

**RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2 JULY 2003
COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM**

Present: Coun. Marshall (Chairman), Anderdon, Hill, House, Lowe, Mullins, Rexworthy, Shattock & Small. C. Councillor Watson, D. Councillors Bryant & Durdan. 7 Parishioners, Alex Graves TD Planning Officer & Mary Grootage (Clerk)

Apologies: Coun. Jelks & Walker

The meeting expressed their concern regarding Coun. Jelks recent accident and send her their best wishes. The Clerk has already sent Judith a card.

07/03.01

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 June 2003 having been circulated, were taken as read and were duly agreed and signed by the Chairman. 07/03.02

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

This application as approved by a vote of 8 - 1 for, providing the balcony is deleted and that the position of the rooflights are clarified with the planning officer.

31/2003/016 - ERECTION OF AGRICULTURAL BUILDING TO SOUTH OF STONES COTTAGE, LOWER HEN LADE AS AMENDED BY AGENTS PLAN RECEIVED 23 JUNE 2003

Coun. Anderdon declared an interest and left the meeting. Coun. Bulgin arrived at 7.55pm.

There were no objections to the re-positioning of this building, although concern was again expressed as to the entrance off a busy country lane and confirmed the request that the application should only be granted for agricultural use.

31/2003/017 - ERECTION OF DETACHED BUNGALOW AT BARN CLOSE, HENLADE (TD)

Outline planning permission has already been granted.

The Parish Council's original comments still stand.

31/2003/018 - ERECTION OF EXTENSION TO FORM ANCILLARY ANNEXE AT 2 DRAKES CLOSE, RUISHTON (PC)

This planning application was approved, subject to no letters being received against the application being received prior to 12 July 2003.

PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION - PROPOSED VODAFONE BASE STATION AT LAND NEAR CAMBRIA FARM, RUISHTON - C531506 - THORNFALCON WORKS

Coun. House declared an interest and left the meeting.

It was agreed to thank Needham Haddrell for their correspondence and to inform them that the matter would be discussed fully when more details are available.

Taunton Deane have given permission for the following applications:

31/2003/OIOT - Tree Management- Riversdale, Ruishton

31/2003/014 - Erection of dwelling, Thornhams, Henlade

31/2003/015 - Retention of conservatory, Lowcroft, Henlade.

31/2003/012 - Erection of batching plant, Henlade Concrete Works providing the Section 106 agreement for highway and access improvements to the site

Somerset County Council have approved planning application 4/40/03/004 for various new works and modifications to existing facilities at Ham Sewerage Works subject to the imposition by the Head of Regulation Services of appropriate conditions relating to

1. Development within 5 years.
2. Development in accordance with submitted details.

07/03.03

CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported that no grants were available for the new notice board for Lower Henlade.

Lee Constable will meet Coun. Bulgin after he has completed his annual inspection of the play equipment in the recreation field to discuss any remedial works that may need to be undertaken.

The Clerk and Chairman are to meet Mr Nick Blee of Holway Football Club with regard to their use of the football pitch next season.

The Clerk will make enquiries regarding the charge for such use.

There is a proposed temporary road closure of Stoke Road, Lower Henlade (Foxhound Cottage to Rose Cottage) for sewer connection works.

The order becomes effective from 17.07.03 and will remain in force for 18 months, although work is only expected to last for three days.

Details are posted in Henlade notice board.

The new LAMP representative is David House (01823 490806), his deputy

being David White (01823 698854)

The Annual Parish Councils meeting with Taunton Deane is being held tomorrow, 3 July 2003 in the Principle Committee Room at Deane House at 7.00 pm - Coun. Hill will attend.

The Clerk has written to David Monk regarding the cost and funding for traffic calming in Ruishton Lane and Cheats Road and to ask for costing to include Bushy Cross Lane. (NB. The parish Council has £4500 towards the scheme)

Members were asked to check their telephone numbers before they are displayed on the notice boards.

Calor Village of the Year Competition - Coun. Bulgin and Rexworthy will oversee the judges' visit to the village when they hope to meet a minimum of three and, for the sake of timing a maximum of six parishioners

Taunton Urban Design Framework and Urban Extension Study An initial stakeholder workshop has taken place. Councillors may now like to attend a workshop which will include feedback from the stakeholder workshop. A date and venue will be arranged in early July, to date no further information has been received.

Coun. Shattock spoke to the poor state of the verges in Ruishton Lane now that the hedges have been cut back.

07/03.04

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Updating and Screening Assessment Report (Environment Act 1995) The Chairman suggested that we request a presentation as to their action plan.

There is new concern that the AQMA should be extended due to the lowering of the speed limit on the A358.

A video by the Standards Board will be circulated to all members.

Risk Assessment to be discussed fully at a later date.

Village Day - 19 July 2003. It was agreed that the recreation field can again be used for this purpose providing the Parish Council are not liable for any accident and that proper public liability insurance cover is in place. Coun. Bulgin assured the meeting that this had been taken out with Allianz Cornhill plc.

The straining wire has still not been replaced by Taunton DLO and as a consequence the wire was now broken down. This work must now be carried out for safety reasons and the case will then have to be taken up with the DLO - Coun. Bryant will be given the details.

07/03.05

THE COUNTRYSIDE AGENCY

Coun. House reported that there is no common land in the parish.

07/03.06

ACCOUNTS/AUDIT

The following accounts were passed for payment:

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Parsons Landscapes Ltd	375.62	Maintenance Apr/May
TDBC	161.56	Work/storm damage tree
B & Q (Coun. Bulgin)	7.18	Palings to repair fence around toddlers' play area
Village Day	100.00	Grant

The meeting approved and the Chairman and Clerk signed the statements for the 31 March 2003 Annual Return

07/03.07

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Coun. Watson reported that limited funds may be available towards the traffic calming scheme.

Also, that he had a meeting with the Chief Constable of Avon and Somerset Constabulary who acknowledged that the handling of telephone calls was woeful and will be addressed. It is understood that Rural Beat Officers will not be taken off their duties unless there is a dire emergency.

SCC are looking to access Ham sewerage Treatment Works from the A358 near Thornfalcon Works and not as at present.

07/03.08

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Coun. Bryant stated that Clearsprings have three properties in the Taunton Deane Area for asylum seekers but that they would not state where these properties are situated.

She is to speak at the Police Conference.

Coun. Bryant will 'take up' the matter of the fencing along Cheats Road which is causing concern.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.20 pm

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 6 AUGUST 2003