

**RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 7 MAY 2003
COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM**

Present: Coun. Marshall (Chairman), Anderdon, Bulgin, House, Jeiks, Lowe, Mullins, Rexworthy, Shattock, Small and Walker. County Coun. Watson, District Coun. Byrant and Durdan, Mary Growthage (Clerk)

All declarations of Acceptance and Interests were signed prior to the meeting.

05/03.01

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman and Vice Chairman were not elected at this meeting and is deferred until the next meeting.

By law, Coun. Marshall remains Chairman until another one is elected.

05/03.02

CO-OPT NEW COUNCILLOR

Only one person showed an interest in filling the vacancy on the Parish Council, being Mr Steve Hill of Lower Henlade.

Coun. Anderdon proposed and Coun. Jelks seconded that Mr Hill be nominated to serve on the Council. This was unanimously agreed and after signing his Declaration of Office, Coun. Hill joined the meeting.

05/03.03

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meetings held on 1 and 9 April 2003, having been circulated, were taken as read and were duly agreed and signed by the Chairman.

05/03.04

AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

The specific areas and the Councillors responsible are as follows:

Footpaths	Coun. House and Lowe
Highways	Coun. Anderdon, Bulgin and Clerk
Recreation Field	Coun. Bulgin and Rexworthy
Safety Issues	Coun. Mullins
Tarmac Liaison Committee	Coun. Bulgin, Mullins and Clerk
Police Contact	Coun. Marshall and Clerk
Press	Coun. Marshall and Clerk
Football Booking	Mrs Sally Luxton
Lower Henlade	Coun. Anderdon and Hill
Thornfalcon	Coun. House and Small
Local/Structure Plan	Coun. Bulgin and Marshall

Village Hall Representative	Coun. Jelks
LAMP Representative	Coun. House
SALC Representative	Coun. Anderdon and Clerk
Flood Wardens	Coun. Bulgin and Mrs Callen - Ruishton Coun. Anderdon - Lower Henlade
Opening VH for meetings	Coun. Rexworthy
Key Holders: -	
Ruishton/Henlade P0 Notice Boards	Coun. Marshall and Clerk
Thomfalcon Notice Board	Coun. House
Lower Henlade Notice Board	Coun. Hill and Clerk
Recreation Field	Coun. Rexworthy, Clerk and Parsons Landscapes

These will be posted on the notice boards with contact telephone numbers.

With regard to the tree warden. It was agreed to ask Mrs Bandy if she still wanted to be the tree warden for the parish and if so, to ask her to attend a meeting to give an update on the condition of trees in the parish

05/03.05

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

31/2003/008 - CONSTRUCTION OF DETACHED BUNGALOW AND GARAGE ON LAND BETWEEN HIGHCROFT AND THE BUNGALOW CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION (TD) REVISED SCHEME (31/2002/020)

The meeting thought that this would be overdevelopment of the site and therefore are against the application.

31/2002/009-ERECTION OF SINGLE STOREY FRONT EXTENSION INCLUDING PORCH AND ERECTION OF CONSERVATORY TO THE REAR, THE JAYS, MOSS LANE, RUISHTON (TD)

The meeting had no objections to this proposal.

05/03.06

POLICE REPORT

WPC 2156 Marilyn Simmons spoke to the meeting and said that she hoped to revive the 'Police Surgery' on the last Thursday of the month. She could then report back to the next Parish Council meeting.

The telephone number for calls to her is 01823 36328217 and she will then ring back as soon as possible.

05/03.07

CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk gave details of future meetings and training sessions.
Coun. Anderdon will attend the next SALC meeting at West Buckland.

Ruishton Cubs have applied for a grant under the Community Chest scheme

A request had been made for footpath T22/1 6 to be cleared and this had been done the next day, thanks to Coun. Lowe.

Coun. Bulgin left the meeting at 8.35 pm

05/03.08

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Nick Atkins of Tarmac had asked for someone to chair the Tarmac meeting tomorrow evening and Coun. Mullins had agreed to do so.

When the Chairman had previously spoken to Clearsprings, he had been assured that there were no plans to house asylum seekers in the parish. We are now led to believe that 'Woodlands' may be used for this purpose. Surprise being expressed that they are looking at 10+ bedroomed houses.

Mike Sherwood (Clearsprings) said that all options would be cleared with the relevant agencies, but, they are not required to consult with either District or Parish Councils. The Somerset County Council would be against multi occupation of properties and are meeting to discuss the matter on 19 May 2003.

It was agreed that the Clerk should enquire whether or not the football club have finished playing matches for this season and if so to get the goal posts removed and stored for the summer.

Monthly newsletter - Coun. Lowe offered to write the second page for the June/July newsletter.

05/03.09 BEST VILLAGE COMPETITION

Coun. Rexworthy agreed to fill in the application form. 05/03.10

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter had been received from Creech St Michael agreeing that it would be in the best interest for them to write to the landowner regarding fencing along the footpath from Ruishton to Creech. 05/03.11 **APPOINTMENT OF RUISHTON SCHOOL**

GOVERNOR

This will be advertised again in the May/June newsletter. 05/03.12 **RISK**

ASSESSMENT

This has now been amended and was approved by the meeting. 05/03.13

HIGHWAYS (TS)

Coun. Shattock stated that he considered Ruishton Lane to be a mess, and that the work undertaken by WSAtkins was not satisfactory.

When footpaths had been cleared along the A358, debris had been left in the gateway to properties. While trees and shrubs still encroach on to the footpath.

The Clerk suggested that perhaps there could be a meeting with Ken Perry as in the past to walk the problems areas and that Coun. Watson should also attend.

Drains/gullies need clearing along the A358 and at Cheats Corner.

Coun. Watson agreed to look into these matters on our behalf. **05/03.14 FIELD ADJACENT TO VILLAGE HALL**

Coun. Shattock was concerned at the amount of rubbish dumped in this field and also at the condition of the shed, which is dangerous especially as children do venture in the field and play there.

The Clerk will endeavour to approach Mr Middleton on these matters.

05/03.15

PARISH OBJECTIVES ()

Objectives should again be agreed for the term of the council at the next meeting.

Suggestions put forward so far were:

- Traffic Calming
- Cycleway to Hankridge
- Extension of Recreation field
- No Park and Ride without a by-pass
- Oppose major development

05/03.16

ACCOUNTS

The following accounts were passed for payment:

	£	
Vale Labels	15.00	Newsletter
Ruishton Village Hall	93.10	Hire of Hall (Year to 31/3/03)
D. Lowe	40.00	Footpath Maintenance

05/03.17 COUNTY COUNCILLOR,S REPORT

Coun. Watson promised to work with the Parish Council, in particular with regard to the asylum seekers.

Was asked to investigate the possibility of placing bollards to prevent traffic turning into the trading lay-by.

05/03.18 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Both Coun. Bryant and Durdan said that they would work with the Parish Council for the good of the area.

Coun. Marshall informed them of the concern that the Parish Council had regarding the proposed Park and Ride at Cambria Farm. He had spoken to S.C.C. project manager (Jeremy Callard) who had confirmed the intention to start on the Park and Ride once Silk Mills Park and Ride was completed (late 2005) even if a by-pass had not been agreed by the Secretary of State. This would involve traffic lights on the

A358. The Parish Council believe that this would cause chaos and look to the District Councillors to voice our concern.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.30 pm

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING
4 JUNE 2003