

Yardley Liaison Group

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Meeting on July 1st, 2020 via MS Teams

12.00pm to 1.00pm

Present

Chairman of Ruyton XI Towns Parish Council - Cllr Simon Gittins (SG)
Vice Chairman of Ruyton XI Towns Parish Council - Cllr David Spicer (DS)

Shropshire Councillor and Cabinet Member for
Children's Services - Cllr Ed Potter (EP)
Shropshire Councillor for Ruyton and Baschurch - Cllr Nick Bardsley (NB)

Interim Assistant Director Children's Social
Care and Safeguarding - Sonya Miller (SM)
Yardley Project Manager - Rick Singh (RS)
Property Strategy Team Jane Kenyon (JK)

Representing immediate neighbours Carl Longland (CL)

Welcome and Introductions

NB thanked everyone for joining the meeting and welcomed JK to her first meeting of the Liaison Group.

Minutes of the Meeting held on June 25th

Draft minutes had been previously circulated. These were formally agreed.

Planning Application: 20/01988/COU

SM explained in a brief update that she had met with JK on site on June 25th and that further consultation was now desirable. She had received representations from residents in Ruyton XI Towns *in support of the application* that had not been submitted formally on the Planning Portal.

JK then introduced herself as a planning officer by profession - but now employed as a member of the SC Property Strategy Team. She was acting as agent for the Children's Services Department. She endorsed the proposal for a drop in session in RXIT to allow further representations on the planning application to be made.

NB raised a number of questions:

- when would the drop in session be held - and where?

- How would the RXIT community be made aware that it was being held?
- how would existing representations from the public (submitted within the timetable specified in the application) be affected?
- would those who had already made comments have a period in which to make further comments?
- had this extension of the application timetable been discussed/agreed with the case officer, Jane Raymond?
- how should the Parish Council now consider the application? It was clearly unreasonable to expect the PC to make any decisions until any further consultation period had elapsed and until JK had presented clear proposals for addressing concerns already expressed over parking at Yardley and highway access from and egress onto Brownhill.

SG strongly endorsed these concerns. It seemed most unlikely that a special meeting of the PC could now be held in July. He asked if the timetable would allow consideration of the application in September?

NB explained that, with the agreement of the applicant, it was not unusual for application timetables to be extended but he was concerned that a project of considerable significance to Children's Services would now be further delayed.

EP endorsed these concerns. It was clearly important to have the new Children's home operational as soon as possible because it was in the best interests of Shropshire's LAC to be in residential care locally and the use of a SC home was very much more cost effective than private residential care.

CL reiterated the concerns of neighbours who had made representations within the timetable specified.

- If the application were to be significantly amended would there be a fresh application?

- What relevance would the Drop-in session have to the planning process?
- Would there be any further information available for consideration?
- How would this impact upon the timetable/programme, as it would add in key stages, such as: Advertising, organising and holding the Drop-in; consideration of issues raised by the applicants; amendments to the proposals by the applicants; further consultation on the amendments; decision by the planners?
- Can officers provide this information prior to the Parish Council meeting on 07 July?

SM identified, in respect of parking/turning at Yardley itself, that the existing garage would be demolished to increase the space available. However she believed that Children's Services may have limited influence over the speed restrictions on the road which Yardley House is situated on.

SG responded that, as the Applicant, the buck stops with Children's Services which had the responsibility to find solutions to the issues raised, to negotiate and find funds to deliver a package that satisfies all parties.

After further discussion it was agreed that:

- JK would inform NB as soon as possible of a projected timetable - dates for drop in session, extension of consultation periods etc. NB was committed to updating the PC at its next meeting on July 7th. He asked JK to provide further information, if possible, no later than Monday July 6th. *A suitable venue for the proposed drop in session might be the Memorial Hall in RXIT.*
- it would serve no useful purpose to fix a date for the next meeting of the Group until JK was able to clarify a timetable for progress.

Next meeting

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Amendments

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Children's Services

Carl Longland

Simon Gittins