

RUYTON XI TOWNS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ruyton Xi Towns Parish Council held at Victoria Rooms Ruyton Xi Towns on Tuesday 9th January 2024.

Present: Cllrs Trevor Allison, Tamarin Bibow, Kerry Coldwell, Paul Dean, Mervyn Eyles, Rob Hamlett, Kate Mane, Anne Mitchell, Luke Penton

In attendance: 3 Members of the Public; Cllr Nick Bardsley (Shropshire Council) Ian Cruise-Taylor, Locum Parish Clerk/RFO

123/23: Welcome by Chairman – the Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

124/23: To note Apologies - Cllr Nick Kynaston

125/23: To Note Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests and consider and determine Dispensation requests – None to note or consider

126/23: Public session – no comments

127/23: Minutes: Council approved minutes of the November and December meetings

128/23: Reports: Council to consider and note any reports received.

- a) SC Cllr Nick Bardsley – Council noted
 - Concerns about health provision for residents. It was agreed that the locum clerk would work with neighbouring parish councils to establish a common view, so that approaches to appropriate authorities can be made.
 - The PGL planning application had been approved
 - The Boundary Review outcomes will impact indirectly on Ruyton XI Towns PC as the Shropshire Council boundaries are changing slightly, with plans to align these to town and parish boundaries

129/23: Parish Matters, updates from councillors

- a) Report from Chairman on outcome of notification of casual vacancy and agree next steps – Council noted that no election had been called and that a co-option notice would be published in the near future
- b) Update on Community Orchard proposal and determine next steps – Council noted that Shropshire Council was making trees available and it was agreed that Cllr Mane would follow this up and that the resultant trees would be planted on the land formerly designated for wildflower planting. Council also noted the proposal for a Community Orchard and agreed this should be progressed
- c) Update on damage to The Cross, and determine next steps – Council agreed that the locum clerk should approach 3 potential specialist contractors, using the survey report as a basis for quotes
- d) VAS signs – agree next steps regarding ongoing maintenance – Council agreed that steps needed to be taken to establish the fault and correct and that a regular maintenance plan needed to be put in place.
- e) The Cliffe – agree next steps regarding replacing the notice board, additional notice board, refuse bins, information boards and query regarding trees. Council

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agreed to the locum clerk obtaining quotations for a new noticeboard either in wood or composite for consideration at the next Parish council meeting.

- f) Council noted an overgrown private hedge which was impacting on a bus shelter and traffic sign and agreed the locum clerk would write to the occupier seeking a remedy.

130/23: Planning applications– Council to consider and agree responses

- a) 23/05156/FUL: Butlers Barn Elbridge Ruyton Xi Towns SY4 1JJ. Proposal: Erection of single storey link extension between two existing buildings. **Decision:** No Comment
- b) 23/05246/FUL Bridgend Brownhill Ruyton Xi Towns SY4 1LR. Proposal: Erection of detached double garage with workshop in roof space. **Decision:** representation: Council expressed concern at the impact on visual amenity given the proximity to a Bridleway
- c) 23/05307/DIS: The Gables Blackbow Hill Ruyton Xi Towns SY4 1HU . Proposal: Discharge of Conditions 3 (Stone), 4 (Heads and Sills), 5 (Roof Windows), 6 (Roof Materials) and 7 (External Fittings) of planning permission 23/00210/FUL. **Decision:** no comment

131/23: Finance –

- a) **Council to consider and approve bank reconciliation:** Council unanimously approved the bank reconciliation
- b) **Council to consider and approve payments:** Council unanimously approved the payments listed

132/23: Precept – Council to consider budget information for 2023-24, draft budget for 2024-25 and determine the precept for 2024-2025 – Council considered and agreed the budget and resolved to set the precept at no higher than £31,920, the final calculation to avoid an increase in the per household charge.

133/23: Correspondence received – for information –

- Council was invited to respond individually to the Shropshire Council budget survey and to note it on the website

134/23: 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.

- Repairs to the Cross
- Update on Community Orchard
- Update on VAS maintenance

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

135/23: Next Council meetings – Council to meet on 6th February 2024, and 5th March 2024.

136/23: Confidential items:

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

Staffing matters – Council noted that the closing date on the advertisement would be extended

Council noted a planning enforcement matter.

Chairman.....

Date.....