

## **RUYTON XI TOWNS PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting of Ruyton XI Towns Parish Council held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at Victoria Rooms Ruyton XI Towns.

**Present:** Cllrs Trevor Allison, Tamarin Bibow, Kerry Coldwell (Chairman), Paul Dean, Mervyn Eyles, Robert Hamlett, Nick Kynaston, Kate Mayne, Anne Mitchell, Luke Penton.

**In attendance:** 4 members of the public, Cllr Nick Bardsley (Shropshire Council), Dianne Dorrell (Shropshire Association of Local Councils - SALC)

### **108/23: Welcome by Chairman**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted the resignations of Cllr Scott Denyer and the Parish Clerk. A Locum Clerk has been identified and will be formally approved at the January meeting of Council. An advert for a replacement clerk has been sent to SALC for publication. Steps will be taken to fill the casual vacancy.

**109/23: To note Apologies:** no apologies to note

**110/23: To Note Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests and consider and determine Dispensation requests** – no disclosures of Pecuniary Interest to note, or request for dispensation

**111/23: Public session:** a member of the public asked to record the session, which was noted by the Chairman.

**112/23: Minutes:** Council resolved unanimously to defer approval of the outstanding minutes to the next meeting

**113/23: Reports: Council to consider and note any reports received.**

- a) SC Cllr Nick Bardsley: Council noted the report which is attached to the minutes
- b) Local Police Report/Rural: none

**114/23: Parish Matters, updates from councillors**

- a) CIL Road Safety Scheme for Ruyton XI Towns, update from meeting on 1st Nov with SC & WSP; to include decision on representation for Project Board. The Chairman reported that agreement was reached regarding membership of the Project Board being The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Cllr Robert Hamlett, and follow up meeting would be arranged in the New Year. The ATC data is being finalised and the original plan and other relevant documentation would be sent on. It was agreed that further discussion regarding the damage to the Cross would be included in the next agenda
- b) Council noted that a discussion will take place at the next meeting regarding the precept, based on the information to be provided by Shropshire Council and the budget needs
- c) Council noted the need for road sweeping regarding slippery leaves, Councillors advised to notify Shropshire Council via FixmyStreet and direct email to relevant officer at Shropshire Council

**115/23: Policies :**

a) Council unanimously approved the draft Vexatious procedures policy, previously circulated, which would now be added to Complaints Policy.

**116/23: Planning applications– Council to consider (applications received after agenda sent out will not be considered)**

None received.

**117/23: Finance – to consider and approve:** bank reconciliation, to be brought to the next available meeting

**118/23: Payments – Council to consider and approve payments:** Council unanimously approved the payments listed below:

Payments	To	For
£365.00	Dave Peat	Parish Maintenance
£67.20	Highline	Street Light repair
£1147.05	L Bardsley Clerk	Salary & Back Pay to Oct
£31.18	L Bardsley Clerk	Expenses Oct/Nov
£342.94	HMRC	Clerk Salary Tax Nov
£101.77	Nest Pension	Clerk Pension Nov
£71.19	Nest Pension	Clerk Pension Dec
£155.46	HMRC	Clerk Salary Tax Dec
£833.63	L Bardsley Clerk	Salary to Dec
£18.00	L Bardsley Clerk	Expenses Dec

**119/23: Correspondence received:**

The Chairman reported that a further anonymous letter had been received and the writer is referred to the statement made at the 5<sup>th</sup> October meeting, also to be found on the website in due course. The Chairman indicated that she was happy to meet with any individuals to discuss their concerns.

**120/23: Future agenda items:** Councillors are requested to use this opportunity to report minor matters of information not included elsewhere on the agenda and to raise items for future agendas:

Precept

The Cross repairs

VAS signs – need for replacement batteries

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Appointment of Locum  
Setting up a Community Orchard  
Process for updates to Parish Council website

**121/23: Next Council meetings** – Council resolved to meet on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024, 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024, and 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

**122/23: Confidential items:**

**Public and press are excluded from this item and are respectfully asked to leave.**

Staffing matters – Council agreed the members of the interview panel.

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Report from Shropshire Councillor, Cllr Nick Bardsley:

**Ruyton XI Towns Parish Council Report from Shropshire Councillor Nick Bardsley**  
**Parish Council: 5th December 2023 Planning Application 23/03474/FUL: the**  
**Grange Brownhill - *previously known as Yardley*** I have been copied into recent email correspondence with the Case Officer. This suggests that it may be some time before the Application is on the agenda for a meeting of the Northern Planning Committee.

**Replacement Medical Centre for Prescott Surgery** Despite there being a firm appointment for a Teams meeting on November 24th between local NHS managers, Shropshire Council and the Partners, the meeting did not take place. It had to be cancelled/postponed at the last minute (less than 24 hours beforehand) because a key local manager in the NHS team was unavailable.

**Baschurch Railway Station** Baschurch Parish Council has accepted a formal proposal from SLC Rail consultants and commissioned “an opinion piece” study into the viability of the project to open/reopen a station. This is a low cost and fairly speedy exercise to assess whether or not it is worth pursuing a much more expensive “Outline business case” study.

**PGL development proposals** Your Chair, other Parish Councillors from both Ruyton XI Towns and Baschurch, and I attended a productive meeting with local residents (mainly from Stanwardine in the Fields) at PGL on November 22nd. There was a lively discussion but I feel now that PGL has a rather better appreciation of entirely valid local concerns. I’m optimistic that further discussions and consultations with both local communities will take place. This should benefit them (and PGL management).

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