highways.

It was also agreed to request a progress report from MP Owen Paterson as to the HA's intentions to dual the remainder of the A5 and or introduce a roundabout at the junction. Action: Clerk to write to MP.

114.13 CONFIRMATION & ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: Draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14 October 2013 were resolved without dissent as accurate which included an amendment on page 2... 4) "Ryton" corrected to "Ruyton". The Chairman was instructed to sign the amended minutes as accurate.

115.13 PLANNING MATTERS

a. Council considered the following planning applications:

Reference: 13/04080/VAR (validated: 09/10/2013)

Address: Barn Opposite Eldridge Holding (Butlers Barn), Elbridge, Ruyton Xi Towns, Shropshire, SY4 1JJ

Proposal: Variation of Condition 2 attached to Planning Permission 12/03060/FUL to be varied to include PV panels to roof, conservation sun pipe to en suite and raised eaves to garage. **After due consideration Council agreed to make no comment.**

Reference: 13/04042/FUL (validated: 14/10/2013)

Address: Hall Farm , Church Street, Ruyton XI Towns, Shrewsbury, SY4 1LA

Proposal: Construction of a lagoon for the storage of digestate from our Anaerobic Digestion (AD) facility.

After due consideration and debate the Parish Council agreed to neither support nor oppose the application as per their decision in May 2013. However this was dependent on there being a condition imposed by the Planning Authority that the disbursement of the AD digestive was piped between Wykey (the AD site) and Hall Farm (the lagoon) and that digestive was not transported by truck/tractor adding to traffic movements in the village or parish. The condition was considered necessary as the planning application was vague with regard to the method of dispersion/transportation of the AD digestive to the lagoon. The Parish Council is unable to support an increase in the volume of traffic movements in the parish/village as current volumes have been identified as a serious issue within its Parish Plan. (Proposed CC; Seconded RS; Note: AW abstained from voting.)

Reference: 13/04250/FUL (validated: 25/10/2013)

Address: Wigmarsh Poultry Farm , Holly Lodge, West Felton, Oswestry, SY11 4HB
Proposal: Erection of 500kW wind turbine with 50m hub height (77m tip height) and associated works

Council agreed to oppose the application and make the following comments:

The Parish Council are concerned that the application which contains many factual errors has been validated by Shropshire Council's Planning Department. Notification of the planning application to affected neighbouring properties has been sporadic at best whilst there is evidence that not all statutory consultees have been informed of the application. Please Note neighbouring rural parish councils and the town council have not been notified or consulted on this application. Given the importance of the application this was considered unacceptable.

The Council bases its objection on the following material conditions:

- 5 residential properties are within 1 mile of the proposed site; and as a result will be significantly adversely affected by the turbine. Predominately relating to health and safety issues arising from its close proximity and structure; inappropriate noise levels and visual impact.
- A livery yard and racing stable are also in the immediate vicinity. As a result rural businesses are likely to be adversely affected.
- Inappropriate noise levels and intrusion from shadow flicker and reflections will affect properties in close proximity to the turbine.
- Visual intrusiveness of the turbine on the general land scape is considerable and will be detrimental to the general countryside and the growing tourism industry in the Oswestry Area as the turbine is 250 metres high. This is supported by the Zone of Theoretical Visibility study.
- Local Bridal Ways and Rights of Way; in its vicinity will be considerably affected as there exists genuine H & S concerns given the dimensions of the turbine.
- Possible interference with flight training at MoD at Shawbury; this is being investigated.

The PC would also emphasis that the Local Government Secretary Eric Pickles has highlighted the importance of the "Local Voice" when considering renewable energy sources stating:

"The views of local people must be listened to when making planning decisions. Meeting Britains's energy needs should not be used to justify the wrong development in the wrong location."

A particularly well attended meeting of the PC on 11/11/13 supports that the local community opposes this application. As a Parish Council dedicated to localism and listening to the views of local people the PC urge you to take this into consideration when making your decision.

Should the Planning Officer be minded to recommend approval of this application the Parish Council would like to recommend that the application be referred to the Planning Committee and that the PC is given the opportunity to address the Committee concerning the application. (Proposed CC; Seconded AJ.)

The following application was provided for information purposes only and was noted:

Ref. No: 13/04046/DIS | Validated: Tue 08 Oct 2013
Butlers Barn Elbridge Ruyton XI Towns. Discharge of Conditions 6 (soakaway), 7 (Bird Boxes) and 9 (windows) of planning permission.

- b. Shropshire Cllr Bardsley informed the PC that the following planning application had just been granted:

Reference: 11/05772/FUL (validated: 04/01/2012)

Address: Shelvock, Elbridge, Ruyton XI Towns, Shrewsbury

Proposal: Conversion of farm buildings into holiday let units; erection of 12 earth holiday homes; conversion of the court yard buildings to provide leisure/function suite; associated works SC Decision: Grant Permission

- c. SC Planning Committee Structure – The Chairman reported that the SC planning committee structure was to remain for a trial period.
- d. Planning Application 10/03213/MAW – Cllr Johnston reported local residents concerns regarding traffic movements to the Wykey AD. Following his report PC agreed that due to the need for more factually specific information about the traffic movements and as a SC Planning Officer was already looking in to the matter the PC was unable to comment. It was however recommended that residents maintain a log of the vehicle movements detailing times, dates and descriptions including vehicle registration numbers.
- e. Parish Plan Revisited Project – The Chairman reported on progress to date and the data collected. He stated that assurances were being sought from SC as to the significance of a Local Community Plan in the SC planning process at the next LJC meeting; as recent local planning decisions had been disappointing and undermined the importance of a local parish plan.

116.13 LOCAL REPORTS

- a. SALC AGM – The Chairman gave a favourable report of the meeting and distributed a more detailed report for information.
- b. SC Training Sessions – None attended by councillors.
- c. Parish Newsletter – Chairman reported on the need to provide a local parish newsletter. He stated that he was making enquiries as to who would be prepared to be involved in such an enterprise as the Three Parishes Magazine was greatly missed.
- d. Wykey Notice Board – Cllr Johnston reported on the need for a notice board and it was agreed by Council that £500 would be allocated to the provision of one in Wykey. Action: Clerk and AJ to progress.
- e. National Grid Mid Wales Connection Project – Cllr Allison provided a summary report. Council agreed to take no further action as the parish was unaffected.
- f. School Governor's Meeting – Cllr Slowley reported that the new headteacher was settling in well and that there had been a number of staffing changes, pupil numbers were high.

117.13 HIGHWAYS & FOOTWAY LIGHTING – Cllr Slowley reported that the belisha beacon was once again not functioning (school side). The PC agreed that the devise should now be completely replaced rather than repaired given the frequency of repair over the last 12 months. Action: Clerk to report to SC; PC's dissatisfaction and concerns.

118.13 SC PLACE PLAN CONSULTATIONS – Need to formally consider update Ruyton's Place Plan – The Vice-Chair agreed to review the current Plan and report at the next meeting.

119.13 PARISH'S RECREATIONAL SPACES

- a. Doctor's Meadow – The Chairman stated that volunteers were needed to assist in the renewal of the slide steps. Repairs to the bench were being dealt with.
- b. Spinney Area – Update report awaited from Cllr Gittins.

120.13 FINANCE

- a. Council resolved that the following payments be approved, checked and authorised by the Council by resolution:

Chq	Payee	£	Description
619	Clerk	60.66	Reimbursement Tele/Broadband Expenses & Other
620	SALC	20.00	AGM attendance by CC.

SO Clerk 537.33 Salary payments 20/10/2013 & 20/11/13; checked by Chairman.

- b. The Budget Monitoring report as at 31-10-2013; by agreement this was deferred to the next PC meeting Appendix B.
- c. Council approved the bank reconciliation as at 31-10-2013; as checked by the Chairman.
- d. Council agreed to appointment Mr B Townson as internal auditor for 2013/14 and approved the audit plan. Appendix C. Action: Clerk to appoint.

121.13 CLERK'S UPDATE REPORT & COMMUNICATION – The Clerk summarised the report and updated the Council on recently received communications. Appendix A.

122.13 WAR MEMORIAL TASK GROUP- Cllr Sanders Royle reported on progress to date and the recent work carried out by SC Highways. She went on to explain the Heritage Lottery Fund's response to the request for a grant application and that a response was awaited from the War Memorial Trust.

123.13 THE CROSS MONUMENT – It was confirmed that no site inspection had taken place.

124.13 SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA – None.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.42pm and confirmed the Parish Council would next meet on 9 December at 7.30pm at The Memorial Hall to consider next year's budget and precept.

Confirmed as accurate.....Cllr C CASE

Chairman of the Parish Council

Date 9/12/2013