

RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4 JUNE 2003 COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM

Present: Coun. Marshall (chairman), Anderdon, Bulgin, Hill, House, Jelks, Lowe, Mullins, Rexworthy, Shattock, Small and Walker. District Coun. Bryant. Mrs Bandy (tree warden) 7 parishioners and Mary Growtage (clerk)

Apologies: County Coun. Watson, District Coun. Durdan

06/03.01

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

CHAIRMAN - Coun. Marshall was proposed by Coun. Jelks and seconded by Coun. Rexworthy. This was carried unanimously.

Coun. Marshall signed his declaration of office.

VICE CHAIRMAN - Coun. Anderdon and House declined to stand. Coun. Lowe was proposed by Coun. Bulgin and seconded by Coun. Shattock. This was also carried unanimously.

06/03.02

PARISHIONERS QUESTION TIME

Coun. Jelks on behalf of the Ruishton Village Hall Committee enquired who was responsible for the maintenance of the bank alongside the VH car park.

This is the Village Hall responsibility but as with their other green areas the Parish Council would see that it was included in their contract with Parsons Landscapes for the current year.

06/03.03

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

INSTALLATION OF 3 NOS. KIOSKS IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE ACTIVATED SLUDGE SECONDARY TREATMENT PLANT AT TAUNTON SEWERAGE TREATMENT WORKS, HAM LANE, CREECH ST MICHAEL TA3 5NE (GRID:328587-1 24696) - SCC

The Parish Council are concerned that any increase in capacity will mean more traffic.

21/2003/OIOT - CARRY OUT TREE MANAGEMENT WORKS TO THE ONE BEECH TREE INC IN TDB (RUISHTON NO. 1)

Mrs Bandy explained that the tree was restricting light from 2 & 3 Drakes Close and the work to be carried out was only minor. No objections raised.

31/2003/011 - VARIATION OF CONDITIONS 01 AND 02 (EXTENSION OF PERIOD FOR RESERVED MATTERS AND COMMENCEMENT OF DEVELOPMENT) OF PLANNING PERMISSION 31/2000/05 - ERECTION OF PETROL FILLING STATION AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (CLASS B1(A),B1(C) AND B2) AND FORMATION OF ROUNDABOUT,

ACCESS ROADS AND NEW ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS FOR GRAVELANDS LANE AT THORNFALCON WORKS, HENLADE. - TD

Coun. House declared an interest and left the meeting for this and the next planning application.

This planning application was first granted in 1994 renewed in 1997 & 2000, the company now wish to extend the permission for a further five years to 2008.

The Parish Council felt that this should only be extended for the normal three years and that to give an additional two years would set a precedent.

31/2003/012 - ERECTION OF BATCHING PLANT AT TARMAC CONCRETE WORKS, HENLADE AS AMENDED BY PLANS RECEIVED 27/05/03 - TD

Coun. Mullins had recently chaired a Tarmac Liaison Committee meeting and he explained that there had been a misunderstanding between Tarmac Estates Manager and TD Planning Officers.

Consequently Tarmac had been requested not to proceed and a planning refusal notice was issued in March 2003.

The Section 106 Agreement was at this time agreed but not completed.

The Councils comments are the same as when this application was last considered.

31/2003/013 - ERECTION OF FIRST FLOOR EXTENSION, INCLUDING PROVISION OF BALCONY AT 30 NEWLANDS ROAD, RUISHTON - PC

This application was deferred until the next meeting, in the meantime the Clerk will contact the Planning Officer with regard to his views on this application.

31/2003/015 - RETENTION OF CONSERVATORY AT LOWCROFT, HENLADE - TD

There were no objections to this application.

3/2003/016 - ERECTION OF AGRICULTURAL BUILDING ON LAND TO SOUTH OF STONES COTTAGE, LOWER HENLADE.

Coun. Anderdon declared an interest and left the meeting while this application was discussed.

One resident from Lower Henlade expressed his concern over the access which is next to his property, which is in a flood area.

The meeting agreed with this comment and felt that heavy lorries would not be able to turn into the existing entrance and there would be a danger of the pipe draining to the stream could get cracked.

The existing entrance is on a narrow country lane near an "S" bend.

The Parish Council felt strongly that the building should be restricted to agricultural use at all times.

40/2003/OO5LB - RETROSPECTIVE APPLICATION FOR THE RE- BUILDING OF BARN AND BAKEHOUSE AT MANOR FARM, THORNFALCON.

The Parish Council had no objection to this application.

06/03.04

CLERK'S REPORT

TARMAC LIAISON COMMITTEE - Coun. Bulgin confirmed that he is willing to stay as the Chairman of this committee.

DIARY DATES - These were given to those present. Coun. Anderdon will be attending the SALC meeting on 5 June 2003.

HIGHWAYS - Complaint was made regarding the state of the road along Alexevia Caravan Park, the Clerk will ask the SCC Highways if the work was been completed to their satisfaction.

06/03.05

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman spoke of the vandalism caused in Lawn Meadow and his difficulty in contacting the Police. This will be mentioned by Coun. Anderdon, at the SALC meeting.

The Internal Audit has been completed and everything found to be in order, in fact we were praised on our 'Risk Assessment'

The Chairman is very interested in the 'Speed Watch' video etc which is being circulated among members and which he thinks we should consider along with our traffic calming.

Adrian Flook MP's letter regarding Asylum Seekers was read to the meeting. It is understood that the Police had doubts re housing them in rural areas. The earliest date for any to be housed in the Taunton area is July '03.

Our 'Standing Orders' need updating and it was agreed that this should be carried out by the Chairman, Coun. Bulgin and Lowe and the Clerk and then presented to the full council for approval.

Coun. Marshall had been informed that the Chard/Taunton Canal, which is listed, is being used as a mountain bike track. The Clerk will inform TD Conservation Officer.

06/03.06

OBJECTIVES OF THE COUNCIL

The following were agreed by the meeting:

Emergency Plan

Flood Plan

Continue to oppose any major development in the parish and the 'Park and Ride' at Cambria Farm.

Support the proposed cycleway between Church Lane and Hankridge

Consider a Parish Plan/Nillage Statement

Policing the community

Traffic Calming

Extend the Playing field (long term)

Coun. Mullins proposed that we get on with the traffic calming immediately and that we 'take on board' the Parish Meeting request to include Bushy Cross Lane. The Clerk will enquire as to the costs and enquire if there is any matchfunding available.

06/03.07

APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL GOVERNOR

This will be advertised again and will put on the next agenda.

06/03.08

CORRESPONDENCE

The voting paper has been received for the MUMP group member on the Levels and Moors

Partnership Nominations were David House of Stoke St Gregory PC (past member) and David White of Othry PC It was unanimously agreed to vote for David House to continue in office.

06/03.09 RUISHTON PRIMARY SCHOOL (ROSE PROJECT)

The project was explained to the meeting by Kim Salmine and it was agreed to support the project by buying them two 'Arbour benches' from Weavo at a cost of £121 each.

It was unanimously agreed that these should be paid for from the Legal Fund as there will be money in hand at the end of the Public Enquiry

06/03.10 COUNTRYSIDE AGENCY

The map of footpaths and rights of way will be studied by Coun. House and Lowe, who will report back to the parish council.

The Parish plans will be circulated to ALL members and will be discussed fully at a later date.

06/03.11 AUDIT/ACCOUNTS

The external audit will be carried out in mid June by Moore Stephens of Bath.

The books and records may be inspected at any time prior to this, by contacting the Clerk on

01823 275992

The following accounts were passed for payment:

	£ . .	
Vale Labels	15.00	Newsletter
A J Bullen	110.49	2002/03 Internal audit
Audit Commission	190.35	2000/01 Audit
D Lowe	30.00	Footpath clearance

Allianz Cornhill Insurance 1293.73 Insurance due 1/6 and paid prior to the meeting. There may be an additional amount due for the inclusion of the new litter bin situated at Henlade crossroads.

The Precept and VAT repayment have been received.

06/03.12 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Coun. Bryant said that the findings of the Local Plan should now be received by the end of September 2003.

She has a meeting with Supt. John Snell of Somerset and Avon Police Force with regard to vandalism in Creech St Michael and would also mention Ruishton's problems to him.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.30 PM

**THE DATE FULL COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 2 JULY 2003**