

RUYTON XI TOWNS PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 2010

A meeting of the parish council was held at Ruyton XI Towns Memorial Hall on Monday 6th September 2010 at 7.30 pm.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Mr C Case (Chairman); Mr S Gittins; Mrs A Caesar-Homden; Mrs M. Lycett; Mrs D. Needham; & Mrs A. White.

IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk Sue Hackett ; CSO Kirk Mabe and 5 members of the public.

72.10 WELCOME BY CHAIRMAN & APOLOGIES - The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and suggested that item 82.10 per the agenda be brought forward together with the Police report. This was agreed by those present. He announced that the following councillors had conveyed their apologies for absence:

Cllr T. Allison- (personal commitments; Cllr R Slowley – (personal commitments)
Cllr C Brown – (work commitments); Cllr J Hamlett (work commitments); Cllr M Lewis – (work commitments). They were accepted and approved by the Council.

The Chairman opened the public session

73.10 PUBLIC SESSION – During the session 3 members of the public spoke of separate issues:

- The repairs necessary to the mirror located on the highway near the church. The Council noted that the repairs were currently in progress.
- A street light outside Bay Cottage which was lighting up at the wrong times. The Council confirmed that the problem would be resolved.
- An area of public open space next to the river at Drs Meadow which required maintenance. Cllr Caesar-Homden responded that this matter was already in hand and that S106 funds were expected to be used to maintain the area on a regular basis in future. She awaited confirmation and the results of the Natural Habitat Survey.

The Chairman closed the session.

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

Cllrs Caesar-Homden Case reported her ongoing dual hated interest as both the appointed SC Councillor for the Ward and Parish Councillor, this restricted her from involvement in Planning Matters (Min 76.10).

Ongoing personal interests were reported by:

Cllrs Needham; Case and White; expressed their ongoing personal interest as members of the Parish Plan Steering Committee (PPSC).

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Cllr Case reported his ongoing personal interests as a School governor and member of the Village Hall Committee.

75.10 CONFIRMATION & ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: Draft minutes of the parish council meeting held on 16/8/10, & 19/7/10 were corrected with regard to the incorrect spelling of a street name and the addition of an apostrophe. The Minutes were then duly approved and signed as correct by the Chairman as correct.

82.10 SC REPORT – SC Cllr Caesar-Homden gave a verbal report of various SC consultations currently in progress (See Clerk's report D) and circulated a press release on the SC Tool Kit event. She urged public participating and the use of the SC website for researching further information on the consultations and use of the SC Budget Re-calculator i.e. the notional financial effect of cutting one service compared with another. As appointed Councillor responsible for Communications at SC she asked for comments with regard to how improvements could be made in this area.

POLICE REPORT – CSO Kirk Mabe reported that the Parish had incurred one reported incident during the last month which related to criminal damage.

Cllr Caesar-Homden & CSO Mabe left the meeting.

76.10 PLANNING MATTERS

a. The following planning application was considered by the Council:

Ruyton Primary School – Pre-School development Plan Ref: 10/03640/FUL

The Council resolved without dissent to support the planning application as it would provide a much needed and all purpose high quality, valued preschool learning environment for the preschool children of the parish which would assist in their transition to school and be H&S compliant. The PC recognised that at the moment the current preschool operated from a building which had a number of physical constraints which prevented this quality of service from being delivered. (Proposed by the Chairman; Seconded by Cllr Gittins)

b. The Clerk reported on planning application decisions notified to the Council. Report as per Appendix A.

c. Severn Trent Plant - Ruyton XI Towns. Cllr Gittins reported that the planned consultation meeting had been deferred. It was agreed that this would be a October agenda item.

77.10 PC ADOPTION OF NEW STANDING ORDERS – The Chairman described the feedback received from councillors and proposed that page 4 (i) be queried with NALC and amended if required and page 3 (z) be altered to reflect that the Chairman

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use his discretion in deferring items to the next ordinary meeting or call an extraordinary meeting as required to deal with the outstanding items.

The proposal was seconded by Cllr Needham and the Council resolved without dissent to adopt the NALC standing orders as amended. (See Appendix E)

78.10 EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORT – The Chairman reported that the external auditors had raised no issues with the Council’s Accounts and a copy of the AR had been displayed within the Parish together with a copy of the required public notice.

79.10 MONTHLY PAYMENTS – The Clerk presented the following invoices for payment which included her quarterly salary payment.

Payee	Description	£	Chq No
V&W Electrics Ltd	St Light Repairs as approved by PC	384.63	221
Mrs S Hackett	Net Pay July, Aug, Sept	1,227.42	220
Staples Direct	Stationery, postage	47.84	217
Shropshire Council	25% Contribution to bus shelter & installation costs	1,773.75	218
B Townson	Internal Audit Fee 2010	100.00	219
Mazars	External Audit Fee 2010	158.62	222
Ruyton XI Towns Village Hall Committee	Booking fee for 16/8/10	30.00	223
Ruyton XI Towns Village Hall Committee	S137 Grant towards veg & flower show	50.00	224

The Council approved the payments without dissent. Cllrs Lycett and Lewis were instructed by the Council to evidence their checks of the invoices and payment requests and authorise cheques on behalf of the Parish Council.

80.10 CONSULTATIONS:

1. Communities & Local Government – Local referendums to veto excessive council tax increase. (See Clerk’s report at Appendix B) **The Parish Council adopted the Clerk’s response and agreed to support the response made by SC.** (Cllr White abstained from the vote.)
2. SC Consultation on Spotlight on Shropshire Economy – **The Chairman reported that he had no comments to make. The PC agreed that no response was necessary.** (Unanimous.)
3. SC Draft SC Parking Policy Consultation – **The Chairman reported that the PC was not required to comment on the document. The PC agreed without dissent that no comments were necessary.** (Unanimous.)
4. SC Local Transport Plan – It was agreed that Cllr D Needham and another representative would attend the seminar as it was considered an important matter.
5. SC Shropshire Homelessness Strategy Action Plan – The Chairman agreed to research the Consultation further and report back at the October meeting.

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6. SC SCI Planning Consultation – The Chairman agreed to research the Consultation and prepare a report for the October meeting.

81.10 VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGNS – A report was given by the Chairman following notification by the Clerk of an amended SC offer. After some discussion it was resolved without dissent that the SC offer of VASs at two sites; would be taken up on a 12month contract based on a 4 weekly rotation at a cost of £3,620 p.a. (Proposed Chairman Seconded Cllr White).

83.10 SC Tool Kit Event – The Chairman reported that three parish councillors were expected to attend the event and that others would be welcome as either members of the public. Clerk to confirm Chairman's, Cllr Slowley and Cllr Lycett's attendance.

84.10 LOCAL REPORTS:

1. Ruyton Parish Plan Steering Committee – Cllr Needham provided a verbal report on the Annual meeting held in July and its outcome.
2. Local Joint Committee (LJC) - Cllr Slowley provided a report see Appendix C
3. Ruyton Sports Committee – Cllr Gittins reported that both he and Cllr Brown were engaged on the drainage issues; however as the football club had folded this was no longer a priority. He went on to add that both councillors were exploring the possibility of setting up a junior football club.
4. Nesscliffe Report – Cllr Slowley provided a report see Appendix C.

85.10 SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

1. Clerk's Report & Communication Received – See Appendix D
2. Other Communication Received – The Chairman gave an update as follows:
 - Elbridge residents had emailed with details of HGV traffic issues experienced in August which had been aggravated by road closures. The Clerk confirmed that she had forwarded this to SC officer Dave Limb and Cllr Caesar-Homden.
 - The Chairman had received a request to display a letter confirming SC's ownership of the land in front of the Admiral Benbow on parish notice boards. It was agreed unanimously that this was not appropriate (Data Protection) and that the letter's contents would be circulated by the Chairman to those directly concerned.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.50 p.m. The next meeting was to be held on 4th October at 7.30 p.m. at The Memorial Hall; Ruyton.

Confirmed as correct.....4/10/10