

**RUYTON XI TOWNS PARISH COUNCIL**  
**28<sup>th</sup> August 2018 PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES**

"Working in partnership to make our Parish a safer place to live"

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 28 August 2018 at The Victoria Room, Ruyton XI Towns.

Parish Councillors in attendance: Mr T Allison; Mr S Denyer; Mr S Gittins; Mr A Johnston (Chairman); Mr R Edwards; Mrs A Sanders Royle and Mr D Spicer.

Also in attendance: Nick Bardsley & Steve Davenport (Shropshire Council Councillors); Sue Hackett (Clerk) and 12 member of the public.

- 49.18 PUBLIC SESSION – During the session a resident brought up the importance of the need for contractors to use appropriate signage when working on the highway, to highlight their presence to motorists. This was duly noted.
- 50.18 CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION & APOLOGIES – The Chairman opened the meeting and announced that Cllrs Harrison, Houghton and Hall had sent their apologies as they had been unable to attend for a variety of personal reasons. These were approved by Council.
- 51.18 COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS & DISPENSATIONS – Cllr Gittins declared an interest in planning application 18/03109/PMBPA and Cllr Edwards declared an interest in agenda item 64.18.
- 52.18 SAFER ROADS GROUP – The Chairman introduced Cllr Steve Davenport who explained his responsibilities as portfolio holder for SC Highways and his concerns for speeding within Shropshire.
- The Chairman by agreement RESOLVED to suspend standing orders and members of the public raised their road safety concerns they had within the village, particularly relating to School Road and Church Lane. These included:
- Why the existing 20 mph limit could not be effectively policed.
  - The need to introduce an enforceable blanket 20mph limit within the village.
  - The need to introduce measures either physical or detrimental to drivers which will slow down vehicle speeds.
  - The need for immediate action, as one recent serious accident had highlighted the dangers that exist for young people in the village.
- Discussions over issues raised by a resident at Platt Bridge were discussed. Cllr Davenport confirmed it was regrettable that the incidents in the summer arose but it was a historic bridge which was in good repair with a weight limit of 70 tonnes. Discussion then arose as to the importance of the bridge as access for both local haulage companies; farmers and the emergency services.
- Cllr David Spicer explained that the Safer Roads Group had written to Cllr Davenport requesting responses to a number of the Group's concerns. Cllr Davenport responded to a number of them and took on board many of the issues raised by both the Group and
- members of the public. He asked for the Parish Council to formulate its key most important proposals which had full support from the community and relay them to him, he would do his best to support them in discussions with SC, the Police and PC.
- In response Cllr Spicer confirmed that a public meeting was planned for September; where such detailed proposals would be presented to the community in order to gauge support. He invited Cllr Davenport to the meeting.
- The Chairman by agreement reinstated standing orders.

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Cllr Davenport and the majority of residents left the meeting.

Cllr Spicer then read out the Safer Roads Group report to Council requesting that the 10 recommended solutions be supported by Council. Council were unanimous and **AGREED** to fully adopt and support those solutions presented. (See Appendix B)

53.18 LOCAL GROUP REPORTS

- a. Local Police Report – The Clerk reported that no officer had been able to attend but a police report had been supplied which she summarised as follows:  
During June 2018 there had been 3 incidents which police attended; of which 2 were RTCs in the village. Cattle were reported as on the Highway on 25/8. Over the last 2 months there had been 6 calls relating to ASB.  
Council **AGREED** that details of the Police Commissioner Smartwater Campaign should be made known to the larger community via the PC's website.
- b. Multi Agency Group – It was confirmed that the next meeting was planned for 9 Oct 2018 at Café Eleven.

54.18 SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL REPORT – Councillor Nick Bardsley summarised action taken in neighbouring parish councils to reduce traffic issues and supported parish councils for taking the initiative. He went on to propose that the extension of the 30mph speed limit between Platt Bridge and Baschurch might result in a reduction in speeding vehicles.

55.18 THE CLIFFE – The Chairman stated that solicitors were progressing the purchase of the Cliffe however documentation was awaited from Farrows, (The seller's solicitor).

56.18 COUNCIL CONFIRMATION & ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES - Draft minutes of the Council meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2018 having been manually adjusted to reflect the Cllr Edwards only had attended the training on Speed Watch. (Min Ref 44.18 d.). Council then **RESOLVED** that the minutes be duly signed as accurate by the Chairman.

57.18 FINANCE

- a. Council considered the following invoices/reimbursement claims to be authorised for payment; note payment to SC for 2017 Election was in retrospect having been made on 9/8. It was **RESOLVED** that the cheque payments be made and Cllrs Spicer and Johnston were instructed to authorise the cheques having checked the supporting paperwork.  
Council considered the Village Hall Committee's request for a donation to the Home Grown Show; it was **RESOLVED** that a grant of £150.00 be made for this purpose. (Cllr Allison reframed from voting as he was a committee member.)

Chq No	Payee	Description	£
951	Shropshire Council	Elections 2017	100.00
932	A Chalkley	Clerking July meeting	116.54
934	Clerk	Administration expenses	90.00
933	D Peate	Installation of Drs Meadow notice board; Cliffe seat; General Maintenance in village incl. installation & watering hanging baskets	1,226.83
935	Ruyton XI Towns Village Hall Committee	Donation to costs of hosting Home Grown Show	150.00
DD	Scottish Power	Energy costs of st lights May/June	162.79

- b. The Clerk presented a bank reconciliation carried out on 9/8/18; which had been checked by the Chairman and supported that Council funds balance was

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£65,016. The VAT refund for 2017, of £1,324 was included in the balance whilst The Hilton-Jones Trust donations towards the cradle swing of £1,500 had recently been received and was in the process of being banked. Monthly payroll payments made in June, July and Aug to the Clerk; had been independently checked and confirmed as agreed by the Chairman.

58.18 LOCAL PROJECTS UPDATE:

a. Volunteer Litter Pick Update – By Council agreement the item was deferred as Cllr Harris was absent.

b. Volunteer Speed Watch Team – Cllrs Denyer and Edwards provided an update stating that 2 speed watch sessions had taken place in August and that a report of the instances of speeding would be made available on the Council's website. It was evident that speeding was still a problem in the village, chiefly related to motorists.

c. Hanging Basket Scheme – Council **AGREED** that the scheme had been very successful despite the hot summer and that community volunteers and their contractor should be thanked for their tireless efforts in keeping the baskets watered and tidy. It was further **AGREED** that they should be dismantled mid-September.

d. AED Volunteer Scheme - In the absence of David Shearan who had kindly agreed to lead the group the Clerk provided a verbal report which supported that progress had been made and that instruction was awaited from the WM Ambulance Service in order to make further progress.

59.18 PLANNING – Council considered the following planning applications:

*Cllr Gittins left the room.*

Ref: 18/03109/PMBPA (validated: 26/07/2018)

Address: Wykey Farm, Wykey, Ruyton Xi Towns

Proposal: Application for prior approval under Part 3, Class Q of the Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 for the change of use from agricultural to residential use. Council **AGREED** to support the application.

*Cllr Gittins returned to the room.*

Parish Council's comments submitted on 27 July 2018 relating to:

Ref: 18/2858/REM. Proposed Residential Development West of Darlee Cottage Brownhill; new planning proposals. The Council **AGREED** in retrospect the comments submitted below:

“Ruyton XI Towns Parish Council objects to the new proposals on the basis that there is insufficient information available to allow consideration of impact on traffic on Brownhill and related safety issues and in relation to environmental impact including drainage arrangements. The Parish Council objected to the application in 2014 and 2015.”

Council noted the following planning decisions as reported by SC:

Ref:18/02593/FUL Address: Land At Shelvock Hall, Ruyton-XI-towns

Proposal: Erection of a general purpose agricultural building. **SC Decision: Refuse**

60.18 STREET LIGHTING – Councillors discussed the two sample lights provided by Eon and **RESOLVED** that the more expensive dimmer type be used throughout the village. It was further **RESOLVED** that the Clerk inform the contractor E-on St Lighting of their decision and proceed to initiate the contract as agreed at the meeting in June 2018.

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61.18 PARISH FOOTPATHS & RIGHTS OF WAY – Council **AGREED** that with reference to the maps supplied and report by Cllr Allison; no further action was at this time required and that the parishes Rights of Way were well documented. The Chairman conveyed the Council’s thanks to Cllr Allison for his detailed report and ongoing efforts in respect of the Parishes RoW. It was also **AGREED** in principle that interactive board /RoW maps would be introduced within the parish to encourage walking activities and tourism. Matter to be revisited following the acquisition of The Cliffe.

62.18 CLERK’S UPDATE REPORT & COMMUNICATION – The Clerk’s detailed report was noted. Outcomes:

- Cllr Spicer confirmed he would be attending the Planning Training in September, whilst Cllrs Allison and Spicer would independently book on to the LTP Workshop on 19 September.
- Cllr Spicer to research need for “Keeping Adults Safe” posters, using link provided and obtain if thought appropriate.
- Recreational spaces including Bridge Inn Field; well-maintained with regard to grass cutting and Clerk no longer required to seek quotes for additional cuts.
- Drs Meadow – Should SC require assistance in repairing boat/tunnel at sandpit. Council **AGREED** that Clerk has authority to spend up to £200 in commissioning work to assist this asset being brought back in to use.
- Admiral Benbow issue to be deferred to October meeting.
- It was **AGREED** that the Clerk was delegated the authority to add to the stock of lamp post poppies up to value of £60.00.

63.18 COUNCIL TO AGREE NEXT MEETINGS AGENDA ITEMS & ARRANGEMENTS – Council **AGREED** with effect from the meeting on 6/11/2018 meetings start times to be brought forward to 6.30 pm.

64.18 CONFIRMATION OF LOCAL CONNECTION – Following the Clerk’s report on the application; it was **RESOLVED** that the applicant K Bishop met the local connection criteria and that the Clerk notify the Rural Housing Enabler and applicant as per the draft letter circulated. (Note Cllr Edwards abstained from discussion or voting on the matter.)

65.18 SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA – None.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.55pm. Councillors were reminded that the next meeting is to be held at 7.30 pm at The Victoria Room on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2018.

Confirmed as accurate..... Cllr Andrew Johnston  
Chairman of Parish Council

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