

RUYTON XI TOWNS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ruyton XI Towns Parish Council meeting held at Victoria Rooms Ruyton XI Towns on Thursday 11th April 2024 at 6.30 pm,

Present: Cllrs Trevor Allison, Mervyn Eyles, Nick Kynaston, Kate Mayne, Anne Mitchell and Luke Penton.

In attendance: 3 members of the public, Cllr Nick Bardsley (Shropshire Council); Lee Jakeman (Locum Clerk).

Absent: Cllr Tamarin Bibow.

163/23: Welcome by Chairman: In the absence of the Chairman, the Deputy Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

164/23: Apologies: Apologies were noted from the following councillors : Cllr Caldwell, Cllr Dean and Cllr Hamlett.

165/23: Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests – Nil.

166/23: Public session – A member of the public asked Cllr Bardsley (Shropshire Council) 'is the bypass still going ahead?' Cllr Bardsley responded that the matter is still progressing and provided some background regarding the submission of the business plan.

167/23: Minutes:

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 5th March 2024, be approved.

168/23: Reports:

- a) Members noted receipt of a report from the local policing team which had been circulated to members.
- b) SC Cllr Nick Bardsley summarised his report which had been circulated to councillors', topics included: the Planning/Highways, Reopening a Railway. Station in Baschurch and Replacement Medical Centre for Prescott Surgery. Cllr Eyles asked Cllr Bardsley for his view on the proposals (and the ongoing public consultation) for charging for green waste disposal. Cllr Bardsley encouraged all members of the community to respond to the online consultation ([Garden waste and household recycling centres consultation | Shropshire Council](#)) Cllr Bardsley is seeking to set up a meeting with Cllr Chris Schofield regarding enforcement. Chair and Vice-Chair to submit available dates.

- c) Members noted correspondence/report relating to a Butterfly Survey taking on the Cliffe on 27th July and **RESOLVED: That permission be given for the Butterfly Survey to be undertaken as described in the report.**
- d) Members noted a general report from the Clerk:
 - i. **RESOLVED that: the repair works to the stone cross be undertaken in its current location.**
 - ii. Furthermore, members noted that further correspondence from Shropshire Council regarding the CIL Project, in that *I expect to have the final design by the end of this month, at which point I can look to provide availability to organise a Project Board meeting to update everyone*.
 - iii. The planting of trees on QEII Meadow has been submitted to SC for review.

169/23: Parish Matters, including updates from councillors.

Cllr Allison mentioned that he had concerns (through the Ramblers Association) regarding the condition of a number of rights of way near Pradoc. He agreed he will submit a resolution if issues were not resolved in a timely manner.

Cllr Allison reported that he had responded to a member of the community who had asked what action had been taken regarding tree felling on the Cliffe. The enquirer was informed about SC policy of removing invasive species.

170/23: Planning.

- a) Members noted recent determinations (by the LPA) of the following planning applications:
 - 24/00485/Ful** Development at Barnyard Croft – Permission Granted
- b) Members considered the following planning application(s):
 - None notified to the Parish Council since the previous meeting.**

171/23: Finance.

a) Finance Statements:

- i. Members noted the Finance Statement circulated with the agenda as at 31 January (a list of payments and receipts to date, copies of end of month bank statements and a bank reconciliation). **RESOLVED: to approve the payments and bank reconciliation as at 31st January 2024.**
- ii. Members noted the Finance Statement as at 29th February circulated with the agenda (a list of payments and receipts to date, copies of end of month bank statements and a bank reconciliation). **RESOLVED: to approve the payments and bank reconciliation as at 29th February 2024.**

- iii. Members noted the Finance Statement as at 31st March circulated with the agenda (a list of payments and receipts to date, copies of end of month bank statements and a bank reconciliation). **RESOLVED: to approve the payments and bank reconciliation as at 29th February 2024.**

b) Payments: RESOLVED to approve the following payments:

L Bardsley (Handover to locum)	£114.10
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172/23: Banking Mandates.

- i. **RESOLVED: To approve the removal of the previous Clerk and any previous councillors from the bank mandate for each of the Council's banking accounts with the Nationwide and the Unity Bank.**
- ii. **RESOLVED: The new clerk (pending/on appointment) be an authorised signatory of both bank accounts.**
- iii. **RESOLVED: That the following councillors be added as signatories to both accounts held by the Council: Cllrs Mayne and Mitchell.**

173/23: Annual Parish Council Meeting

Members were reminded that the Annual meeting of the Council is scheduled to be held on 7th May 2024 and, that at that meeting the Council will be required to elect a Chair and Deputy Chair of the Parish Council for the municipal year 2024/25. Members were asked that they forward nominations to the Clerk by Monday 29th April for inclusion in the agenda.

174/23: Exclusion of the Press and Public:

RESOLVED that: pursuant to the provision of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 that the public and press be excluded.

- a) **Staffing** – Members received an update on the recruitment process for the Clerk including the fact that interviews will shortly be held and **RESOLVED: To delegate the authority to make an offer of employment (in respect of the vacant Clerk Position) to the interviewing panel (Cllrs Caldwell and Eyles).**

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