

**RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON
PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9 APRIL 2003
COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM**

Present: Coun. Marshall (Chairman) Anderdon, Bulgin*, House, Jeiks, Lowe,
Shattock, Small and Walker. Mary Growthage (Clerk)
*District Councillor
Apologies: Coun. Rexworthy

04/03.01

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 March 2003, having been circulated, were taken as read and duly agreed and signed by the Chairman.

04/03.02

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Coun. Dickinson arrived at 7.35pm

21/2003/006 - ERECTION OF SINGLE STOREY EXTENSION TO PROVIDE
SHED/STORE AT DENMEAD, BARTON LANE, RUISHTON (PC)

Coun. Shattock declared an interest and left the meeting for this item.

This planning application was approved.

21/2003/007 - ERECTION OF DETACHED GARAGE AT 24 NEWLANDS
GROVE, RUISHTON (PC)

This planning application was approved subject to there being no letters of objection received by 17 April 2003.

40/2003/OO2LB - INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL ALTERATIONS AT MANOR
FARMHOUSE, THORNFALCON (TD)

The meeting had no problem with this application providing the Conservation Officer has no objection.

RESTORATION OF EXISTING POND AND EXPANSION INTO SMALL LAKE,
FIELD KNOWN AS TWELVE ACRES, MANOR FARM, THORNFALCON O.S.
3253 (TD)

The meeting considered there would be no significant impact on the visual surroundings.

PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS

31/2003/002 - ERECTION OF DWELLING AND DETACHED GARAGE IOB
NEWLANDS CRESCENT (03/03.02)

This application was refused by Taunton Deane.
Being over development of the site.

31/2203/001 - ERECTION OF SINGLE STOREY EXTENSIONS AT 4
NEWLANDS GROVE, RUISHTON (03/03.02)

This application was also refused by TD
Being over development of the site.

21/2001/018 - ERECTION OF BATCHING PLANT, TARMAC CONCRETE
WORKS, HENLADE. (01/02.03) This application was refused by TD as the
proposed development does not make adequate provision for safe access to the site by
vehicular traffic, pedestrians and cyclists in the locality of the site frontage to the
A358.

04/03.03

CLERK'S REPORT

Coun. Mullins arrived at 8.00 pm

BEST VILLAGE COMPETITION - It was agreed to put this on the next agenda for
consideration.

LITTER BIN AT HENLADE CROSSROAD - This has now been erected between
the bus shelter and telephone kiosk.

PARISH ELECTION - This is an uncontested election. The Council being one
member short of the required number. The Parish Council should now co-opt a person
to fill the vacancy by 20 June 2003.

If the vacancy is not filled then a fresh election will be called to fill the vacancy.

RUISHTON LANE - Coun. Bulgin* has meet Liam Gill (Highway Services) and it
has been agreed that the verges and banks along the lane were encroaching on the
highway by 12-18" for most of its length. Liam Gill agreed to clear that the road
surface back to it's original line, thereby restoring the lane to its original width.
Adjacent householders would then be asked to cut their hedges back to this line.

It was also agreed that the drain gully, that has sunk, outside Ruishton Lane Cottages,
be repaired as a matter of urgency.

ALEXEVIA CARAVAN PARK - The Clerk has not received a reply, it is noted that
the wall has now collapsed. It was agreed that the clerk should write to Stuart Jarvis
(SCC) with regard to this matter.

It was also agreed that the Clerk write to the owners of 35, Newlands Road asking
them to cut back their shrubs.

FIELD/CHEATS CORNER - There is ragwort growing in this field (next to Procktor's Mead) which is a health hazard, the clerk will write to DEFRA on this matter.

04/03.04

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

GOLDEN JUBILEE PHOTOGRAPHS - There are still quite a few to be collected, they will be available at the Annual Parish Meeting, or, by contacting the Chairman on 442294.

TARMAC LIAISON MEETING - The date has been changed to 8 May 2003.

SOMERSET COMMUNITY CHEST - 50% grants, up to £750, are available for certain projects in rural communities. This will be advertised in the next newsletter.

EMERGENCY PLAN - A request for volunteers will also go in the next newsletter.

04/03.05

APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL GOVERNOR

This appointment will be on the next agenda

04/03.06

RISK ASSESSMENT

A draft Risk Assessment and Management 2003 was presented to the meeting by the Chairman and some amendments made. This will be brought back to the Council in its revised form at a later date.

04/03.07

QUOTE FOR LOWER HENLADE NOTICE BOARD

It was agreed to accept the quote from Mike Grabham for £250.00 to supply and fit a notice board 750 x 450 x 50mm constructed of hardwood with cork board backing the two glass lockable front doors. This is with the agreement of Ms Jane Harris who has agreed to the Notice board being fitted on her wall. Keys will be held by Ms Harris, the Clerk and Coun. Anderdon.

04/03.08

The following accounts were passed for payment:

	£	
M Growtage	106.68	Clerk's expenses

Richard Ball	146.87	Work on footpath/replace stile
Vale Labels	15.00	Newsletter
SALC	266.49	Affiliation fee 2003/04
Community Council	10.00	Subscription 2003/04
Taunton Deane	253.80	Provide/install litter bin

An account from Taunton Deane for £220.90 was not passed for payment as it is considered that the work has not been carried out satisfactorily. The Clerk will contact the DLO accordingly.

04/03.09 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

LOCAL PLAN - Hopefully the Inspector's report should be received in July.

THE MEETING ENDED AT 9.10 PM

DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

7 MAY 2003

THIS IS THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH