

**RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON  
PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 4 FEBRUARY 2004  
COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM**

**Present:** Coun. Lowe (Chairman), Anderdon, Bulgin, Hill, House, Rexworthy, Shattock and Small. CC Watson and DC Bryant, Mr David Grieg (Parish Liaison Officer, TDBC), 1 Parishioner and Mary Growthage (Clerk)  
**Apologies:** Coun. Marshall, Jelks, Mullins and Walker. DC Durdan.

02/04.01

**MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 January 2004, having been circulated, were taken as read and were duly agreed and signed by the Chairman.

02/04.02

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

31/2004/001- ERECTION OF EXTENSIONS AT THE FIRS, BARTON LANE, RUISHTON (PC)

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

A letter was read from Mr and Mrs Venn, Denmead, Barton Lane voicing their concern over various issues and it was decided to defer the application until the next meeting.

31/2204/002 - ERECTION OF CONSERVATORY/ ENTRANCE PORCH ON SIDE OF MOBILE HOME, 33 ALEXEVIA PARK, TAUNTON (TD)

There were no objections to this application.

31/2004/003- ERECTION OF EXTENSIONS AND ALTERATIONS AT PAVEYS, BUSHY CROSS LANE, RUISHTON (PC)

This application was approved, subject to no objections being received by 18 February 2004.

21/2004/004 - ERECTION OF 2 STOREY EXTENSION AT 9 KNIGHTSTONE, HENLADE (PC)

This application was approved, providing the materials used for the exterior of the extension match the existing properties in the area. Also, subject to there being no objections received by 18 February 2004.

TEL/02/2004 - NOTIFICATION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS APPARATUS INSTALLATION OF 15M MONOPOLE MAST WITH 3 ANTENNAS, 1 X 33MM DISH AND 1 X 600MM DISH WITH RADIO EQUIPMENT AND ANCILLARY DEVELOPMENT AT LAND AT THORN WATER FARM, THORNFALCON (TD)

Coun. House declared an interest and left the meeting for the next two agenda items. Coun. Anderdon abstained.

The meeting was concerned about the visual impact and felt that this was unnecessary at this site.  
CONSULTATION WITH PC - PROPOSED VODAFONE BASE STATION AT CREECH MILLS INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, CREECH ST MICHAEL.

The meeting would not object if this application was formally made to the Council.

#### PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS

31/2003/030 - Taunton Deane have refused permission for the 'Erection of dwelling on land to the rear of The Hyde, Henlade'

31/2003/031 - Taunton Deane granted permission for the 'erection of dwelling and garage on land to the north of Chico, Lipe Lane, Henlade.

02/04.03

#### CLERK'S REPORT

The Council Tax Base Rate 2004/05 for Ruishton and Thornfalcon is £606.84. The total tax base is calculated by assessing the exemptions and discounts applicable within each band, and expressing the reduced totals for each band as "Band D" equivalents. When setting the Council Tax the level for Band D will be calculated and all other band levels are then the agreed proportion of Band D (ranging from 6/9 for Band A to 18/9 for Band H)

A discussion workshop on "A transport strategy review for Taunton" will take place at 6.30 pm on Tuesday 10 February, in the Committee Rooms, A-Block, County Hall, Taunton.

The closing date for nominations for "Taunton Deane Citizenship Awards 2004" is Friday 20 February 2004.

02/04.04

#### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Copies of Coun. Marshall's draft response to "Taunton Vision" were handed to those present and were approved by the meeting. (Copy attached)

02/04.05

#### HIGHWAYS REPORT (MG)

The clerk has heard from the Assistant Highway Manager on the following matters:

The dropped kerbs that have been requested outside the Ruishton Inn, and at the A358/Lipe Lane junction are at the design stage with a view to constructing the crossings before the end of March 2004.

The pothole outside the Village Hall car park will be repaired shortly.

Footpaths along the A358 will be investigated and a reply will be received in due course.

The Council's approval was requested and granted for the removal of a willow tree, the roots of which are damaging the drainage system leading towards the pump by the village hall causing the recent flood problem. When this is done permanent repair will be made to the drainage system.

With regard to the verge re-instatement and hazel whip planting alongside the new path in Cheats Road, Coun House informed the meeting that this will be undertaken.

02/04.06

#### FLOOD REPORT (RB)

Coun. Bulgin reported on the flooding in Cheats Road on 8 January 2004.

It appeared that the pump was not functioning properly, Taunton Deane and the Highway Authority acted quickly, clearing gullies/jetting gullies and removing the obstruction caused by the aforementioned tree roots. Damage had been caused to the pump and a higher voltage trip has been fitted and it was agreed that this would be checked on a regular basis in future.

It had been noted that there was a 'mucky/oily substance' in the flood water and perhaps this should be raised with the owners of the car sales business.

There are several options to the way in which the 'flood hump' can be raised and the Environment Agency will design a scheme which will have to be approved by the Highway Authority.

02/04.07

#### **RECREATION FIELD REPORT (RB)**

Coun. Bulgin has produced a 'check list' for the inspection of the play equipment which he currently undertakes on a weekly basis.

He also reported that there is an infestation of rabbits in the recreation field.

It was agreed that the Clerk obtain a quote from the DLO and Parsons Landscapes for the returfing of the goal areas of the football pitch.

West Monkton Parish Council did have some second hand safety tiles for sale and Coun. Bulgin will see if they are still available.

02/04.08

#### **BROADBAND (DL)**

Coun. Lowe stated that he had attended the Roadshow at SCAT and was contacting Adrian Flook MP with regard to getting 'Broadband' in the parish as soon as possible.

02/04.09

#### **ACCOUNTS**

The following accounts have been passed for payment:

	£	
Vale Labels	15.00	Newsletter
Parsons Landscapes	44.08	Upkeep outside Village Hall
The Art Room (S. Rexworthy	40.40	Framing Jubilee Photo'

02/04.10

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The clerk would like it noted that despite writing to the Local Beat Officer on three separate occasions, the first being October 2003, no response has been received to date. David Grieg said he would take this up with Comm. Snell on our behalf.

A letter has been received regarding 'Partnership Funding for Police Community Support Officers'. It was agreed to put this on the agenda of the Annual Parish Meeting.

A complaint was received from Mr Branchflower regarding the street lighting in Ruishton Lane and requesting that consideration be given to changing the lights. It was considered that the lights had now been in place for several years and the meeting felt it was not necessary for any alterations to be made at the present. The Chairman has acknowledged the email.

02/04.11

**COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT.**

Coun. Watson stated that the money had been allocated for the traffic calming scheme for the next financial year.

He regretted that there had been no real progress re the Hankridge cycle path.

**02/04.12 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Coun. Bryant had no further points to raise, other than confirm Coun. Lowe's report in Agenda item 8

The Parish Council is aware of their implications of Sec. 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 2000 and have considered the act in their decision making.

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.10 PM**

**THE NEXT MONTHLY MEETING WILL BE HELD ON 3 MARCH 2004**

**DATES FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETINGS ARE**

**THORNFALCON - 21 APRIL 2004**

**RUISHTON - 22 APRIL 2004**