

Ruyton XI Towns Parish Council

Report from Shropshire Councillor Nick Bardsley

Parish Council Meeting: 5th May 2020 *via Zoom*

1 Yardley

Since your discussions last month there has been further activity.

- there has been a formal response (on April 17th) from Ian Kilby setting out his views on the key issue of the proposed change of use and whether or not an application for Planning Permission is required. He states that it is NOT required. This has been copied to Parish Councillors. In that email it is stated that the Director of Children's Services intends, nonetheless, to submit an application. As far as I know that is still her intention. I have a "remote" meeting with the portfolio holder and her on Thursday afternoon. It is certainly my view that an application should be made - even if there is any doubt as to the legal requirement to do so.
- Ian Kilby's opinion has been formally challenged by the Vice Chair, particularly referring to a very recent application for a change of use in Baschurch in similar circumstances.
- there have been further representations from local residents concerned at activity on site and the apparent unwillingness of SC officers to consult.
- In a very recent update the Vice Chair has raised additional concerns about older children/young adults occupying some of the accommodation and potential problems with "county lines".

I have in mind arranging an initial meeting of the Liaison Group before the end of this month. It would be helpful if the Parish Council could nominate two Members to serve on the Group.

2 Household Recycling Centres

There has been a partial reopening of HRCs this week. I know that local residents here and in other Parishes will welcome this development in the light of mounting evidence of:

- a marked increase in fly tipping

- rather more use of bonfires than would be expected at this time of year, and subsequent complaints from neighbours.
- difficulties in storing garden waste at home over an extended period

The press release relating to HRCs is attached.

3 Funding for Town and Parish Councils

A letter from Cllr Peter Nutting is attached. I think this is an issue principally for the larger market towns but Ruyton XI Towns Parish Council does have responsibilities (notably for the maintenance of the Cliffe) which in other parts of Shropshire are undertaken by Shropshire Council.

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