RUYTON XI TOWNS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Ruyton XI Towns Parish Council meeting held at Victoria Rooms, Ruyton XI Towns on Tuesday 6th October 2026 at 7.00 pm.

Present: Cllrs Trevor Allison, Paul Dean, Nick Kynaston, Anne Mitchell (Chairman), Rachel Paton & Luke Penton.
In attendance: Mrs M Baker, Parish Clerk; Shropshire Councillor Robert Jones. There were no members of the public.

57/26 Welcome by the Chairman – a welcome was given by the Chairman. The Chairman advised the meeting to publicise that landowners should ensure that their land is registered with the Land Registry, as unregistered land may be more vulnerable or targeted to ownership claims.

58/26 Apologies
Apologies were received and noted from Councillors Tamarin Bibow, Kerry Coldwell, and Mervyn Eyles.

59/26 Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensation
None.

60/26 Public Session
None

61/26 Minutes of the meeting held 1st September 2026
It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting held on 1st September 2026 and these were approved and signed.

62/26 Reports
Council to consider and note any reports received:

i. County Councillor Representative - Appendix A
ii. SNT Police Report - Appendix B.
iii. Clerk's Report – Appendix C

63/26 Parish Matters

i. **New Village Hall** – to receive the September report from the Joint Village Hall & Parish Council Steering Group. To give consideration for the Council to authorise the Joint Steering Group to open informal, non-binding exploratory discussions with the Shropshire Integrated Care Board (ICB), Sport England, Shropshire Council's Place Plan officers, and local landowners/commercial partners, to map out the spatial and infrastructural specifications for a proposed new multi-use Community Hub.
It was **RESOLVED** to defer the agenda item until the 3rd of November 2026 meeting.

ii. **Appointment of Internal Auditor –** consideration was given to the appointment of an Internal Auditor for the Financial Year 2026/2027 at a cost of approximately £280.00 plus traveling costs and any additional work at £25.00 per hour.
It was **RESOLVED** to appoint RLT Auditing as Internal Auditor for the financial year 2026/27.

iii. **Remembrance Sunday -** Consideration was given to arrangements for the laying of the Parish Council wreath and the Lighting of the Lantern of Peace. It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Rachel Paton would attend the church service and lay the Parish Council's wreath during the Act of Remembrance. It was further noted that the Lantern of Peace would not be lit this year due to the likelihood that the Cross will have been removed for repair. Cllrs Paul Dean, Nick Kynaston and Luke Penton will install the poppies.

iv. **Christmas –** consideration was given to the purchase of a Christmas Tree and sponsorship of the Carols (suggested date of the Carols, 19th December 2026). It was **RESOLVED** that the parish Council would set aside a budget of £100.00 for the Christmas Tree and Cllr Luke Penton and Nick Kynaston will install and decorate the tree. The will also ask for assistance from Kate Mayne; a donation to be given to the café to cover the costs of the Carols in line with last year. The meeting also agreed to the suggested date of 19th December 2026 to start at 5.00pm.

v. **Community Quilt Project – Sponsorship Request -** an email dated 28th September 2026 outlining the Community Quilt Project and detailing sponsorship opportunities and associated cost was received. Consideration was given to determine whether the parish council wishes to provide financial support for the project. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk make enquiries to establish which other organisations are supporting the initiative and the extent of any funding shortfall, and report back to the next meeting.

vi. **Street Light Inspection Report dated 26th August 2026** was received and considered. The meeting noted the update within the Clerk's report regarding the broken streetlight on Church Street. It was **RESOLVED** to confirm that the streetlights without identification numbers belong to the Parish Council and to obtain cost estimates for the remedial works recommended for lamp columns assessed as Condition 4, to inform future budget planning.

vii. **Doctors Meadow Field /Bridge Inn Fields Site Visit -** a letter from Shropshire Councils Interim Estates Manager dated 19th September 2026 was received and noted.

viii. **Letter from Cllr Tamarin Bibow -** correspondence from Cllr Bibow was received and noted.

ix. **Parish Council Action List** – Consideration was given to the latest circulated working document. It was **RESOLVED** that the Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) data be downloaded and presented for consideration at the next meeting. It was further **RESOLVED** that the Clerk write again to Highways regarding the safety concerns associated with the wall on Church Street, emphasising that its condition poses a potential risk to pedestrians, including children, as well as to road users.

64/26 Financial Reports

i. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the latest reconciliation of banking statements dated 30th September 2026 Appendix D

ii. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the schedule of payments dated 6th October 2026 and note receipts:

Payments:

Ent Date:	Inv No	Payment Method	Amount	VAT Amount	Description of Payment
04/09/2026	47	DD	373.79	62.30	Shropshire Council Energy Costs 2nd Qtr.
15/09/2026	48	DD	10.60	1.77	Tesco - Clerks Mobile Phone Monthly Contract
23/09/2026	49	BP	4734.49	789.08	CBS Conservation - Sandstone Blocks 2 no
28/09/2026	50	DD	35.99	6.00	Hugo Fox - Monthly Website
30/09/2026	51	BP	1021.32		M Baker (September Wages 6)
30/09/2026	52	DD	420.26		HMRC (Tax & N.I. - 6)
30/09/2026	53	DD	94.88		Nest (Pension 6)
30/09/2026	54	DD	7.00		Unity Bank Charges
06/10/2026	55	BP	378.88	63.00	PKF Littlejohn - External Audit
06/10/2026	56	BP	79.20	13.20	DM Payroll Services Ltd
06/10/2026	57	BP	3000.00		Shropshire Council - Contribution Cliffe Management 26/27
06/10/2026	58	BP	276.00	46.00	Highline Electrical - Street Light Testing 26/27
			£10,432.41	**£859.15**	

Receipts:

Ent Date			Amount
02/09/2026	HMRC - VAT refund		733.70
30/09/2026	Nationwide - Interest		19.01
			£752.71

iii. The External Auditors Report and Certificate for 2025/26 including the auditor's qualified opinion was received and noted.

iv. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the second-quarter budget review and accounts for the financial year 2026/2027. Appendix E

65/26 Planning Decisions and Applications

i. To note planning decisions:
26/03084/FUL Address: Perrydene Brownhill Ruyton Xi Towns, SY4 1LR – **Pending Consideration**
26/02966/FUL Address: Workshop/Showroom Leamans Garage, Church Street Ruyton Xi Towns – **Pending Consideration**
26/02894/FUL Address: Woodstock Wykey Ruyton Xi Towns – **Approved**
26/02812/OUT Address: Proposed Residential Development Land North Of Olden Lane Ruyton Xi Towns – **Consultation**
26/02623/FUL Address: Woodstock Wykey Ruyton Xi Towns- **Approved**
26/02581/FUL Address: Fairfield School Road Ruyton Xi Towns - **Approved**

ii. To consider and agree responses to planning applications: - None

66/26 Future agenda items: New Village Hall - report from the Joint Village Hall & Parish Council Steering Group; VAS Data.

67/26 Date of the next meeting
To note that the next meeting shall be held on November 3rd, 7pm at the Victoria Rooms.

[20.20 meeting closed]

Cllr Robert Jones
Shropshire Councillor for Ruyton and Baschurch
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Report to Ruyton XI Towns Parish Council: October 2026

Perryfield Rd Planning Application: 26/01060/OUT

There have been several significant updates in recent weeks relating to the Perryfield Road planning application for up to 155 homes in Baschurch. These include the applicant's response to the revised NPPF, a further submission from the ICB setting out its position on the need to expand local GP provision, and substantial revisions to the application itself. The original proposal to provide land and support for a new GP surgery has now been replaced with an offer of land reserved for healthcare-related uses. This materially changes the application's infrastructure offer and, as a result, Shropshire Council is carrying out a further consultation on the revised proposal.

Recent Meetings

Over the last month I have attended a number of meetings and events, including:

- A local screening of the People's Emergency Briefing;
- Briefings and preparations for the forthcoming LTP public consultation;
- A public meeting on Highways in Baschurch;
- Full Council at the Guildhall;
- SP Energy Networks briefing on winter preparations and resilience;
- A briefing on Adult Social Care finance;
- Rural Services Network conference session on rural transport;

Local Transport Plan Consultation

The draft Local Transport Plan is now out for full public consultation; details can be found at https://getinvolved.shropshire.gov.uk/consultations/shropshire-local-transport-plan/. It contains a number of themes that are particularly relevant to Ruyton XI Towns, including improving road safety, supporting rural accessibility and reducing the impact of traffic on communities. This provides a useful strategic framework for addressing long-standing local concerns around HGV traffic through villages, speeding, pedestrian safety and the condition of rural roads. The plan also recognises the importance of maintaining access to services in rural areas and improving transport options where possible.

Local Plan Update

The Council has taken the first formal step to begin the preparation of a new Local Plan under the Government's revised plan-making system. "Gateway 1" has now been completed, this is a self-assessment of its readiness to prepare a new plan and marks the official start of a 30-month plan preparation period.

This follows the summer consultation on the Local Plan scoping document, which attracted more than 800 responses from residents, parish councils, businesses and other organisations. These responses are currently being reviewed and will help inform the next stage of work alongside supporting evidence.

Parish councils and residents will have further opportunities to engage as the plan progresses through its various consultation stages.

New National Scheme of Delegation

From 31st October, new Government rules will change the way planning applications are referred to planning committees across England.

One of the most significant changes is that an objection or a request from a ward councillor, town council or parish council will no longer automatically provide a route for an application to be considered by a planning committee. Instead, applications will need to meet a nationally prescribed gateway test.

Residents, councillors and parish councils will still be able to support, object to or comment on planning applications and material planning considerations such as highways, flooding, heritage, ecology, landscape, residential amenity and planning policy will continue to be considered.

Shropshire Council already operates an agenda-setting process to determine which applications should go before committee and this will be developed into the new formal gateway process.

Oswestry Rural South

Safer Neighbourhood Team parish council report

Date:02/10/2026

Oswestry Rural South

Team email: oswestryrs.snt@westmercia.police.uk

Police Community Support Officers:

PC Wright **Mobile:** 07977 957689

PCSO Carroll **Mobile:** 07970 544372

PCSO Mabe **Mobile:** 07870 219669

Parish – Ruyton XI Towns

Community priorities:

1. Speeding

2. County Lines

3. Rural Theft

Priority 1.

There have been no reports of speeding.

There was a report of a two car RTC at the X roads. No injuries reported, even though one person reported having trouble breathing due to the powder from the airbag going off. When in the open air, their breathing recovered to normal.

We also received a report of a drunken male walking along the road towards to A5 adjacent to the garden centre and caravan storage facility.

Priority 2.

Nothing to report on.

Priority 3.

Sadly, we have had a report of an Ivor Williams twin axle stock trailer and Honda TRX 420 quad stolen from the parish at the beginning of the month. The was stored inside the trailer at the time of the theft.

The theft has been crimed. If anyone has any information regarding the above, please call 101 and quote log No. 00080_I_07092026

Emerging trends - Requests for information - other.

We recommend that the council look at www.police.uk for a fuller picture of incidents reported.

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1. Speeding

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Priority 1.

There have been no reports of speeding.

However there has been one report of an RTC at the X roads which led to an assault.

Priority 2.

Nothing to report on.

Priority 3.

Nothing to report on.

Appendix C

Clerks Report 6th October 2026

The Cross – The contractor has advised that an application for the traffic light installation will be made this week and expect this to take up to 10 days. We anticipate therefore that the project may commence in around 2-3 weeks from today.

Streetlight – Church Street -Please see the following update: After our Engineers initial site visit, we wish to exempt these works from OfGEM Guaranteed Standards of Performance for the following reason:

Traffic Management & same day reinstatement is required. We will coordinate with the Highway Authority to obtain the necessary permissions and reschedule on a mutually agreeable date.

We will endeavour to progress the repair and have this scheduled for 20/10/2026 but this may depend on other stakeholders' cooperation and assistance, if you have specific concerns or require an update, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Wildflower Meadow - A site meeting has taken place with the Chairman Cllr Anne Mitchell, the Clerk, and representatives from Shropshire Council Estates Department – details regarding the future maintenance of the wildflower area are included in Agenda item 63-26vii

Appendix D

RUYTON XI TOWNS PARISH COUNCIL
COMBINED ACCOUNTS RECONCILIATION

Item: **Date:** 30/09/2026

	Unity Trust	Nationwide		
Opening Balance	100,295.24	15,851.18		
				116,146.42
Receipts (excl. TFRs)	35,761.55	115.59		
			35,877.14	
Payments (excl. TFRs)	23,007.58	0.00		
			23,007.58	
			12,869.56	
Cashbook balance				116,146.42
				12,869.56
				129,015.98
Transfers between accounts	0.00	0.00		
Bank statement balance				
(Open bal. plus rec., plus				
TFR, less cleared pmts)	- £115,143.61	15,966.77		
(Plus uncleared receipts)	0.00	0.00		
(Less uncleared pmts)	2,094.40	0.00		
Reconciled balances	113,049.21	15,966.77		
				113,049.21
				15,966.77
Combined reconciled balance				**129,015.98**
			Variance	0.00

Meeting date: 6th October 2026

Confirmed as reconciled by Councillor: .....

Prepared by Parish Clerk/RFO

Appendix E

RUYTON XI TOWNS PARISH COUNCIL
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS 2026-27
Receipts & Payments, as at 30/09/2026

Balance b/f 116146.42

	Budget 26/27	Receipts &Payments 26/27	%Under over budget
Receipts			
Precept	35028	35027.85	0.00%
VAT refund	1000.00	733.70	
CIL	0.00	0.00	100.00%
Bank interest	200.00	115.59	
Other	0.00	0.00	100.00%
	36228.00	**35877.14**	-0.97%
Payments			
Wages	18000.00	8575.54	-52.36%
Administration costs (incl. bank charges)	2200.00	1051.07	-52.22%
Audit fees	565.00	212.79	-62.34%
Affiliation fees & subs	800.00	686.16	-14.23%
Insurance	1500.00	939.26	-37.38%
Training (incl. cllr mileage)	600.00	75.00	-87.50%
Street lighting & maintenance	1000.00	622.98	-37.70%
Village and grounds maintenance	2550.00	1417.75	-44.40%
Village floral displays	1200.00	536.00	-55.33%
Local grants & Donations (s.137)	1000.00	500.00	-50.00%
Community Events (s.137)	1000.00	0.00	100.00%
Safer roads	200.00	0.00	100.00%
Cliffe maintenance	4000.00	3000.00	-25.00%
VAT	1000.00	1072.67	7.27%
Village Hall & memorial Hall Legal Fees	500.00	0.00	100.00%
Mobile Library	1000.00	0.00	100.00%
	37115.00	**18689.22**	-49.65%
s.137 (max total spend)	**9403.71**	**500.00**	
Earmarked Reserves balances	**Current Bal.**	**Expenditure**	
Cliffe	3000.00	0.00	100.00%
QE11 Legal Fees	2000.00	0.00	100.00%
Roads	10000.00	0.00	100.00%
Neighbourhood/Drs Meadow Track	20000.00	0.00	100.00%
Village Hall Building Repairs	5000.00	0.00	100.00%
Village Hall Fund	6190.00	0.00	100.00%
New Village Hall	1000.00	372.95	-62.71%
War Memorial Tree	2000.00	0.00	100.00%
War Memorial seats	3000.00	0.00	100.00%
Cross Excess over Insurance	5000.00	0.00	100.00%

Election Costs	4000.00	0.00	100.00%	-
Legal Costs	3000.00	0.00	100.00%	-
General Reserves	17627.00	0.00	100.00%	-
Contingency	2000.00	0.00	100.00%	-
	£83,817.00	**372.95**		

Ring Fenced Reserves				
The Cross Repairs (Insurance Payout)	40281.93	**3945.41**		
VE Day Collection	1752.00	**0.00**		
Neighbourhood CIL	1493.00	**0.00**		
	£43,526.93	**3945.41**		
Total payments		**23007.58**		
Receipts over payments		**16814.97**		
Uncleared receipts		**0.00**		
Uncleared payments		**2094.40**	**2094.40**	
Cashbook balance				**129015.98**
Balance as Unity Trust Bank Statement				£115,143.61
Balance as Nationwide Bank statement				15,966.77
Combined bank balance				**131110.38**
Uncleared Payments & Income total				**2094.40**
				129015.98
Meeting date: 06.10.2026				-2094.40

Chairman signature.....

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