

RUYTON XI TOWNS PARISH COUNCIL

4 JUNE 2019 PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

The Parish Council meeting was held at The Victoria Room, Ruyton XI Towns at 6.30 pm on Tuesday 4th June 2019.

Parish Councillors in attendance: Mr T Allison; Mr R Edwards; Mrs A Lister; Mr I Pinner; Mr S Gittins; and Mrs A Hall; Mr D Shearan; Mr R Harrison.

Also in attendance: Nick Bardsley (Shropshire Council Councillor); Sue Hackett (Clerk) and 5 members of the public.

PUBLIC SESSION

Two members of the public spoke of their concerns about road safety as narrow bridge warning signage was being obscured by vegetation at the Perry Bridge; approach from Ruyton to Baschurch. Other matters concerning the need to improve the pedestrian footway on the Baschurch approach were noted. Council **AGREED** to notify SC Highways of the issues and risks involved. Cllr Bardsley agreed to support the Council's requests.

19.19 WELCOME BY CHAIRMAN – The Chairman opened the meeting.

20.19 APOLOGIES – The Chairman reported that apologies for absence had been received from the following councillors:
Cllrs Spicer and Sanders Royle had been unable to attend due to personal commitments. These were accepted by Council.

21.19 COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS & DISPENSATIONS – None.

The Chairman requested that the agenda item 24.19 be brought forward. Council **AGREED**.

Council **RESOLVED** to lift Standing Orders enabling the applicant to speak about planning application 19/01572/FUL. Having presented detailed information and having answered a number of questions the applicant sat down. Standing Orders were reinstated.

24.19 PLANNING MATTERS – Council considered planning application:

Reference: 19/01572/FUL Weirbridge Cottage, Stanwardine Lane, Wykey

Proposed: Siting of 3 holiday cabins; creation of vehicular access and construction of estate road and parking areas.

Council **AGREED** to make the following comments in support of the application.

The planning application was supported in principal as a viable holiday business would bring economic benefits to the parish; in terms of local employment and tourism. Reliance would be placed on Shropshire Council to ensure necessary conditions were applied in respect of access issues and preserving existing Rights of Way.

Council noted the following Shropshire Council planning decision:

Reference: 19/00912/FUL (validated: 26/02/2019)

Address: RDW Exhibitions , Little Ness Road, Ruyton XI Towns, Shropshire, SY4 2LL

Proposal: Proposed barn extension

SC Decision: Grant Permission

22.19 CO-OPTION OF NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR

The Chairman thanked both applicants for attending and explained that there was currently one vacancy and asked each to give a short summary about themselves and why they wanted to become a parish councillor.

The Chairman asked councillors present to vote for their preferred applicant. Following the vote the Chairman was advised by the Clerk that by a majority vote Alyson Lister had been co-opted.

Council **RESOLVED** to co-opt Alyson Lister; the Clerk witnessed her Acceptance of Office and provided a DPI form to Alyson for completion.

The Chairman on behalf of the Council thanked Sarah Bayliss for attending and welcomed Alyson to the Council.

23.19 LOCAL POLICE REPORT & POLICE COMMISSIONER'S SURVEY – The Clerk advised that the local crime report was awaited and that it would be circulated to councillors once it had been received. (Note: Expected tomorrow.)

As circulated by the Clerk the Police Commissioner's Survey was completed by councillors for submission by the Clerk. **ACTION** Clerk.

The Police Commissioner's Smartwater Grant was discussed and it was **AGREED** that local appetite for the scheme would be gauged via the Council's website as it was still considered a significant investment. **ACTION:** Clerk & Cllr D Shearan.

24.19 PLANNING MATTERS – See above.

25.19 SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Cllr Nick Bardsley gave a summary report about the proposed improvements to Baschurch Medical Centre, outlined at the Baschurch PC meeting on 3/6/19. He reported that Cllr Peter Nutting (SC Leader) had attended and confirmed that £2M CIL Funding would be available for the project however concerns over CCG's reluctance to commit were expressed. Cllr Bardsley urged the Council to support the project.

It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would write to Baschurch PC and request that the Council be invited to future project meetings.

Cllr Nick Bardsley also confirmed that the proposed bus cuts which would have affected Ruyton XI Towns had been abandoned following the feedback provided by the public consultation. Cllr Allison was thanked by the Council for his work in this matter.

26.19 THE CLIFFE – The Chairman & Cllr Shearan reported that their meeting with Shaun Burkey (SC Country Parks Officer- North) on the Cliffe had been beneficial and a better understanding of work planned for the year had been gained. Concerns were expressed about the costs involved and whether the Parish Council would be expected to meet costs in excess of the agreed £3,000 for what were in fact SC existing overheads.

The Clerk confirmed that the SC agreement now includes a letter from the Parish Council which represents an additional schedule and limits the contract to a year and £3,000.

Given that costs and agreed outputs by SC remained vague it was decided to defer signing the present agreement. **ACTION:** Clerk & Chairman to write again to SC Country Parks Officer stressing that the PC would be unwilling to pay for SC general overheads in terms of management, accounting time and that the £3,000 be used for specific works on the Cliffe.

- 27.19 APPOINTMENT OF PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES – Council appointed by agreement the following:
 (a) SALC Area Committee representatives for Oswestry: Cllrs Hall and Pinner.
 (b) Basnett Matthews & Minton Charity Trust: Cllr Lister.
- 28.19 CONFIRMATION & ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: Draft minutes of the Council meeting held on 7 May 2019 were **RESOLVED** as accurate by Council and the Chairman was instructed to sign them as such.
- 29.19 SAFER ROADS GROUP – Cllr Shearan gave an update on installation of the second SID/VAS and reported that a location had been decided upon for the third and fourth on School Road. He reported that a detailed Installation Guide had been put together and the current Risk Assessment improved upon. It was noted that a further procedure was needed on battery upkeep and the recharging process.
 Cllr Shearan then presented some of the data downloaded from VAS 1. The SRG was congratulated on its efforts and it was agreed that the compelling date needed to be communicated in a Speed Watch Report to both the local community regularly and beyond. **ACTION:** SRG next meet on **19/6/19** and will consider the latter.
- 30.19 MULTI AGENCY SCHEME – The Clerk reported that a Oswestry Place Plan amendment re priority rating for Highways to be emphasised in the Plan as a result of the May meeting. (As per Cllr D Spicer’s instruction.) Council **AGREED** the action in retrospect. Cllr Bardsley reported that the next meeting was to be held on **5th July 2019**.
- 31.19 FINANCE – Council **RESOLVED** to authorise the payment of the following invoices/reimbursement claims having been first checked to supporting documentation by the Chairman and Clerk. It was acknowledged that in Cllr Spicer’s absence resulted in cheque signing could not be completed until his return.

4-06-19	974	Clerk	Reimbursement of part costs of Bid Course; attended by ASR (Booked using personal credit card)	£79.44
4-06-19	975	Clerk	Reimbursement of mileage costs and WFH Allowance and stationery	£175.52
4-06-19	976	Great Ness & Little Ness PC	Grant towards costs of running youth club.	£300.00
4-06-19	977	Shropshire RCC	Additional Bid Course costs	£25.00
4-06-19	978	Ruyton XI Towns PCC	Rental of Victoria Room	£200.00
4-06-19	979	Knockin & Kinnerley Cricket Club	Grant towards youth activities at the club	£300.00

Council **RESOLVED** to donate £300.00 to Knockin & Kinnerley Cricket Club & £300.00 to Great Ness & Little Ness PC specifically to enhance youth activities currently managed by both; as the young people of the parish attended both. (Power s137 LGA 1972)
 The Chairman reported that the bank mandate form had been partially completed. Form and envelope passed to Chairman to action and complete.

- 32.19 CLERK’S UPDATE REPORT & COMMUNICATION – See Appendix A
- Doctors Meadow – The Chairman reported on issues with graffiti on the bridge; dog fouling and misuse of the car park. Shropshire Council believes use of the car park should be restricted. Council **AGREED** that Cllrs Gittins & Denyer would look at feasibility of a volunteer group painting the bridge, whilst signage would be

provided by SC at the carpark and then a mini mail shot sent to residents encouraging them not to misuse the car park.

- Hanging Baskets – The Chairman reported that 16 have been ordered and would be installed next week by the local contractor.
- The Clerk expressed her thanks to Cllr Shearan for his help issuing the PC newsletter. A hard copy was now available in Café Eleven.
- SALC 70th Celebration Invitation was noted by councillors.
- NALC STAR Council award – Council **AGREED** that they were not interested in the award as at this time.

33.19 STREET LIGHTING – The Clerk reported that Eon engineers had corrected a number of lamps to local residents' satisfaction. Cllr Shearan reported that street lights on Olden Lane numbers 2 and 4 were still work in progress. The Clerk confirmed no invoice had as yet been received.

34.19 SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA – Council discussed a local resident's work in trying to reduce local litter.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20 pm; reminding all that the next meeting was to be held on **2nd July 2019 at 6.30 pm at The Victoria Room.**

Confirmed as accurate.....CHAIRMAN Cllr S Gittins

Date: 2/7/2019

Appendix A Clerk's Report