

# RUYTON XI TOWNS PARISH COUNCIL

## 5 SEPT 2023 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

An ordinary meeting of the Parish Council was held at St John's School, at 6.30 pm on Tues 5th Sept 2023.

Parish councillors in attendance: Mr T Allison, Mrs T Bibow, Mrs K Coldwell, Mr S Denyer, Mr M Eyles, Mr R Hamlett, Mr N Kynaston, Mr L Penton.

Also in attendance:, Lydia Bardsley (Clerk), Public: 44

Meeting started at: 6:33pm.

### 55/22: Welcome by Chairman

It was **NOTED** that both the Chairman Cllr David Spicer, and Vice Chairman Cllr Alyson Lister had stood down from the Council on Mon 4<sup>th</sup> September. It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Eyles would Chair this Council meeting as a temporary measure, and it was **FURTHER NOTED** that there would be an agenda item at the October meeting to elect a new Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council. Cllr Eyles took the Chair. He formally opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

He read out a statement that had been agreed by Cllrs prior to the meeting. [The full version of this joint statement will be available on the website as an appendix to these minutes.](#)

Cllrs support the objectives of supporting road safety. He spoke on a recent leaflet distributed to households and a second display board at the SC information session, that were not approved by Parish Council or SC. Cllrs apologise if this gave impression of the CIL road safety project being a done deal. SC have confirmed that the decision of the Parish Council on the CIL project will be taken into account.

Works originally scheduled for Oct half term have been postponed which gives opportunity to take stock of the situation.

### 56/23: Apologies

No apologies received.

### 57/23: Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests and Dispensation

The following Cllrs declared an other registerable interest in item 63/23e CIL Road Safety Scheme for Ruyton XI Towns, and had requested dispensation in order to take part in discussions and a vote:

- Cllr Luke Penton, Cllr Rob Hamlett

After discussion, separate votes were held for each dispensation request. Neither Cllr Penton nor Cllr Hamlett participated in the vote for their respective dispensation requests. Cllr Denyer abstained from participating in the votes as he questioned the necessity of requesting dispensation. The result of the votes are as follows:

Cllr Penton request: 6 in favour and one abstention

Cllr Hamlett request: 6 in favour and one abstention

It was therefore **RESOLVED** to grant dispensation to both Cllrs Penton and Hamlett to allow them to take part in discussions and a vote on the above agenda item.

### 58/23: Public session

The Chairman reminded members of the public that the Public session would be for 15 mins, with max 3 mins per person. The Chair would have the discretion to extend this session if needed, but in order to consider all the items on the agenda, they urged everyone to please be concise in their comments and

avoid repetition to allow everyone the chance to share their views. The public were reminded that once a person has spoken there will not be another chance to speak during the meeting. The Chair also explained that if members of the public wished to record the meeting on any devices, that it was lawful, but that it would be a courtesy to make this known to everyone the meeting.

Members of the public made the following comments on the following agenda items:

64/23 (3) Planning application The Grange, Brownhill, ref: 23/03474/FUL:

- Works have ruined the streetscene, destroyed habitats, and are unsympathetic to area.
- Representative of applicants – Works were necessary and undertaken to support structural integrity of the slope. Structural survey has been completed by Berrys to support this. In terms of the appearance, there will be screening, retaining wall cannot be seen it is now underground, timber cladding alongside where neighbours are.
- Neighbours – Enjoyment of their home is undermined by the works. No notice given until day before work commenced. Vegetation has been stripped. Engineering works were undertaken without plans and drawings. Photos were shared with Cllrs of the site prior to works commencing. Neighbours are now overlooked by The Grange. Previous planning applications for The Grange have been refused. There was no slope stability report, only a building survey report, not an engineers report.

Chair gave some background on the works at The Grange. This matter had been considered at Council meetings previously as there were concerns about the site. Tracy Darke (SC's Assistant Director of Economy and Place with responsibility for Planning), had made a site visit and had advised retrospective planning application was needed for the work at The Grange. This matter has therefore come before the PC again. It was **NOTED** that SC Cllr Bardsley has asked for this application to be determined by Planning Committee rather than Planning Officer delegation. Chair continued that PC is disappointed that these things happen and that people do not seek permission first before starting works, and he was keen to see that all applicants follow proper planning process in future.

Further comments made on the The Grange application:

- PC don't know what is going to be built on the slab where previous garage was so should not speculate. Application is for a wall, not a building, didn't believe habitats and vegetation have anything to do with planning. Applicants intend to lower the wall. Previous applications are very different. SC are at fault as they decided planning permission wasn't needed, left it for months, and then changed their minds.
- Planning Inspectorate made clear on previous applications that land at front of property should not be altered. This current application was not linked to the previous applications on SC Planning Portal until today after involvement from Helen Morgan MP. The original contractor doing the groundworks was not qualified and had no plans, and the resident emphasised how dangerous the works were.
- After a question it was confirmed that the original sandstone wall is still in place.
- Applicants - They were under belief that permission was not needed, and it took 7 months to get a reply from SC. Eventually SC visited and decided work was acceptable, so owners continued with work to an extent. Then they were asked to put in a retrospective planning application which they have now done. They have not tried to hurt anyone else, they are just trying to make the ground stable. They had originally planned to replace the garage, but these plans are paused and will come under a separate planning application. SC will need to decide first if current structure is suitable. They have tried to hide retaining wall with earth.

It was **AGREED** to extend the public session by 15 minutes.

Cllr Allison requested to read a statement out regarding the CIL Road Safety Scheme. [The full statement will be available on the website as an appendix to these minutes:](#)

As longest-standing member of Council he had moral duty to 'read the Riot Act' and asked everyone to think about the future of the village. He emphasised the need for road traffic to adapt to changing conditions to keep children and elderly residents safe. HGV and agricultural drivers need to change driving habits, and must respect rights of residents who use pavements. He recommended French system of physical barriers between vehicular and pedestrian spaces. He was very concerned that some tractor drivers don't consider the affect of their speed on pedestrians, and was seriously afraid newly resurfaced road will be treated as racetrack.

3 members of public left the meeting at 19.11

Members of the pubic spoke on agenda item 63/23e - CIL Road Safety Scheme for Ruyton XI Towns. As a summary the following points were raised (in no particular order):

- Chair should have mentioned pedestrians during initial opening statements. Concerns expressed about predetermination of Cllrs, and activity on social media around the CIL project. Actions of Cllrs have fallen below standards expected of PC.
- Former Cllrs spoke on work of Safer Roads Group to control speed and size of vehicles going through village, and disappointment that project is delayed. People place more importance on being inconvenienced by slight delays over resident safety. They shared statistics on different stopping distances and risk of pedestrian death in collision with vehicles. 40mph - 90% chance of being killed. 30mph - 20% chance of being killed. 20mph - 2.5% chance of being killed. Measures most effective in reducing speed are traffic calming and 20mph zones, e.g. cushions, chicanes, planting. They urged everyone to support the CIL scheme and not vote against any aspect of it.
- Questioned whether there is a speeding problem and asked about speed data from VAS signs. Leaflets were not delivered to every household/business, and did not include impact of congestion on access for businesses. Concerned about confusion around pedestrian crossing, the difficulty for large vehicles to regain momentum, and parked cars reducing gap for vehicles to get through.
- Road surface is fantastic now, but lots of traffic travelling too fast through whole village not just the centre. Road needs to be safer so people feel safe walking, speed needs to be reduced, especially down Brownhill.
- Observations of displayed speeds on VAS signs - vehicles speed approx 70% of time, and it's worse since resurfacing. Fears it will be more difficult to exit properties safely on Brownhill now road is much quieter, and that someone could get hurt. Hoped road safety measures will be introduced.
- There have always been large vehicles in Ruyton, but volume has changed. Tractor drivers do need to be aware, sometimes young drivers don't realise what it is like being a pedestrian next to a large tractor. Proposals are not the right solution, it will create a main road through a collection of houses, rather than community. 38 lights is overkill. The number of speed bumps will create lots of noise when wagons for feeding poultry pass over them. They gave examples of Clive village as being safer for roads and it has no infrastructure like what is being proposed in Ruyton.
- Other solutions might be more attractive e.g. French system mentioned by Cllr Allison. What about an average speed camera from Platt bridge to Stone Cross. Concerns about carbon emissions from idling vehicles, and vehicles speeding up between cushions. They all want a safer village but don't feel it is the right way.

Cllr Denyer explained that discussions have been going on for very long time, and lots of different ideas have been proposed and considered over that time. Different solutions have sometimes been proposed that were unfortunately not feasible or achievable.

- Disagree that local lorries come through Ruyton by choice, they see it as a death trap. Many proposals will make it more difficult for lorries to get through. Believe lorries will need to be on wrong side of road on Church street which will be more dangerous. This was echoed by another resident.
- Walk to bus stop by Church street bend, very narrow, very dangerous. Children use it to get school bus. What can they do to make that safe? Worry mirrors from passing traffic will hit you.
- Traffic is unbelievable (former HGV driver). Drivers are using Ruyton as a shortcut to reach Harlescott businesses. Most towns have ring roads, but not Shrewsbury. House shaking from through traffic.
- Object to number of speed cushions, it's far too many. Downsides of emissions, extra braking, noise, cyclists will be forced into centre of road if parked cars remain. All want slower speeds, but who is going to enforce this? Some drivers will still straddle cushions e.g. motorbikes, large 4x4s. No way of enforcing this. Good signage will make people think.
- Know safety has to be addressed, but concerned about speed cushions vibrations and impact on old properties. In discussions with previous chair they had been told new cushions should make less noise and vibrations. Had asked if something could be installed to monitor this. Proposals won't change volume of traffic, hundreds of houses being built in Baschurch, and local businesses like Lloyds won't send their drivers on long diversions on A5.
- Pedestrian experience on Church bank – near collision between 4x4 and trailer with wagon which mounted pavement. Resident had to run back to Church to avoid being struck. Vehicles frequently go straight over Quillets roundabout, they can't get out of their house safely. They are considering moving. Traffic makes their house shake, and feels like being back in grandparents home in Salford.
- Damage done to wall.
- Church street opposite Talbot Inn - Unhappy photos of their house used in leaflet. Concerned about privacy. Existing issues with traffic movements in and out of pub will be exacerbated by narrowing road.
- Horse rider, against the measures. Appreciate something has to happen, but traffic will build up causing gridlock, and distress to animal in queues.

Chair thanked everyone for sharing their comments in public session. All these comments have been already been discussed in Council meetings. There are pros and cons to these solutions. PC has to represent public, and as there are two distinct camps it will be a difficult decision for Council.

### **59/23: Minutes**

It was **RESOLVED** to confirm that the [Council meeting minutes dated 4th July 2023](#) were an accurate and true record.

It was **AGREED** to bring forward agenda item: 64/23 Planning applications and item 65/23 Planning decisions.

### **64/23: Planning applications– Council to consider and agree/ratify responses**

#### **1. [Coton Side, Ruyton XI Towns, ref: 23/02405/FUL](#) – Council to ratify response**

Proposal: Construction of a 20m x 40m menage with fencing and entrance gate. Comments deadline: 29.07.2023

It was **RESOLVED** to ratify the following response that was agreed by Councillors under the Council's Scheme of Delegation:

SUPPORT: The Council believes that there is a bridleway close to the proposed menage, however the proposed menage should not be visible from the bridleway and as it will not be overlooked by any other properties, there are no objections to the proposals.

## 2. [Land West Darlee Cottage Brownhill, ref: 23/02893/FUL](#) – Council to ratify response

Proposal: Full Planning to develop 2 dwellings, formation of vehicular access with visibility splay, to include removal of trees as approved in Outline application 14/04168/OUT and subsequent approved Reserved Matters Application 18/02858/REM. Comments deadline: 16.08.2023

It was **RESOLVED** to ratify the following response that was agreed by Councillors under the Council's Scheme of Delegation:

OBJECT: (The full comment can be found on the online Planning Portal via the link above). Councillors still have objections regarding the following:

- destruction of trees
- cutting into the hillside (what will happen to the resulting spoil?)
- pollution and run-off into the River Perry below the site
- high groundwater levels and inundation of soakaway, making this ineffective
- flood risk
- vehicle movements to and from the site on to the B4397 on Brownhill, which is well-known to be a problematic stretch of road
- type and character of proposed housing

The PC also has doubts and concerns about the vehicle tracking plan. The PC requests that if the application is granted permission then contractor vehicles should be prevented from parking on Brownhill for safety reasons.

## 3. [The Grange, Brownhill, ref: 23/03474/FUL](#) – Council to agree response

Proposal: Application under Section 73a of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the installation of a retaining wall and associated landscaping. Comments deadline: 16.09.2023

After discussion and a vote it was **AGREED** to object with the following comments:

This matter was considered at previous Council meetings and PC maintains its previous position on these works. SC needs to establish whether the works were in fact needed, and is the solution proportionate to the problem. The Council also requests clarifications on future intentions for the site.

It was **AGREED** to continue with Planning decisions.

## 65/23: Shropshire Council Planning decisions

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the following:

1. [North West Relief Road Scheme, 21/00924/EIA](#) – Pending consideration
2. [Ruyton Hall, Olden Lane, ref: 23/00562/FUL](#) - Pending consideration
3. [New access, Ruyton Hall, Olden Lane, ref: 23/01632/LBC](#) - Pending consideration
4. [Coton Side, Ruyton XI Towns, ref: 23/02405/FUL](#) – Grant permission
5. [Land West Darlee Cottage Brownhill, ref: 23/02893/FUL](#) - Pending consideration

It was **AGREED** to bring forward agenda item: 68/23 Payments.

## **68/23: Payments – Council to consider and approve**

### **a) Invoices/reimbursements to be ratified/authorised**

It was **RESOLVED** to ratify the the following payments:

- Flowerscape, 16 x hanging baskets, £496.00 (no VAT) – paid 14.07.2023
- Friends of St John’s School, donation towards outdoor shelter, £1500.00 (no VAT) – paid 07.08.2023

It was **RESOLVED** to authorise the following payments:

- Shropshire Council, Q2 streetlight energy £312.61 (of which £52.10 VAT) – paid by DD 01.09.2023.
- Clerk, Sept staffing costs, £844.68 (of which £5.20 VAT, unrecoverable)
- HMRC, Sept PAYE and NI contributions, £135.09 (no VAT)
- NEST (Direct Debit), Sept emp’ee and emp’er pension contributions, £66.83 (no VAT)
- D. Spicer, reimbursement for storage boxes for PC documents, £48.59 (of which £8.10 VAT, unrecoverable)
- SALC, training invoice 2117 (Fundamentals for Cllrs, What to expect at meetings, Code of Conduct), £70.00 (no VAT)
- SLCC, annual membership fee (split with Clive PC), £93.50 (no VAT)
- PKF Littlejohn LLP, external audit, £252.00 of which £42.00 VAT)
- Time Assured Ltd, St John’s clock service, £180.00 (of which £30.00 VAT)
- D.E. Peate, Village maintenance and floral displays (May-Aug 2023), £1158.00 (no VAT)

### **b) Urgent invoices to approve after publication of agenda**

None received.

It was **AGREED** to bring forward item: 63/23e Parish Matters - CIL Road Safety Scheme for Ruyton XI Towns.

## **63/23: Parish Matters – Council to receive updates and agree actions**

### **e) CIL Road Safety Scheme for Ruyton XI Towns**

The Chairman Cllr Eyles proposed an amendment to the motion to include several alternative measures to consider for the CIL project and went through his reasoning behind suggesting these amendments, e.g. rural vs urban traffic calming solutions, whether the CIL money could be used better by spreading the budget between more safety issues, rather than putting it all into one or two solutions.

Cllr Denyer objected to the suggested amendment if the proposal was to support an alternative package of traffic calming measures. Cllrs do not know if this alternative package is feasible or affordable. He would support re-evaluation of proposals currently on the table, and the postponement of works gives more time to do this. PC should not be voting on whether it supports those alternative measures at this point in time. This needs further discussion with SC.

Members of the public strongly objected to the suggestion that these alternative proposals are new proposals. These have been considered along with many others over years of discussions between SRG and SC and Cllrs have been sent monthly reports, which included reasons why certain solutions have been carried forward to the present package of proposals and why others have not. Numerous members of the public left the meeting.

It was **NOTED** that the Council would need to move quickly on discussions while there are no speed cushions outside school.

After discussion it was agreed to change the motion to the following:

E: [parishclerk@ruytonxitownsparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:parishclerk@ruytonxitownsparishcouncil.org.uk)

[www.ruytonxitownsparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.ruytonxitownsparishcouncil.org.uk)

**Council to consider feedback from community, and to further consider the following CIL alternatives, and agree actions:**

- i. Rationalisation of road signs
- ii. Remove centre white line along Brownhill
- iii. Coloured high-friction surface outside St John's School
- iv. Enhance speed cushions and carry out any necessary lighting improvements within current 20mph limit along Church street
- v. Install new speed cushions and new lighting required by these along Brownhill
- vi. Priority system on Church Street
- vii. Improved road markings, kerbing and signage at Cross junction
- viii. Lorry warning system at top of church street

After consideration, it was **AGREED** that further discussions should be held with SC to understand feasibility and cost implications of the above alternative proposals. The Clerk would liaise with SC to arrange a (preferably face-to-face) meeting as soon as possible.

Members of the public were very upset that Cllrs did not get more involved when these discussions were ongoing while the SRG was working with SC. Many members of the public left the meeting at approx. 8.20.

A member of the public asked if proposed speed cushions would be bolted on and if so could SC trial a smaller number of these before committing to the full amount as proposed. The Chair explained that SC have actually suggested a trial priority system in front of Talbot Inn for a week as a way of monitoring impact. It was unknown whether there would be a charge to the PC for this trial.

It was **RESOLVED** to resume the normal order of agenda items.

### **60/23: Casual vacancy**

Council to receive update and consider any applications received

Clerk reminded Cllrs that this seat had been vacant since April and that it is expected that PCs should fill a vacant seat as soon as possible if co-opting. After discussion, it was **RESOLVED** to re-open applications for the 1<sup>st</sup> vacancy with a deadline of 9pm on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Sept, with a view to making a decision at the October Council meeting.

It was **NOTED** that the resignations of Cllrs Spicer and Lister meant there were now 2 more casual vacancies. The Clerk would prepare and send the statutory notices to SC after the Sept meeting. There would be a statutory period where members of the public could request a by-election to fill either of these vacant seats, but if no such request is made during that notice period then the PC would be able to advertise to fill the seat(s) via co-option.

### **61/23: Policies to review and approve**

It was **AGREED** to defer the following until the next meeting:

- a) Action Plan quarterly update
- b) Village Hall Working Group Terms of Reference
- c) Community Engagement Policy
- d) Staffing (Sub-)Committee Terms of Reference

### **62/23: Reports – Council to consider and agree actions**

- a) Shropshire Councillor Nick Bardsley (appendix A)

SC Bardsley was unfortunately unable to attend the PC meeting but had sent the following report which was **NOTED**:

- An update on the SC CIL Proposals info session held on 1<sup>st</sup> Sept which was well-attended.
- Planning application 23/03474/FUL, The Grange, Brownhill – SC Cllr Bardsley had requested that this be determined by the Northern planning Committee.
- b) Local Police Report/Rural crime

No police report received. It was suggested that police enforcement could be requested in line with implementation of CIL project.

- c) Safer Roads Group

The SRG report was **NOTED**.

- d) Countryside Working Group

It was **NOTED** that:

- **The Spinney** – It was **AGREED** that Clerk will ask contractor to cut paths.
- **Consultants for countryside/wildlife projects** – Clerk had obtained some costs from Shropshire Wildlife Trust and would be requesting prices from other organisations as well. It was **AGREED** to carry this item over to the October meeting.
- **Wildflower meadow (Bridge Inn Field)** – It was **AGREED** to ask the PC's contractor to cut the meadow again around mid to end October.
- **Hedgehog signs** – It was **NOTED** that these have been erected. It was **FURTHER NOTED** that the fence post on gate to Bridge Inn field is rotting, but that this will be SC responsibility. Cllr Denyer will send Clerk photos to report this to SC.
- e) Clerk's update report (appendix B)

The clerk's report was **NOTED**, and is available as an appendix on the PC website.

It was **FURTHER NOTED** that Scottish Power have apparently completed the work to connect the replacement lantern after it was damaged by the fallen tree on School Road. The Clerk had also responded to Unity Trust re. the Council's eligibility for the FSCS.

## **63/23: Parish Matters – Council to receive updates and agree actions**

### **a) Council assets**

#### **i. War Memorial leak - Council to receive update and consider actions**

It was **AGREED** to ratify the Council decision to engage Phil White Associates to undertake a structural survey of the War memorial Cave following reports of water leaks. This decision was taken in between meetings after seeking quotes, due to the potential need for swift action. The cost for the survey had been agreed at £850 (no VAT).

Phil White Associates had inspected the War Memorial Cave on Weds 30th August. A full written report was awaited but the structural engineer has shared some initial thoughts. There were no immediate actions required but the engineer had recommended the following as actions for the Parish Council:

- Have a discussion with SC Highways to determine limits of responsibility for the cave and the rock cutting.
- Further investigations: Remove ivy and small amount of vegetation and to arrange a touch survey to identify loose rock and remove from the face, or stabilise and remove (depending on size)
- Monitor: Arrange regular inspections of cave and cutting.
- Priority 1 - Immediate actions: None
- Priority 2- Urgent actions (within weeks or months, 6 months at most) - Removal of any identified loose blocks/wedges of the rock above and inside the cave.
- Priority 3 – Necessary (time to plan, can be integrated into other work. Work required to keep structure in state of good repair) - Devise a vegetation management plan and implement it, to prevent root growth from displacing rocks, but ensure enough vegetation is maintained to prevent



rainwater washing away soil from the top of the cutting and destabilising rocks. Ensure vegetation management plan is reviewed at regular intervals.

- Priority 4 – Desirable (not strictly necessary) – None.

It was **AGREED** that Clerk will go back to engineer and get ideas of cost and timeframes for additional investigations recommended.

- ii. **War memorial name and info plaques** - Council to receive update and agree actions

The PC's LBC planning application to add additional memorial plaques was granted permission on 7th August, but it was **AGREED** that this work should be paused while structural investigations are taking place in case any repair work is required.

- iii. **Stone Cross damage – Council to receive update**

The PC had asked structural engineers Phil White Associates to look at the Stone Cross whilst in Ruyton to inspect the War Memorial Cave. The engineer could not see any further movement of the Cross since the original accident in April 2022, and it appears to be in the same condition as the previous inspection in June 2022. It was **AGREED** that PC will restart process of getting Cross repaired. Clerk will speak with engineer to check status and will re-circulate draft tender pack. It was **NOTED** that the PC don't have to make any decisions immediately on the Cross even if they do get quotes from contractors.

- b) **Traffic Mirrors on Old Post Office** – Council to receive update

Clerk had reported the missing mirror on Fix My Street on 4th July and was awaiting an update, but it was **NOTED** that current owners may not want the mirror to be reinstated.

- c) **Home Grown Show donation/sponsorship request** - Council to consider request

After discussion, it was **AGREED** to donate £230 to the Show. It was **FURTHER AGREED** that the PC would sponsor the Junior trophy, and would also donate a £20 book token as a prize for the winner. It was **AGREED** that Cllr Bibow would purchase the book token and deliver this to the Village Hall Committee before the Home Grown Show. She would be reimbursed at the October Council meeting.

- d) **St John the Baptist donation request for outdoor shelter** - Council to consider donation request

The PC had already donated £1500 of the original request for £3000. It was **AGREED** to check whether remaining £1500 is still needed as it is understood that the shelter has already been installed. The Council will defer making a decision on donating an additional amount until October meeting.

- e) **CIL Road Safety Scheme for Ruyton XI Towns**

This was discussed earlier in the meeting (after item 68/23 Payments).

## **66/23: Consultations – Council to consider and agree responses**

- a) **Community Governance Reviews** – Council to consider parish boundary anomalies and feedback from residents, and agree comments to send to SC

It was **AGREED** to defer this item to the October meeting.

It was **RESOLVED** to suspend Standing Order 3(x) to allow the meeting to continue beyond 2.5 hours.

## **67/23: Finance – to consider and approve**

- a) Receipts & payments July & Aug 2023
- b) Bank statement July & Aug 2023
- c) Bank reconciliations July & Aug 2023
- d) External auditor report for 2022-23

It was **RESOLVED** to note and approve the above items 67/23 a-d.

- e) Internal controls checks– Council to consider report

Cllr Eyles gave a report on the Internal Controls checks. There were no issues and no actions.

## **68/23: Payments – Council to consider and approve**

### **a) Invoices/reimbursements to be ratified/authorised**

In addition to the payments authorised earlier in the meeting (after item 65/23a), and in accordance with Council decisions (min ref: 63/23c) it was **FURTHER RESOLVED** to approve the following payments:

- Ruyton XI Towns Village Hall Committee, Home grown Show donation £230.00

## **69/23: Correspondence received**

It was **RESOLVED** to note the following:

- a) SALC July bulletin
- b) Airband webinar invite (17.08.2023)
- c) Unity Trust, re. FSCS eligibility
- d) NALC Legal update Aug
- e) Roadworks: Eyton Lane level crossing, Baschurch (29-30.07.2023)
- f) Roadworks: Track To East of Poultry Houses to Stanwardine (replace BT pole, 11.08.2023)
- g) Roadworks: B4397 resurfacing (21.08.2023-15.09.2023)
- h) Correspondence from Keir to residents re. resurfacing work.
- i) Roadworks: Big Walls, Ruyton XI Towns (replace BT pole, 26.09.2023)
- j) Roadworks: Newtown, Baschurch, (24.09.2023)
- k) Roadworks: Station Road level crossing, Baschurch (26-27.10.2023, 10.00pm -4.00am)

## **70/23: 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.

**Councillors are respectfully reminded that this is not an opportunity for debate or decision making.**

- CIL road safety project
- Casual vacancies
- Letter to SC transport dept about lack of info about road closures – It was **NOTED** that Cllrs Penton and Kynaston will remove temporary bus timetables if road works are finished while Cllr Allison away.
- It was **AGREED** Clerk will ask Highways for signage to caution drivers that new road surface is slippery.
- Election of chair and vice chair
- Working group membership
- Bank mandate
- St John's School donation

## **71/23: Next Council meeting – Council to agree**

It was **AGREED** that the next ordinary meeting would be held Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct at 6.30pm at Victoria Rooms. Cllr Bibow gave their apologies for this meeting.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their participation and closed the meeting at 21.12pm.

Confirmed as accurate: \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman. Date: \_\_\_\_\_