

RUYTON XI TOWNS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES 7 SEPTEMBER 2015

The Parish Council held an ordinary meeting at The Victoria Room, Ruyton XI Towns at 7.30pm on 7TH September 2015.

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

Also in attendance: Clerk Sue Hackett; Shropshire Councillor(SC) Nick Bardsley and 2 members of the public.

56.15 CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION – With the agreement of councillors present SC Cllr Bardsley gave his report first, as he had a Baschurch PC meeting to attend.

64.15 SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL REPORT - SC Councillor Nick Bardsley reported on the VASs now installed in Ruyton XI Towns, and the SC Planning Committees ongoing re-organisation.

57.15 PUBLIC SESSION – Two member of the public expressed concerns about amendments to planning application 14/03841/OUT and the proposed profiling and damage to tree roots. The splay of the entrance to the development was also recognised as a principal concern.

Mr White as Chair of the Village Hall Committee requested that the PC consider a donation to the village hall towards the Home Grown Show; this was considered below at Min Ref. 71.15.

58.15 APOLOGIES & COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS - Cllrs Case and White declared personal interest as they were Village Hall Committee members and therefore had an interest in Min Ref. 71.15.

The Chairman announced that Cllr Gittins and Cllr A Johnston were unable to attend and had given their apologies; due to work commitments. These were accepted and approved by Council.

59.15 COUNCILLORS DISPENSATIONS – None.

60.15 HIGHWAYS – The Chairman summarised SC Highways Officer's David Gradwell's response to the Council's recent email concerning the possibility of including a chicane in the village, given that Baschurch have trialled a temporary chicane arrangement on the B4397. Mr John Gittins correspondence on road safety was also noted by members.

Following much discussion it was agreed that David Gradwell be contacted to meet with a group of councillors to discuss possible options to a traffic management scheme which would reduce the speed of traffic through the village. Council was mindful that an independent opinion could also be sought. (Traffic in Villages; a tool kit for villages was referred to.) Councillors Case, Spicer, Berry, and Drinan agreed to be members of the Group prepared to meet with David Gradwell and report back at the October Council meeting. **Clerk to arrange.**

Council agreed that the MP Owen Paterson be contacted and reminded of his pledge to dual the A5. **Action: Clerk.**

The Chairman confirmed that Severn Trent had shut the B4397 (Brownhill to Baschurch road) this evening for emergency works and it was expected to be shut for the next few

days. Schools, SC and local radio had been contacted by the Chairman to publicise this fact.

- 61.15 FOOTWAY LIGHTING – Councillors confirmed that the repairs as outlined by the Highline Electrical Ltd in their condition survey required action, however following a report by the Chairman it was agreed that replacement street lighting poles at a height of 6 metres should also be installed. The Clerk reported that to install the addition LEDs also requested by the Chairman would result in a cost in the region of £2,500. **Council resolved that the Clerk place the order for the works.**

Councillors also resolved that the additional funding to be received from SC resulting from the Clerk's request that the PC be recompensed for maintaining Birch Close street lights for some 23 years (£5,700) be ring fenced towards street light maintenance.

- 62.15 THE CLIFFE & DOCTORS MEADOW PLAY AREA – The Council resolved that given that Shropshire Council had allocated a £500 budget towards installation of the basketball net and post the remaining shortfall be met by the PC. **Action: Clerk to inform SC.**

- 63.15 SCHOOL REPORT – The Chairman stated that Ruyton Primary School (St John the Baptist) had supported the Home Grown Show by providing much needed parking.

64.15 See above.

65.15 PLANNING MATTERS

- a. Council considered the following planning applications:

Ref: 14/03841/OUT Proposed Residential Dev land off Olden Lane, Ruyton XI Towns
Proposal: Outline planning for 3 dwellings all matters reserved. Applicant Mr JDW Jones.

The Parish Council were unanimous in their decision that the amendments did not affect the Council's original decision to oppose the application as it remains outside the village's development boundary. The Council considered the amendments presented which related to the splay and proposed profiling and were concerned about the street scene; splay and vision lines which they believed were incorrect given the 30 mile speed limit. The tree survey report commissioned by the applicant suggested that trees which would be affected by the new proposals would incur root damage, whilst ownership of some of the land affected was questioned given that an application can only be made with such an owner's permission/knowledge.

Cllrs Case, Slowley and Berry as Governors took no part in the discussions.

Reference: 15/02720/FUL

Address: St John The Baptist C Of E Primary School, Church Street, Ruyton XI Towns

Proposal: Erection of kitchen extension at rear Applicant: Shropshire Council.

The Parish Council agreed in retrospect to support the application.

- b. Council noted the following planning application decisions received during the summer break where no comments have been submitted by the PC:

Reference: 15/02941/VAR Admiral Benbow, Church Street, Ruyton XI Towns
Proposal: Variation of condition No. 2 attached to Planning Permission 10/01890/FUL dated 21 July 2010 to site caravan for a further 5 years Applicant: Mrs E Bell
SC Decision: Granted Permission.

Reference: 15/03102/FUL Tudor Lodge, Pound Lane, Ruyton XI Towns
Proposal: Erection of two storey extension to side of dwelling and single storey extension.
Applicant: Mr K Lester **SC Decision: Granted Permission.**

- c. Council noted the following applications which had gone to Appeal in July:

SC Planning Ref: 14/05743/OUT Proposed residential development to the west of Little Ness Rd; Ruyton XI Towns Planning Inspector ref: APP/L3245/W/15/3035824

SC Planning Ref: 14/03629/FUL Erection of 2 detached dwellings & formation of vehicular access at Land Adj. Heath Cottage, Weirbrook, West Felton. Planning Inspector ref: APP/L3245/W/15/3033102 Appeal reference: 15/02277/REF

- d. Shropshire Council Planning decisions since the last meeting – The Clerk confirmed that the Yardley planning application 13/03585/OUT; for a 2 house development had been refused by Shropshire Council.

66.15 CONFIRMATION & ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES - Draft minutes of the Council meeting held in July were resolved as accurate by Council; and the Chairman was instructed to sign them as such. (Proposed; MB; Seconded RS.)

67.15 PROJECTS/LOCAL REPORTS UPDATE:

- a. AED Project – Cllr Sanders Royle stated that training was scheduled for Tue 22/9/2015 at 6.00pm at the primary school.
- b. Spinney – No report available.
- c. Safeguarding Children – Cllr Spicer stated that he awaited confirmation when PC presentations were to be held.
- d. Report by Cllr Mary Drinan – A questionnaire had been sent out to each village household asking whether they value their PO as a Community Asset. The Committee agreed to report back at the next PC meeting.
- e. Parish Plan Steering Group – The Chairman reported that the Group had held their AGM and decided to continue.

68.15 POLICE COMMISSIONERS ANNUAL SURVEY – Council agreed that Cllr Berry would respond on behalf of the PC.

69.15 FINANCE

- a. Council resolved to pay the following, instructing Cllrs Lewis and Case to check the supporting paperwork to the cheques raised before authorising payment:
(Chqs 758,759 cancelled as spoilt)
Chq 760 K Hackett; Locum Clerk mileage to July meeting;
Chq 761 Clerk £62.15; Administration Expenses and mileage July-Aug;
Chq 762 SJF Design & Print £9.75 - Printed Summer newsletters;
Chq 763 Highline Electrical Ltd £341.10 – Mill Lane Light & Condition Survey VAT £56.85 included.
Chq 764 Ruyton XI Towns PCC £16.00; Rent of room 7/9/15;
Chq 765 SALC £10.00; Sustainable Communities Event;
- b. Council decided to reconsider formal opening of Nationwide deposit account; matter to be revisited at October meeting.
- c. External Audit 2014/15 – The Chairman reported that he had received a phone call from Mazars stating that the PC had passed the audit; however the Clerk confirmed that the official paperwork (i.e. Annual Return) had not as yet been received.

70.15 CLERK'S UPDATE REPORT & COMMUNICATION – See Appendix B. The Clerk provided an update to the Treasury report stating that as at 28/8/2015 Balance at Bank of Ireland (UK) was £50,587.57; and that the interest earned for the month was £4.22.

Cllr White & Case took no part in the following:

71.15 REQUEST FOR DONATION TO HOME GROWN SHOW – Council considered request made by Mr White on behalf of the Village Hall. (Min 57.15) It was resolved that a grant be given to the Village Hall towards the show costs using the Power of Competence:

Chq 766 was duly raised and signed by two councillors. Payee: Ruyton XI Towns Village Hall Committee £100.00.

72.15 SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEMS:

- a. Council discussed Cllr Allison's concerns that river is likely to flood as excessive debris is trapped under Spinney bridge. **Clerk to inform Environment Agency of their concerns.**
- b. Council agreed that WI bench outside the Primary School required re-varnishing. **Chairman to contact Mr Peate;** Council's contractor for small repairs.
- c. Council discussed Lloyds Animal Feeds lorry movements through the village and agreed **that Clerk contact the firm requesting confirmation of their preferred travel plans.**

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.25 p.m. confirming that the next meeting would be held on Monday 12 October 2015 at 7.30 p.m. at The Victoria Room, Ruyton XI Towns.

Confirmed as accurate..... Date.....

CHAIRMAN COLIN CASE

Appendix A Street Light Condition Survey Appendix B Clerk's Report