

RUYTON XI TOWNS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ruyton XI Towns Parish Council meeting held at Victoria Rooms Ruyton XI Towns on Tuesday 5th March 2024 at 6.30 pm,

Present: Cllr Trevor Allison, Tamarin Bibow, Kerry Coldwell (Chairman), Paul Dean Mervyn Eyles, Rob Hamlett, Nick Kynaston, Kate Mayne (part), Anne Mitchell, Luke Penton

In attendance: 10 members of the public, Cllr Nick Bardsley, Shropshire Council; Lee Jakeman (Locum Clerk)

150/23: Welcome by Chairman – The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Members were informed that the meeting would be clerked by a replacement locum (Mr Jakeman) due to the unavailability at short notice of the current/previous locum Mr Cruise-Taylor).

151/23: Apologies: Nil

152/23: Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests – Nil.

153/23: Public session – A member of the public raised concerns over the condition of Blackbow Hill Road, particularly as a result of flooding (being unable to see potholes).

154/23: Minutes: RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 6th February 202, be approved.

155/23: Reports:

- a) Members noted receipt of a report from the local policing team which had been circulated to members.
- b) SC Cllr Nick Bardsley summarised his report which had been circulated to councillors', topics included: the Doctors Surgery, the Shrewsbury Movement Strategy and a planning application at the Grange.
- c) Members were informed that correspondence had been received (on the day of the meeting) regarding planned resurfacing works in the area.

156/23: Parish Matters, including updates from councillors.

- a) **The Cross** Members discussed the matter of the repairs to the damage of the Cross and agreed that the new locum clerk should pursue the matter with the Council's insurance company.
- b) **Community Orchard** Members discussed the matter in general terms including the noting of comments from some residents.

- c) **Website upgrade/ improvements** – The replacement locum was asked to liaise with Cllr Eyles on the matter to understand where the Council is in relation to improving the website.
- d) **Oswestry Area Committee (SALC)** – Cllr Penton advised members that he had recently attended a meeting of the subject committee.
- e) **Committees and Working Groups – RESOLVED: to dispense with all existing working groups/committees other than:**
 - a) **The Village Hall Working Group** (and for that to comprise Cllrs Penton and Bibow).
 - b) **The Road Safety Working Group** (and for that to comprise Cllrs Coldwell, Eyles and Hamlett).
 - c) **The Countryside Working Group** (and for that to comprise Cllrs Allison, Hamlett and Kynaston).
 - d) **Staffing Committee** (and for that to comprise Cllrs Bibow, Coldwell and Eyles)

157/23: Planning.

- a) Members noted recent determinations (by the LPA) of the following planning applications:
 - a. **23/05547/FUL:** Fern Hollow, School Road, Ruyton Xi Towns SY4 1JT; Bay window front extension, first floor extension and garage conversion works and associated alterations to provide further living accommodation. New front porch under existing open porch roof covering. **Status: Granted**
 - b. **23/05156/FUL** Butlers Barn Elbridge Ruyton Xi Towns Shropshire SY4 1JJ; Erection of single storey link extension between two existing buildings. **Status: Refused**
 - c. **23/03474/FUL:** The Grange Brownhill Ruyton Xi Towns SY4 1LR; Application under Section 73a of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the installation of a retaining wall and associated landscaping. **Status: Refused.**
- b) Members considered the following planning application(s):
 - a. **24/00485/FUL:** Barnyard Croft, Church Street, Ruyton Xi Towns, SY4 1LA; Erection of a detached dwelling following removal of garage and **RESOLVED: To support, without comment.**

158/23: Finance.

- a) **Bank reconciliation:** Members noted that the Unity Trust Bank balance as at 29th February was £63,378.91.
- b) **Payments: RESOLVED to approve the following payments:**
 - Shropshire Council Electricity: £312.61
 - Information Commissioner's Office: £35.00
 - Locum Clerk February Fee (*Cruise-Taylor*) £300.00
- c) **Microsoft 365 licence – RESOLVED: to renew the MS 365 licence for 2024-25**

159/23: Correspondence received - Nil

147/23: Future agenda items: Councillors were advised to submit any future agenda items to the locum clerk.

148/23: Next Council meetings – RESOLVED for the Council to meet next on Tuesday 9th April (and subsequently on 7th May 2024).

Members further noted that the Annual Parish meeting will be held on 21st May 2024.

149/23: Confidential items:

RESOLVED that: pursuant to the provision of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 that the public and press be excluded.

- a) **Staffing** – RESOLVED to appoint Lee Jakeman as the locum clerk (in line with the contract tabled at the meeting) **while the Council recruits for the permanent position.**
- b) **Planning Enforcement** – Members noted correspondence regarding planning enforcement matters.

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