

RUYTON XI TOWNS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ruyton XI Towns Parish Council meeting held at Victoria Rooms Ruyton XI Towns on Tuesday 1st October at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllrs Trevor Allison, Tamarin Bibow, Kerry Coldwell, Paul Dean, Mervyn Eyles, Rob Hamlett, Nick Kynaston, Anne Mitchell

In attendance: 4 members of the public, Cllr Nick Bardsley (Shropshire Council), Sarah Windridge (Clerk)

Absent: Cllrs Kate Mayne, Rob Hamlett and Luke Penton

66/24 The Chairman opened the meeting, welcomed everybody and confirmed the housekeeping arrangements.

67/24 Apologies. Apologies were received from Cllrs Kate Mayne, Rob Hamlett and Luke Penton

68/24 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Bibow declared an interest in planning applications 24/03585/LBC and 24/03695/FUL

69/24 Public Session

The Chairman of the parish council suspended standing orders.

One member of public mentioned road safety in the village, particularly on Brownhill road and asked whether the road safety group is still going or whether there had been any updates from Shropshire Council. Cllr Coldwell confirmed that, as per the minutes of the last meeting, the Clerk had been chasing updates from Emma Walker. Ms Walker has confirmed that the Parish Council will have an update in early Autumn.

Another member of the public asked about the need for her to close the road to undertake much needed tree surgery in the garden. The resident has been liaising with the Clerk regarding this and it has become clear that Shropshire Council require a full road closure for the road to take place. Cllr Kynaston suggested that Cllr Penton could have a look at the trees to see what work needs to be done.

Action: Clerk to email Cllrs Penton and Hamlett and ask them to have a look at the proposed work, and also contact Shropshire Council regarding the repair works to Platt Bridge to enquire as to whether the roads would be closed during the bridge repairs.

70/24 Minutes of the meeting held 31st July 2024 and 3rd September 2024

Copies of the minutes have been distributed to members of the Council and displayed on the website. Minutes of the meeting on 31st July 2024 and 3rd September 2024 were approved and signed.

71/24 Reports Council to consider and note any reports received.

a) SC Cllr Nick Bardsley

Report is attached as an appendix

b) Police report

Report is attached as an appendix

c) Clerk's Report

The clerk reported the following:

1. The Clerk has contacted Shropshire Council regarding the Place Plan and is awaiting a reply to confirm that some items can be removed from the Place Plan.
2. At the previous meeting, Cllr Hamlett asked whether Phil White, who is investigating The Stone Cross, could inspect the church wall as well. This meeting took place today and will be discussed under another agenda item.
3. The Clerk has contacted the local primary school regarding the plans to join a multi academy trust. A letter has been received to confirm that it has been recommended that the school continue the process to convert to an academy and join Shropshire Church of England Academies Trust.
4. The Clerk has contacted Shropshire Council regarding Platt Bridge and is awaiting a reply.
5. The Clerk has contacted the local school regarding the archives and has begun to compile a list of documents which can be deposited with Shropshire Archives.

6. The Clerk contacted RAF Shawbury and it has been confirmed that night flying schedules will be included in the next newsletter.
7. The Clerk has contacted the contractors who carried out repair work to Café XI and is awaiting a reply. Cllr Coldwell confirmed that the owner of Café XI has had a visit from the contractor and a maintenance plan has been agreed.
8. The Clerk reported that the pension scheme has been set up along with a direct debit for monthly payments.
9. The Clerk has completed 2 hours of overtime in September but, if the council agree, will add this onto a later payslip. It was **RESOLVED** that the overtime would be added to a later payslip.

72/24 Place Plan

There were no updates regarding the Place Plan. The Clerk will report back with an update when one is received.

73/24 Community Infrastructure Levy update

The Clerk received an email on 10th September from Emma Walker to say that she has been informed that she should imminently receive the finalised design plan for the project. Once this is received, a board meeting will be held to update Councillors. The hope is to forward the designs over to contractors for programming, with a view to aligning with the remainder of the resurfacing works that are due to take place early next year.

Action: Clerk to email Emma Walker again to ask for an update.

74/24 Parish Matters, updates from councillors

- a) Community Orchard. The Clerk circulated the results of the Community Orchard Questionnaire, and these are included in the minutes as an appendix. Next steps will be discussed at a subsequent meeting when all Councillors are present.

Action: Clerk to arrange for the three trees to be removed as discussed in previous meetings.

- b) Village Hall. To receive an update regarding the Land Registry application for the Village Hall. Cllr Coldwell has looked over the deeds.

It was **RESOLVED** to instruct a solicitor to check the deeds and submit an application to the Land Registry.

Action: Clerk to obtain 3 quotes for legal services.

- c) Notice boards. Quotations were circulated at the meeting. It was **RESOLVED** to purchase 3 noticeboards for the Parish to replace the existing boards at Platt Bridge, the School, and Doctors Meadow, within a budget of £4000.

Action: Clerk to research options, order 3 boards, and obtain quotes for installation of new boards and removal of boards which are not being replaced.

- d) The Stone Cross. Mr Phil White visited the Stone Cross today and has been instructed to complete the tender process. Standing Orders were suspended whilst a member of the public mentioned a local stonemason who might be able to be part of the tender process.

Action: Clerk to ask Mr White to contact CBS, the local stonemason, and two further companies as part of the tender process.

Phil White has recommended that the Parish Council ensure that the Loss Adjuster is from the Parish Council insurers and not the Vehicle insurers so is acting in our interest.

Action: Clerk to contact insurers to clarify.

Mr White looked at the Church wall and confirmed that this should be repaired by Shropshire Council.

Action: Clerk to robustly pursue Contact Shropshire Council to ask for the repairs to be completed.

- e) To consider attendance at the SALC AGM. It was **RESOLVED** that Cllrs Eyles and Coldwell will attend to represent the Parish Council.

Action: Clerk to accept the invitation on behalf of Cllrs Eyles and Coldwell

- f) River Perry. To consider recent report on River Perry water quality. It was **RESOLVED** that further information was needed regarding this.

Action: Clerk to contact the environment agency, Cllr Kate Mayne, and the Angling Trust to ask for more information on water quality reports.

- g) Winter Fuel Allowance. Cllr Coldwell confirmed that the Clerk has contacted Rev Lucinda to put arrangements for pensioners in the village. Funds may be available from the Basnet, Matthews and Minton Trust and the Clerk is waiting to receive further information.
- h) It was **RESOLVED** that the Council would elect a representative onto the Basnet, Matthews and Minton Trust once further information is received.

(Cllr Bardsley left the meeting at 20:10 pm)

75/24 Finance reports

- a) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the latest reconciliation of banking statements and schedule of payments.
- b) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments:

Date	Payment to	Descriptions	Net	VAT	Gross
02.10.24	Shropshire Council	10 X 0365 Exchange Online Plan	£475.20	£95.04	£570.24
02.10.24	Shropshire Council	Realign VAS sign	£91.43	£0.00	£91.43
			£566.63	£95.04	£661.67

Action: Clerk to raise query with Shropshire Council regarding the 0365 Exchange Online Plan as an invoice was received in April regarding this.

76/24 Policies

Cllr Eyles has circulated the Terms of Reference for Working Groups and will propose these for adoption at the next meeting.

77/24 Planning Decisions and Applications

a) To consider and agree responses to planning applications

- Reference: 24/03482/FUL (validated: 17/09/2024)
Address: The Dog, Church Street, Ruyton Xi Towns, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 1LA
Proposal: Change of use and conversion of the existing outbuilding from function room to guest accommodation providing 3no. duplex rooms and an accessible suite
Parish Council Response: Object
- Reference: 24/03483/LBC (validated: 17/09/2024)
Address: The Dog, Church Street, Ruyton Xi Towns, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 1LA
Proposal: Conversion of the existing outbuilding from function room to guest accommodation providing 3no. duplex rooms and an accessible suite
Parish Council Response: Object

The Parish Council object to the planning application for the following reasons:

The car park is not large enough to accommodate customers of the pub and those using the holiday lets.

Possible traffic issue caused by proposed signage, which could potentially result in vehicles having to turn around at The Stone Cross

Lack of visibility when exiting the car park

The incorporation of the existing disabled toilet into the accessible accommodation will result in the loss of the disabled toilet in the pub.

- Reference: 24/03585/LBC
Location: Ruyton Hall, Olden Lane, Ruyton Xi Towns, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.
Proposal: Erection of single storey extension, revised fenestration and alterations affecting a Grade II Listed Building
Parish Council Response: NEUTRAL
- Reference: 24/03695/FUL
Location: Ruyton Hall, Olden Lane, Ruyton Xi Towns, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.
Proposal: Erection of a single storey rear extension. Amendments following former consent.
Parish Council Response: NEUTRAL

b) To note planning decisions

Reference: 24/02758/VAR (validated: 18/07/2024)

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

Proposal: Variation of Condition No. 2 attached to permission 21/05736/FUL dated 07 February 2022

Decision: Refuse

Reference: 24/02767/VAR (validated: 18/07/2024)

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

Proposal: Variation of Condition No. 2 attached to permission 21/05737/LBC dated 09 February 2022

Decision: Refuse

78/24 Future agenda items: Items to be considered for a future agenda should be emailed to the clerk no later than 1 week before the next meeting. 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.

Cllr Kynaston asked if Remembrance Day could be added to November agenda.

Meeting was closed at 20:25

79/24 Next Council meeting 5th November 2024 (Full Council), 7:00 pm at Victoria Rooms

Ruyton XI Towns Parish Council

Report from Shropshire Councillor Nick Bardsley

Parish Council: 1st October 2024

Planning

New Medical Centre: Prescott Surgery

I'm pleased to say that the Shrewsbury Primary Care Network Estates Strategy document was finally received earlier this month - and in time for the meeting at the Surgery on September 13th.

The meeting with the senior partner, Dr Guildford and the Practice Manager was productive, but I was concerned that neither of them had been able to see the strategy document earlier.

It is clear that very substantial sums need to be spent on many surgery buildings across the Network and that the very significant growth in housebuilding planned by the Government will only add to the difficulties of outdated, inadequate premises.

I have had a very brief initial discussion with Julia Buckley MP for Shrewsbury. Many of her constituents, e.g. in Bomere Heath are patients at the Prescott Surgery. And she will have a considerable interest in proposals generally for the Primary Care Network.

Whilst undoubtedly Shropshire Council is able to contribute, via CIL funding, to the provision of new premises for the Prescott Group practice, it is most unlikely to be able to meet the full cost.

Water Quality in the River Perry

I attended the initial meeting in Baschurch on September 11th and will contribute to the discussion when Parish Councillors reach that item on your agendaNB 240930

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Parish – Ruyton XI Towns

Community priorities:

- 1. Speeding**
- 2. Thefts**
- 3. Drugs**

Priority 1.

There have been no reported speeding issues from within the village. There have been a couple of highway related reports from the stretch of the A5 covered by this parish – a suspected drink driver, two reportedly cars speeding, and a breakdown.

Priority 2.

There was a report of an overnight theft of items from a van within the village

Priority 3.

We have had one report from a local resident where drugs supply/use may have been a factor. This has been looked in to, local enquiries made and intelligence reports submitted. So far no lines of enquiry have been established.

Emerging trends - Requests for information - other.

I have looked at all of the incidents for September and there are no emerging crime trends or areas of concern.

Below is a link for the Police.uk crime map for the parish. The figures supplied currently are for July, but the site is full of very useful information and crime statistics.

<https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/west-mercia-police/oswestry-rural-south/?yourlocalpolicingteam=about-us&tab=crimemap>

Community Orchard Questionnaire
Report on responses from residents of Ryton XI Towns

On 23rd August 2024, a questionnaire was circulated throughout the Parish via the website, the village email group, and paper versions in the village café. Parishioners were informed that the deadline for responses was 14th September.

A total of 19 responses were received and the responses are as follows:

1. Do you currently use the community area near Platt Bridge commonly known as Jubilee Field for any recreational activity.

Frequently	10	53%
Rarely	4	21%
Never	5	26%

2. Are you aware of the small community orchard recently planted there (by the Parish Council and volunteers?)

YES	17	89%
NO	2	11%

3. Would you engage with a community orchard in the village to help maintain it/ use fruit/ educate children or other purpose?

YES	9	47%
NO	10	53%

4. We have not been able to identify any other land in public ownership that would be suitable for replanting. If the trees are removed, do you have a location where all or some of the trees could be replanted to maintain the Community Orchard project

YES	5	26%
NO	5	26%
UNANSWERED/ ALTERNATIVE ANSWER	9	48%

Alternative locations for the trees include:

Private gardens:	2	
Doctors Meadow	3	
Main path up Cliff	1	

5. Would you prefer the Parish Council to
 - a. Attempt to gain ownership of the land to retain the orchard in its current location.
There will be a cost involved in time and money.
 - b. Remove the trees and return the site to its previous condition

ATTEMPT	10	53%
REMOVE	9	47%

In conclusion, the results of the questionnaire suggest that:

1. 53% of those surveyed **frequently** use the Jubilee Field Orchard for any recreational activity.
2. 89% of those surveyed are **aware** of the Jubilee Field Orchard
3. 53% of those surveyed **would not engage** with a community orchard in the village to help maintain it/ use fruit/ educate children or other purpose?
4. Alternative locations for the trees include:

Private gardens:	2	11%
Doctors Meadow	3	16%
Main path up Cliff	1	5%

5. **53%** of those surveyed would **attempt to gain ownership** of the land to retain the orchard in its current location.
47% of those surveyed would **remove the trees** and return the site to its previous condition.