

**RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON  
PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 2 JUNE 2004  
COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM**

**Present:** Coun. Marshall (Chairman), Anderdon, Bulgin, Hill, House, Lowe, Mullins, Rexworthy, Small and Walker. 3 Parishioners, the Press and Mary Growtage(Clerk)  
**Apologies:** District Councillor Durdan

06/04.01

**MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 May 2004, having been circulated, were taken as read and were duly agreed and signed by the Chairman.

**06/04.02 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

31/2004/015 - RETENTION OF 'HAKI' SHELTER FOR USE AT TARMAC, THORNFALCON WORKS, HENLADE (TD)

The meeting had no objection to this application.

31/2004/016 - ERECTION OF PITCH ROOF OVER EXISTING FLAT ROOF GARAGE AND ERECTION OF 1 M HIGH BOUNDARY WALL AT 36 NEWLANDS ROAD, RUISHTON (PC)

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

Planning permission was granted, providing the tiles match those on the existing roof.

31/2004/017 - SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION AT LITTLE BROADWAY, STOKE ROAD, HENLADE (PC)

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

Planning permission was granted.

The clerk reported that planning permission had been granted on the following applications:

31/2004/009 - Conversion of barn to holiday let at Arundels Farm, L/Henlade.

31/2004/010B - Alterations at Dinhams Farmhouse, Ruishton.

31/2004/014 - Erection of dwelling and garage on land to north of 'Chico', Lipe Lane, Henlade.

41/31/03/027 - Construction of a 3 classroom extension at Ruishton, Primary School, Newlands Road, Ruishton.

41/31/03/028 - Construction of single storey extension at 'Newholm', Bushy Cross Lane, Ruishton.

06/04.03

**CLERK'S REPORT**

REPORTS - Monkton Heathfield Development Guide and the Consultation on Lower Parrett/Tone Flood Management are being circulated to members interested.

SURFACE DRESSING - Has taken place in Thorn Lane and Butchers Lane, Thornfalcon.

MEETINGS - Coun. House will attend the Level and Moors meeting on 7 June.

Coun. Anderdon will attend the next SALC meeting.

There is an all day meeting tomorrow on Air Quality Management at Wellspring Leisure Centre, no one from the council is able to attend.

LAND REGISTRY - The clerk has heard from the land registry and has various forms to submit.  
(05/04.08)

POLICE - We have been informed that from the first June, the boundary for the beat of PC Marilyn Simmons will be made smaller, as she will be joined by another Community Beat Manager PC Gary Pethick. Marilyn will effectively manage the Creech St Michael area up to Stoke St Gregory and back to Ruishton, while Gary will manage Henlade around to Hatch Beachamp, Curland and Trull. The A358 is the dividing line between the beats.

AREA HIGHWAYS, STAFF CHANGES - David Peake will be the Highway Service Manager for both Taunton Deane and West Somerset Areas.

Other staff and points of contact will remain the same with Dennis Quick and Neil Pincombe as assistant managers, Ian Titcombe as Area Traffic Engineer, Kali Martin as Area Technician and

Graham as Highway Superintendent. The control centre number being (01823)  
321501 .

RECREATION FIELD - LITTER BINS. Parsons Landscapes have apologised that the litter bins were not emptied over the recent bank holiday weeks. They have also raised concern over the amount of 'dog mess' that is deposited in the litter bins and have asked that we put up notices to this effect. (05/04.06)

BRIDGE, GREENWAY LANE, L/HENLADE - Coun. Steve Hill has meet Neil Pincombe (Som. Highways) with regard to the danger at this bridge. Temporary warning cones will be put in place until such time as the road can be repaired. (05/04.06)

VERGE/DITCH ALONGSIDE ALEXEVIA CARAVAN PARK - Neil Pincombe (Som. Highways) has passed the matter of the ditch to the area technician and will speak to the landowners regarding the verge and will then monitor the remedial work himself. (05/04.06)

A358 - BOLLARD AT HENLADE CROSSROAD - There are currently temporary signs, but the demolished bollard in the centre of the road will be replaced with an electrically illuminated one in due course.

County Councillor Watson arrived at 8.10 pm

06/04.04

#### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

OLD NURSERY/STEAR T LANE - Concern has been expressed to the chairman, at an earth boundary has been put between the Old Nursery and Steart Lane, measuring between 5-7 feet in height. As this is an adopted road and the legal height for such a boundary is only 1 M, the Enforcement Officer (TD) will investigate this on our behalf.

RUISHTON LANE - Complaints have been received at the speed of traffic in Ruishton Lane, a request will be made for repeater 30 mph signs to be erected in the lane.

TARMAC LIAISON MEETING - Tarmac Precast have written to Andy Ackerman (Somerset Highways) suggesting that the junction at their premises could be improved by the following :

- 1) Relocating the start of the existing 30mph speed limit eastwards for approximately 1/2 mil, thereby enforcing a slower speed at the junction.
- 2) Relocating the existing speed camera to coincide with the new start point of the 30 mph section.
- 3) Installation of appropriate warning signage regarding the slow moving vehicles.

The clerk will write in support of their letter.

District Councillor Bryant arrived at 8.15 pm

It was suggested that flashing amber lights could be installed, as at Walford Cross, for use when slow moving vehicles are leaving the site.

It was noted that the company now employs some 180 personnel.

06/04.05

#### **LOCAL PLAN - RESPONSE TO PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS**

The chairman presented suggested responses to the Proposed Modifications of the Local Plan in respect of the Park and Ride site which he felt should be deleted as premature and undeliverable in view of the SCC & TDBC previous statement that it could not be placed near junction 25 if the A358 was not upgraded.

Also, that a traffic impact assessment should be carried out on the Henlade employment site.

The meeting accepted the suggestions which will be forwarded to TDBC. RECREATION FIELD  
06/04.06

#### **RECREATION FIELD**

Coun. Bulgin told the meeting that he and the clerk had completed the necessary forms requesting a grant towards the cost of a new slide and safety surfacing, to replace the existing slide which will have to be removed.

A quote of £7052 has been received from Wickstead and £7900 from Sutcliffes. The Parish Council have £2000 towards and cost and hope for a grant of 85% in the current financial year. It is understood that from next year the grant will be reduced to 33%.

The new slide could fit between the hump and swings. The question remains as to how best to deal with the hump under the current swing. To remove it would cost in the region of £2k., thoughts will be given to utilise same in the play area.

Inspection of the play equipment should take place later this month.

06/04.07

#### **APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR EXTERNAL AUDIT**

The Annual return for the year ended 31 March 2004 was presented to the meeting.

Section 1 - The Statement of Accounts was agreed and duly signed by the chairman and clerk.

Section 2 - Statement of Assurance was completed and duly signed by the chairman and the clerk.

Copies were given to those present.

06/04.08

#### **CONSIDER REQUEST FOR GRANT TO RUISHTON WOODLAND PRESCHOOL TOWARDS NEW PLAY FACILITIES**

The meeting did not consider this request as it is outside our parish and was not considered when the precept was set.

06/04.10

ACCOUNTS

The following accounts were passed for payment:

	£	
Parsons Landscapes Ltd	121.49	Maintenance
Vale Labels Ltd	15.00	Newsletter

06/04.11

**COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT - ROD WATSON**

Coun. Watson stated that 12 - 20 June was Somerset Cycling week and he hoped to have a photo call of cyclists, especially children highlighting the need for the cyclepath from Ruishton to Hankridge as a safer route than the A358. This should take place on the evening of Monday 13th.

It was agreed that the clerk should write to both TD and the HA regarding the use of the feeder road into the Tarmac plant as a lay-by and suggesting that notices be erected stating that it is a road and not a lay-by.

06/04.12

**DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT- GWYNETH BRYANT**

The chairman, asked Coun. Bryant about that current telephone system at Deane House and the difficulty in getting through to the person required.

Coun. Bryant said it was a new system throughout Somerset and that there were currently some teething troubles.

THE COUNCIL IS AWARE OF THEIR IMPLICATIONS UNDER SEC. 17 OF THE CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 2000 AND HAVE CONSIDERED THE ACT IN THEIR DECISION MAKING.

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.15 PM**

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON  
7 JULY 2004**