



MINUTES of the Ruyton XI Towns Parish Council meeting held at Victoria Rooms, Ruyton XI Towns on Tuesday 4th March 2025 at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllrs Trevor Allison, Kerry Coldwell (Chair), Mervyn Eyles (Vice Chair), Nick Kynaston, Anne Mitchell, Rachel Paton, Luke Penton Shropshire Councillor Nick Bardsley

In attendance: Mrs M Baker and 10 members of the public.

Absent: Cllrs; Dean, Bibow, Mayne, Hamlett. Locum Clerk/RFO; Mr C Furnival

148/25 Chairmans Announcements

149/25 Apologies

Apologies were received and noted from Cllrs Dean, Bibow Mayne and Hamlett and Locum Clerk RFO Mr C Furnival.

150/25 Declarations of Interest

None declared.

151/25 Public Session

A statement was made by an Agent acting on behalf of the owners of The Grange, Brownhill regarding planning application 25/00134/FUL

A statement was made by a neighbour of The Grange, Brownhill objecting to the planning application. A full copy of the statement was handed to the Chair for Parish Council reference.

It was **RESOLVED** to bring forward item 159/25i for discussion

In view of the history and complexity of this case Shropshire Cllr Nick Bardsley advised that he could ask for it to be 'Called In' and decided by the Northern Planning Committee rather than a Case Officer. This would give the parties, and the parish Council, the opportunity to state their case in person at the hearing. Cllr Bardsley advised that there was no guarantee that a request would be accepted however he felt it was appropriate in this case.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept Shropshire Cllr Nick Bardsley's offer

5 members of the public left the meeting

152/25 Minutes of the meeting held 4th February 2025

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting on 4th February 2025 and these were approved and signed.

153/25 Reports

- i. Shropshire Council: Cllr Nick Bardsley provided a report for this meeting. **Appendix A**
- ii. West Mercia Police: The Locum Clerk read out the police report. **Appendix B**

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Ratified on : _____

Chair signature : _____

1 member of the public left the meeting

iii. Clerks Report: The Vice-Chair read out a report. **Appendix C**

It was **RESOLVED** to approach SC on the subject of new dog fouling signage and additional waste bins

It was **NOTED** that subsequent to our correspondence with Severn Trent Water the water leak by the Quilletts roundabout had been fixed.

Cllrs Allison and Mitchell asked for additional help in moving to new eMail addresses

154/25 Place Plan

No updates

155/25 Community Infrastructure Levy

It was **NOTED** resurfacing work was on SC Highways plan for next Financial Year although no time or date specified and no communication to this effect had been received.

Shropshire Cllr Nick Bardsley and the Chair referred to numerous past communications with SC which had not produced any result in over 16 months. Cllr Bardsley will raise the matter again informally with the Assistant Director and will now approach the SC Chief Executive to escalate the matter.

156/25 Stone Cross Repairs

Contractors quotes have been submitted to insurers. New Parish Clerk to be asked to chase them up for decision.

157/25 Parish Matters

i. **Installation of noticeboards –**

Dave Peate to be contacted to see if all parts now received and to arrange installation dates

ii. **VAS Signs –** The Locum Clerk and Cllr Eyles have inspected all VAS in the parish, a new inventory has been created and it has been identified that two are in need of new batteries which can be supplied by Morelock Signs for £58.00 Each + Vat & Delivery. There is no calibration or maintenance needed for these units, it is advised to keep them clean and regularly inspected for damage. New locks will need to be sought and an android phone to be purchased for the Clerk to download the data from these units.

It was **RESOLVED** that new Parish Clerk should obtain quotes for Android phone to be used for PC work and VAS sign App.

iii. **Annual Parish Meeting –**

It was **RESOLVED** to budget £200 for refreshments. Cllr Penton to investigate Tanners sale or return. Poster to be recoloured and circulated. Agenda to be produced and posted.

Suggestion was made that local groups (Church, WI, Local History, Gardening, Art, Brownies, RATS) be approached to see if they wanted a presence.

Cllr Eyles volunteered to prepare presentation on Planning Framework

iv. **VE Day Celebrations –**

NOTED that first project meeting had taken place.

It was **RESOLVED** to change the date of the village celebrations from 10th May to Bank Holiday Monday 5th May as this is being used for the start of 4 days of national Celebrations. Village events in line with National Programme will also be held on VE Day Thursday 8th May.

It was **RESOLVED** to purchase VE Flag and Peace Lantern. Cllr Eyles to contact David Munford for size of flag and details of bell ringers:-

v. **Doctors Meadow Playing Field –**

Item deferred as Locum Parish Clerk not present to give details

vi. **Village Hall Land Registration –**

Cllrs Hamlett, Kynaston and Penton to attend solicitor's office to confirm identity
Cllr Eyles to investigate death records of original Memorial Hall Trustees

vii. **Roadside mirror near Victoria Rooms –**

Item deferred as Locum Parish Clerk not present to give details

viii. **Hedge Cutting Feedback –**

Cllrs Penton and Kynaston reported that fliers had been delivered and hedge cutting had been completed

ix. **Green GEN Cymru Vyrnwy Frankton Project –**

Project is outside the boundaries of the Parish. **RESOLVED** not to comment in consultation

158/25 Financial Reports

- i. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the latest reconciliation of banking statements to the 28th Feb 25. Absence of Locum Parish Clerk meant copies not available to be signed at meeting but will be signed separately.
- ii. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments and note receipts;
Payments:

Ent Date:	Inv No:	Description of Payment	Amount:
25/02/2025	Invoice 60	Information Commissioner's Office	52.00
25/02/2025	Invoice 61	Locum Clerk fees for February	625.00
25/02/2025	Invoice 62	Microsoft	84.99
28/02/2025	Invoice 63	Bank Service Charge	6.00
28/02/2025	Invoice 64	Hugo Fox monthly subscription	35.99
28/02/2025	Invoice 65	Shropshire Council Energy Costs	339.52

Receipts:

Ent Date:	Description of Receipt	Amount:
25/02/2025	Reimbursement of overpayment	339.52

159/25 Planning Decisions and Applications

- i. Councillors agreed to submit the following responses to these applications;

Reference: 25/00134/FUL

Address: The Grange, Brownhill, Ruyton Xi Towns, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 1LR

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

RXITPC Response: See Above

Reference: 25/00372/LBC

Address: Ruyton Hall, Olden Lane, Ruyton Xi Towns, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 1JD

Proposal: Alterations to fenestration

RXITPC Response: It was **RESOLVED** not to comment

- ii. There were no decisions made by Shropshire Council on planning applications since the last meeting.

- iii. Councillors noted the appeal of Planning Enforcement case 23/09626/ENF.

160/25 Future agenda items

- Baschurch Youth Football Teams have asked whether it is possible to use Drs Meadow as practice pitch
- Update from Cllr Mitchell on GP Out of Hours contract in Shropshire
- Consider Waste Bins and Signage for Cliffe
- Update on Perry and Peatlands Project and implications for Parish
- Deferred items 1157/25v and 157/25vii

161/25 Date of the next meeting

The next meeting shall be held on 1st April 2025, 7pm at the Victoria Rooms.

It was RESOLVED that in accordance with section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, and as extended by Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public, including the press, be excluded from the meeting because of the confidential and commercially sensitive nature of the business to be transacted.

CONFIDENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS

163/25 QE2 Field

Update received.

164/25 Employment

It was **RESOLVED** to ratify the Staffing Sub-Committee's selection of Maxine Baker for the role of Parish Clerk/RFO

The meeting closed at 21:14

Appendix A – Shropshire County Councillor Report

Baschurch Railway Station Project

Revisions to both the Supplementary Note attached to the Statement of Opinion and the Submission to Shropshire Council in relation to the LTP 4 Consultation have been very recently received.

The Action Group has not been able to consider, in the very short time available, its views on the revisions.

Planning/Highways

Formal enforcement action was commenced in respect of **The Grange, Brownhill** by SC Officers on December 11th, 2024. An Appeal has now been lodged which effectively suspends the Enforcement Notice for the time being.

There has been, recently, a second retrospective planning application - 25/00134/FUL. This is included on your agenda for the meeting on March 4th.

If you wish I can seek to have this application “called in”. There are still a few days left for me to submit a formal request.

Green GEN Cymru Proposals

There is an item on your agenda for the March meeting.

A RXIT Parish Councillor and I called in at one of the public consultation events at the end of last week, on Friday afternoon, at Hordley Village Hall.

I’m sure Cllr Tamarin Bibow will be more than happy to share her views on the impact that the proposed new power line is likely to have on the Parish.

Prescott Surgery

I had a further meeting on Friday afternoon last week (February 28th) with one of the Partners in the Group Practice and the Practice Manager.

I think we all felt that the discussion had been constructive and that some progress was being made.

Appendix B – West Mercia Police Report

Community priorities:

Priority 1.

There have been no reports of speeding during the month of February.

There was a report of an overturned vehicle without injury. No further police action was needed in this situation. The road was cleared and re-opened as soon as possible.

Priority 2.

There has been a report of suspicious activity in the parish where a drone was flown over the property. Details of the vehicles were obtained and the incident closed.

Priority 3.

No reports of any drug activity has been received.

Any drug related issues which have been reported to us have been disseminated to the relevant departments.

Emerging trends - Requests for information – other

As previously stated, crime statistics and details can be obtained through <https://www.police.uk/>

Appendix C – Locum Clerks Report

Dog fouling in the parish

The parish council has been contacted by a resident who has raised concerns with regards to dog fouling in the parish, particularly with regards to an increase in dog fouling that is being seen in areas such as Doctors Meadow and QEII field. The resident has requested if the parish council could ask Shropshire Council for new signage to be erected and a new waste bin.

Severn Trent Water

Conversations are ongoing with S Davidson at Severn Trent Water regarding improved communications between STW and

the Parish Council to enable the PC to share details of upcoming infrastructure works by STW to residents more efficiently.

No details regarding future infrastructure plans have yet been shared with the Locum Clerk, however further enquiries have been made. STW have re-iterated that the recent advice regarding a natural spring bursting through the road surface needs to be reported via FixMyStreet as this matter is something that Shropshire Council should address.

Emails

Five Councillors are now successfully using their new Parish Council email addresses. All Councillors need to move over to the new email addresses as soon as possible and support via the Locum Clerk and Cllr Eyles is available.

Training

The Locum Clerk has circulated the latest training scheduled available to all Councillors. Anyone wishing to book onto a course should contact the Locum Clerk.