



MINUTES of the Ruyton XI Towns Parish Council Extraordinary meeting held at Victoria Rooms, Ruyton XI Towns on Tuesday 5th August 2026 at 7.00 pm.

Present: Cllrs Trevor Allison, Tamarin Bibow, Kerry Coldwell, Paul Dean, Mervyn Eyles, Nick Kynaston, Anne Mitchell (Chairman).

In attendance: Mrs M Baker, Parish Clerk; Shropshire Councillor Robert Jones & 6 members of the public.

39/26 Welcome by the Chairman – a welcome was given by the Chairman.

40/26 Apologies

Apologies were received and noted from Councillors Rachel Paton & Luke Penton.

41/26 Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensation

None.

42/26 Public Session

A member of the public questioned why the applicant had submitted the same application, given that the previous application had been dismissed on appeal. Another resident raised concerns about highway safety. Although the Planning Inspectorate had advised that the road could be made safe, the resident asked how this would be achieved in practice for a development of five self-build properties, who would be responsible for paying for the necessary highway works, and whether Shropshire Council could appeal against an appeal decision. Shropshire Councillor Rob Jones confirmed that he had written to the Head of Planning at Shropshire Council. A further resident highlighted that a strip of land within the proposed development boundary is owned by Shropshire Council. Councillor Jones advised that he would contact the Shropshire Councils Estates Team by email.

Another resident expressed concern that the purchase of the stonework, referred to under agenda item 43/26, was being funded from taxpayers' money. The Chairman assured the resident that the stone blocks were being purchased using the insurance payout.

43/26 Parish Matters

- i. **The Cross Repairs** – the Clerk's update report was received and noted – [Appendix A](#). The Clerk advised the meeting that the Parish Council had received confirmation from the conservation contractor that, following a site inspection, the stone blocks could be used at the War Memorial seating repair, in the event that they were not required for the Cross repairs. Consideration was given to approving the advance purchase of the sandstone blocks to avoid potential delays to the repair programme at a cost of £3,945.41 plus VAT. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the advance purchase of the sandstone blocks.

44/26 Planning Applications

- i. To consider and agree responses to planning application:
[26/02812/OUT](#) - Outline application for the erection of 5 No. self-build dwellings (to include access). Proposed Residential Development Land North of Olden Lane Ruyton XI Towns Shropshire.
Councillors raised concerns that there was no material difference between the current application and the previous application. It was **RESOLVED** to object to the planning application on the grounds discussed. Councillor Eyles agreed to draft the response, incorporating Councillors' concerns, and circulate it to members for comment before submission.

45/26 Date of the next meeting

To note that the next meeting shall be held 1st September 2026, 7pm at the Victoria Rooms.

[19.37pm meeting closed]

Clerks Report - 31st July 2026

The Cross Repairs – Sandstone Procurement for Cross Repair

To consider whether the Parish Council wishes to authorise the advance procurement of a replacement sandstone block for the Cross-repair project.

Background: The contractor has advised that the most suitable stone for the repair has an estimated 8–12 week lead time, which presents a likely pinch point in the overall programme and take us into the winter months. The Conservation Officer has expressed a preference for the Cross to be returned to its location as soon as practicable.

Whilst every effort will be made to conserve the existing components, both the contractor and the structural engineer have noted that damage may be unavoidable due to the extremely fragile condition of the material. In the event that new stone and carving are required, ordering the replacement sandstone block now would prevent a significant delay later in the project. However, it is *not* essential assuming all of the stakeholders are content with an extended repair period. Moreover, the sandstone blocks may not be required but we would be the owners of the blocks. I have enquired to see if the blocks were not required for the Cross repairs, whether it would be suitable to be used for the War Memorial seating– they have agreed to take a look today at the War Memorial and let me know. They will also advise me of the costing for the block later today.

Consideration: To procure the replacement sandstone block immediately, without prejudice to the ongoing conservation work, so that carving can proceed swiftly if required