

RUYTON XI TOWNS PARISH COUNCIL

14 NOVEMBER 2016 MEETING MINUTES

An ordinary meeting of the Parish Council took place at The Victoria Room, Ruyton XI Towns at 7.30 pm on Monday 14 November 2016.

Parish Councillors in attendance: Mr T Allison; Mr C Case; Mrs M Drinan; Mrs A Sanders Royle; Mrs R Slowley (Chairperson); Mr D Spicer; and Mrs A White.

Also in attendance: Nick Bardsley (Shropshire Council Councillor); Sue Hackett (Clerk); one member of the public.

72.16 PUBLIC SESSION – A resident of Little Ness spoke of his concerns relating to planning application reference 16/04594/EIA. These were noted by the Council.

73.16 CHAIR'S INTRODUCTION & COUNCILLORS' APOLOGIES – The Chairperson welcomed all to the meeting and reported that apologies had been received from Cllr Gittings and Cllr Johnston, these were accepted and approved by the Council.

74.16 COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS & DISPENSATIONS – Councillors A White; C Case; and T Allison reported a none pecuniary interest in the Memorial Hall planning application, as they were members of the Village Hall Management Committee. This was noted.

75.16 HIGHWAYS - SAFETY ISSUES AT BIRCH GROVE

The Chairperson confirmed the following positive outcomes had arisen from the meeting with the SC Officer:

- Two road traffic warning triangle signs were to be mounted on existing lamp posts at the site. Their location was agreed with residents and councillors.
- The Officer agreed to survey streets at Doctors Meadow and introduce similar signage triangle(s) if warranted.
- "National speed limit" signs outside Packwood School would be moved back when SC funding allowed; as this involved a traffic order and was expensive. The Clerk and Cllr Johnston to investigate whether funding could be provided by the School to expedite matters.

76.16 SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL – Councillor Nick Bardsley gave his report which included the following, as summarised below:

- An update on the proposed new surgery at Baschurch.
- His disappointment in the SC recreational grounds information not having been provided by SC to date.
- An update concerning Shotatton cross roads and ownership of the verge area recently landscaped by a resident. He agreed to follow up confirmation of land ownership.
- Details of the LJC meeting to be held on 29/11/2016 at West Felton.

77.16 SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL & TOWN & PARISH COUNCILS CLUSTERING UPDATE – The Clerk explained that the meeting had been postponed until 24/11/2016. It was agreed that Cllr Berry and Cllr Sanders Royle would attend. Cllr Bardsley confirmed he would also be present.

78.16 VILLAGE RECREATIONAL GROUNDS

- a) Birch Grove – The Chairperson reported on meeting held on 2/11/16 with residents; the PC resolved to approve:
- Enhancements of the park, including the installation of landscaping by Cllrs Case and Gittins; repainting of play equipment and introduction of a picnic bench.

- Financially supporting a cycle safety training course at school, for children aged 7-8 upwards. Cllr Slowley to progress.
 - The Council's Community Chest Grant application; of £500 which was to be matched funded (Approximate PC cost £600).
- b) The Clerk reported that she had yet to receive the requested information in respect of the 5 parish SC managed recreational areas. This was noted with disappointment by councillors and Cllr Bardsley.

79.16 LOCAL REPORTS

- a) Safer Roads Group Report – Council confirmed the final meeting arrangements for 19/11/2016 which was being organised by the Group. Clerk to attend.
- b) Tree Planting Scheme Applications to SC and Woodland Trust – Cllr Sanders Royle gave an update explaining that trees had been ordered from the Woodland Trust and the felling was expected to take place in late autumn.
- c) Replacement oak sapling on Olden Lane – The Clerk reported that a replacement had been sourced and it was hoped that a resident of the parish would assist in its planting and tend the tree whilst it was being established. Councillors to consider approaching a resident on the matter, Clerk to include in newsletter.
- d) Village Christmas Tree 2016 – Council agreed that the tree was to be installed by a local contractor around 18/12/16. Clerk to arrange.

80.16 PLANNING MATTERS:

- (a) The Council considered the following planning applications:

Reference: 16/04829/FUL (validated: 28/10/2016)

Address: Butlers Barn, Elbridge, Ruyton XI Towns, Shropshire, SY4 1JJ Proposal: Erection of an agricultural shelter **The Council agreed to make no comment.**

Reference: 16/04598/VAR (validated 11/10/2016)

Address: Butlers Barn, Elbridge, Ruyton XI Towns, Shropshire, SY4 1JJ Variation of Condition No.2 (approved plans) attached to permission 13/04080/VAR (Variation to 12/03060/FUL) to allow for a revision to the garage building. **The Council agreed to make no comment.**

Councillors Case, Allison and White left the room.

Reference: 16/03745/COU (validated: 15/9/2016)

Address: Memorial Hall Church Street Ruyton XI Towns SY4 1LA

Permanent change of use to Class A1, A3 and A5 use, (for consumption of hot and cold food on the premises and to take away), in connection to on site display of crafts and sales.

The Council agreed to support the application as the Café was considered to be a valuable community asset, providing a meeting place and hub. It also provided a valuable service to tourists in the area and Tourism in general in Shropshire.

Councillors Case, Allison and White returned to the room.

Reference: 16/04594/EIA

Location: Foxholes Farm, Little Ness, Shrewsbury

Erection of 2 additional poultry rearing buildings and one general purpose agricultural building plus associated hardstanding works.

The Council agreed to oppose the application as a comprehensive transport plan had not been submitted by the applicant, providing details of vehicle movements expected to arise from the expansion. Such a plan should include agricultural vehicle movements; as these

would affect both Great & Little Ness Parish and neighbouring parishes; having adverse effects on their communities.

(b) The Clerk reported that she had not been notified of any SC planning decisions affecting the parish made since the date of the previous meeting.

81.16 CONFIRMATION & ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: It was resolved that the draft minutes of the council meeting held on 10 October 2016 were confirmed as accurate. The Chairperson was instructed to sign them as such.

82.16 FINANCE

- a) Grant Applications – The Clerk informed the Council of the detail of the Transparency Fund application which amounted to £910. Council resolved to approve the application; given that they were currently happy with the website facility on the Community website, established by Cllr Case. For details of the Community Chest Grant Fund application see above MIN 78.16.
- b) Council resolved to pay the following, instructing Cllrs Slowley and Case to check the supporting paperwork to the cheques raised before authorising payment:
(Proposed TA; Seconded DS.)
Chq 839 Heys First Aid Ltd; Sept AED course £120.00;
Chq 838 Clerk's Nov Net Pay £657.36; includes tax refund;
Chq 837 Scottish Power Quarterly energy bill £244.94; VAT £11.66;
Chq 836 Highline Electrical; callouts to st. lights in October £287.10; VAT £47.85.

83.16 CLERK'S UPDATE REPORT & COMMUNICATION

- a) Cllr Case, Chair and Vice-Chair booked on SALC AGM for 19/11/2016, Cllr Case asked to be removed from the list of those attending. Clerk to action.
- b) Several street lights have been reported as faulty since the last meeting following discussions with the Chair the Clerk agreed to prepare a report on most frequently attended lights for the next meeting with a view to them being considered for new LED installations
- c) Transparency Code & Website – Enhancements required on website to fulfil the code and Council needs i.e. diary of council meeting dates to be implemented. (Also see 82.16 a. above.)
- d) The Chairperson reported that membership of the Shropshire Playing Fields Association would be likely to benefit the Council; given that it was likely to take on the responsibility of recreational grounds. Council resolved to become a member at an annual subscription cost of £25.00. Clerk to arrange.

84.16 PENSIONS – The Clerk explained the responsibilities the Council had as an employer with respect to auto enrolment and that its staging date was 1/4/2017. Council agreed given the circumstances no pension was to be offered to the Clerk and that the Clerk should provide updates on the matter after 1/4/2017.

85.16 SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA - The Clerk highlighted that late this afternoon she received a pre-planning application notification for a telecommunication mast to be erected in Ruyton XI Towns parish and informed the Council of its details. Council agreed given that they had insufficient time to consider the application properly; the Clerk was requested to invite the applicant to the next Council meeting and suggest they also consider Birch Grove Recreational Ground as a possible location given its height and central locality.

There being no further business to conduct the Chairperson closed the meeting at 21.55

As confirmed as accurate byCllr R Slowley Chair person Date