

RUYTON XI TOWNS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

3rd July 2018

Meeting held at 7.30pm at The Victoria Room; Ruyton XI Towns.

Parish Councillors in attendance: Cllrs Hall; Allison; Spicer; Sanders Royle; Harrison; Edwards; Denyer; Houghton.

Also in attendance: Anne Chalkley (Locum Clerk) Shropshire Cllr N Bardsley and 6 members of the public.

36.18 PUBLIC SESSION – Cllr Spicer opened the meeting and explained to those present that both the Chairman and Vice Chairman were unavailable to take the meeting and he had been asked to step in as Chairman for the meeting. Members of the Parish Council **AGREED** that Cllr Spicer act as Chairman for this meeting.

Cllr Spicer welcomed all present at the meeting and expressed the council's shock to hear of the accident to Amey on School Road. He reported that there had been lots of concern in the community and that the Safer Road Group will be arranging a meeting very soon to discuss the incident and investigate further ways in which the village's roads can be made safer. He then invited the grandparents of Amey who were present to speak.

The grandparents thanked everyone for their support and best wishes for Amey and updated those present on Amey's condition at Birmingham Childrens' Hospital. They made careful suggestions about what might be done to make such accidents less likely to occur and be less serious if they do. They contributed to a full discussion about issues that arise concerning road safety. Council **AGREED** that these would be fed into the Safer Roads Group.

Steve Boulding a representative of the 2020 Group commented that they have been campaigning for a 20mph limited in all residential areas. He would be willing with the Group to work with the Parish Council to work towards enforcing the 20mph for the benefit of the children in Shropshire. It was **AGREED** that the Safer Roads Group should explore this further. Meanwhile, it was also **AGREED** to put an article in the next Parish Council Newsletter asking people to keep to the speed limit, to cut back overgrown vegetation on footways and highways and not to park on the pavements. **ACTION** Clerk.

The Chairman highlighted discussion that has taken place that questioned why no-one from Community First Responders in Ruyton XI Towns attended the accident. It was explained that although there are approximately 30 people trained to use an AED, (automated external defibrillator), becoming a First Responder who may be called by emergency services to provide immediate assistance requires further extensive training. There was no First Responders Team in Ruyton XI Towns. The Chairman circulated further information from the West Mercia Ambulance Service Website and explained that the service was not a Parish Council function. Anyone in the community can develop the service. It was **AGREED** that the Council would encourage the development of a First Responders Group and Team which included inviting someone to lead via the Council's website.

The Chairman asked Councillors to discuss with members of the community the possibility of involvement, not necessarily as a Team member but as part of an organising group and forward any names to him. He suggested that it would be helpful to involve people with a professional health service background. **ACTION**, all councillors.

The Chairman referred to the increased costs, including travelling, borne by a family following such an accident. Amey's grandparents spoke about the support the family had received from the community; a lady had also set up an on-line giving arrangement. Possible

assistance from charitable sources were discussed. **AGREED** details of the on-line arrangement would be posted on the Council's website.

The Chairman thanked the grandparents for coming to speak at the meeting and asked them to convey the Parish Council's best wishes to the family.

A further issue discussed in the Public Session was concern about the mowing of areas within the parish that Shropshire Council do not cut or cut less frequently. It was suggested that the Parish Council approach Oswestry Town Council to see if they could help. **ACTION** Councillors to inform Clerk of specific areas, enabling Clerk to request a quote.

37.18 CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION AND APOLOGIES – The Chairman opened the council meeting and reported that their Clerk Sue Hackett was unavailable and Anne Chalkley had stepped in to take the minutes. Apologies had also been given by the Chairman Andrew Johnston and Vice Chairman Simon Gittins who had been unable to attend. These were accepted by Council.

38.18 COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS & DISPENSATIONS – None were declared.

39.18 CLEAN UP OF OUR VILLAGE CAMPAIGN – Cllr Hall reported that although Shropshire Radio publicity promoted their campaign they still needed volunteers and someone to drive this campaign. Cllr Hall said that she would consider how the litter picking might be organised. The equipment was kept at Café XI.

40.18 CONFIRMATION & ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES
Draft minutes of the Council meeting held on the 5 June 2018 as circulated and uploaded to the Council's website with a spelling amendment were **RESOLVED** as accurate and the Chairman was instructed to sign them as such.

41.18. SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL – Cllr Bardsley reported that there was an extremely detailed SC report some years ago about the ground in front of the Admiral Benbow Pub confirming that it is Highways land. Therefore, people are not allowed to treat this area as their own property and no doubt Shropshire Council or the police will enforce this.

Potholes: He apologised for the time it has taken him to resolve the potholes issue with Shropshire Council, but he had been told that this work had been carried out and he has since disputed this. Apparently Ruyton XI Towns comes under the Oswestry Place Plan and he suggested that the Parish Council invite Cllr Davenport from Shropshire Council to their next meeting in August to discuss the pothole issue. **ACTION** Clerk to invite Cllr Davenport to the meeting in August to discuss Issues relating to potholes and condition of roads.

New Medical Centre: The project to build a new Medical Centre at Baschurch is under threat as an application to open a pharmacy in the area has been made and this would have a negative impact. Cllr Bardsley indicated that he had the support of Baschurch Parish Council in opposing the application and asked for the Council's support. Following some discussion, the Parish Council **AGREED** to give their support opposing the proposed pharmacy.

Cllr Bardsley reported that Shropshire Council was consulting on the Preferred Scale and Distribution of growth as part of its review of the Local Plan. The preferred site allocations for Shrewsbury, the market towns and the key centres, together with the preferred scale of growth, development boundaries and potential housing allocations for Community Hubs were now being discussed. The PC had been invited to attend an informal meeting to talk to the Planning Department about the proposals. Cllr Bardsley informed the councillors that Shropshire Council will only have a limited number of dates in July/ August, there being some 40/50 local meetings to arrange.

After discussion Cllrs Spicer; Allison; Edwards; Houghton; Denyer; Hall, the Chair Cllr Johnston and Vice Chair Cllr Gittins were nominated to form a Group to take this forward and provide a pool of Councillors from which to attend the meeting. **ACTION** Clerk to correspond with Planning Department over possible dates.

Cllr Bardsley confirmed that he would keep the Council informed of any further developments.

42.18. LOCAL POLICE REPORT – No Police officer present, however it was noted that the monthly police report had been circulated by the Clerk.

43.18 SAFER ROADS GROUP – Update by Cllr Spicer and appointment of council representatives and review of the Group's objectives for the year. Cllr Spicer reported that a lot had been covered for this agenda item within the Public Session. Cllr Edwards asked about the raising of the zebra crossing. The Chairman informed him that Cllr Bardsley had informed the Multi-agency Group that the SC Highways budget has been reduced by £5m this year and a further £5m next year and therefore there was no money for community led road safety projects.

Cllr Bardsley reported that Baschurch Parish Council have purchased 10 portable speed monitors. They were not as expensive as thought and the council might look into purchasing more for Ruyton XI Towns. Council **AGREED** to look at this and the possibility of borrowing / hiring equipment to be considered by the **Safer Roads Group**.

44.18 LOCAL PROJECTS UPDATE:

- a. War Memorial Renovation Project – Nothing to report. After discussion it was **AGREED** that Cllrs Harrison and Sanders Royle to work together on this project.
- b. Parish Flag – After discussion it was **AGREED** that three designs would be developed by Councillor Harrison to be considered at the next meeting with a view to asking the community to decide which one they preferred.
- c. AED - Cllrs Denyer, Hall and Sanders Royle. Cllr Sanders Royle reported that there was a need to re-train the volunteers on the AED. Cllr Denyer reported that he is working towards putting together the village map to identify all the residential homes. Cllr Sanders Royle suggested the volunteers from the AED training be asked to consider training as First Responders and Cllr Spicer said that he would contact them.
- d. Volunteer Speed Watch Group. Cllr Edwards reported that both he and Cllr Denyer will be attending training with the Police on Speed Watch and he would be able to report back after their 9 July meeting.

45.18 PLANNING MATTERS:

- (a) The following planning applications were considered by members:

Reference: 18/01852/FUL and 18/01853/LBC (validated: 13/06/2018)
Address: Lodge Farm , Grug Hill, Ruyton-XI-Towns, SY4 1HS

Proposal: Conversion of farm buildings into seven residential units; erection of 8-bay garage/store block with plant room; installation of two package treatment plants; formation of parking areas; demolition of buildings.

Discussion: The Council noted that the proposed development is outside the development area for Ruyton-XI-Towns but involves listed buildings and conversion of redundant farm buildings which are deteriorating and includes a sustainable common ground heating source for all buildings. Many of the original features including a Dutch barn will be retained. The development does not appear intrusive and although there was discussion about likely increased traffic on country lanes, it was thought this was unlikely to be significantly greater than would be the case if the buildings were used fully for agricultural purposes.

Cllr Allison queried whether the requirements concerning notice and reference to rights of way had been met. He was asked to consider this.

Decision: The Parish Council supported the application.

Reference: 18/02593/FUL (validated: 12/06/2018)

Address: Land At Shelvock Hall, Ruyton-XI-towns, Shrewsbury SY4 1JL

Proposal: Erection of replacement agricultural livestock building

Decision: The Parish Council had no comments.

Reference: 18/02826/FUL (Validadated 20/06/2018)

Address: Haughton Grange School Road Ruyton Xi Towns SY4 1JT

Proposal: Erection of detached garage (minor changes to plans approved under OS/06/14683/FUL)

Decision: The Parish Council had no comments.

(b) Recent SC planning decisions as notified to the Clerk – None.

46.18 CLERK'S UPDATE REPORT & COMMUNICATION – The Clerk gave the following summary:

- Additional signage “No Dog Fouling Permitted” had been requested from SC, to upgrade existing worn signage.
 - STAR Housing delighted with outcomes of basket swing project at Birch Grove and tried to arrange photo shot with councillors in June, outcome unknown at this point.
 - Severn Trent leak successfully reported using their website and resulted in road closure w/ c 18/6 of B4397.
 - Solicitor progressing purchase of Cliffe, however not expected to be finalised until August/September.
 - Website, a number of councillors have yet to provide pictures and a short description about themselves. Whilst not all councillors have set up their parish council email accounts. The latter is important because it is a GDPR requirement.
 - Eon St Lighting Team have installed sample lights on School Rd (R16) and above at R34, members to report back on their preferences.
 - Various updates have been circulated via the website, and added to in some instances, my thanks to Dave Shearan.
 - June newsletter issued and since mailing list amended to comply with GDPR.
- The Chair asked for comments or questions.

Cllr Denyer reported on dissatisfaction expressed on social media with seating repairs carried out on the Cliffe. He questioned whether before the Parish Council owned the property and had established some management arrangements any work should be done. It was **AGREED** these issues to be considered at the next council meeting.

(Note: After the meeting it was confirmed that works undertaken were of type carried out by the Parish Council for many years when it was thought that the area was owned by Shropshire Council.)

47.18 FINANCE – As insufficient cheque signatories are present, Council **AGREED** that any urgent payments in August, with approval of Chairman and cheque signatories could be made and reported at the next meeting on 28th August 2018. Clerk confirmed following

standing order payment has been made in respect of Clerk's salary 20/06/18 £740.98, as authorised and checked by the Chairman.

48.18 SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA – There were no urgent items.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.00pm.

Confirmed as accurate.....

28/08/18