

RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON
PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 7 JULY 2004
COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM

Present: Coun. Marshall, Anderdon, Bulgin, Hill, Lowe, Mullins, Rexworthy, and Walker.,
David Grieg (TD Parish Liaison Officer), County Councillor Watson, District
Councillor Bryant, 3 Parishioners and Mary Grootage (Clerk)
Apologies: Coun. House and Small, David Mann (Environment Agency).

07/04.01

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meetings held on 2 and 22 June 2004, having been circulated, were taken as read and were duly agreed and signed by the Chairman.

07/04.02 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

31/2004/018 - ERECTION OF EXTENSION TO DWELLING TOGETHER WITH CONVERSION OF OUTBUILDING INTO ANCILLARY ACCOMMODATION, GORDONS, RUISHTON (TD)

The meeting was against this application as it would be development within a flood plain. Also, when the building was first built, it was clearly stated by the PC that they did not want it converted into living accommodation.

31/2004/019 - CONSTRUCTION OF NEW VEHICULAR ACCESS AND EXTENSION OF GARDEN, LIMBREY, HENLADE (PC)

Providing there no objections are received and the Highway Agency approve, then the meeting agreed the application.

31/2004/015 - RETENTION 'HAKI' SHELTER, TARMAC - Permission has been granted by TD (06/04.03)

07/04.03

CLERK'S REPORT

In reply to Parishioners question time at the last meeting, the minutes of meetings do not legally have to be displayed, but have to be produced should anyone wish to read them. Our minutes are displayed in our two main notice boards and on the website.

Agendas do have to be displayed at least three clear days before a meeting and these are displayed on our two notice boards.

Coun. Lowe has inspected footpath T22/8 and found it to be passable.

Taunton Deane's combined Corporate Strategy and Performance Plan is now available on the Council's website at www.tauntondeane.gov.uk, a hard copy or CD ROM is also available.

Somerset Waste Partnership have produced a guide to reducing unwanted 'junk' mail, the clerk can order copies free of charge should anyone require a copy.

Air Quality Management - There will be a public meeting on 15 July at 6.15 pm., two places have been reserved for our parish. Couns. Bulgin and Lowe will attend.

The Safety Camera Partnership - have replied to recent correspondence stating that the housing of the camera situated near Tarmac has been vandalised by graffiti, also a blue sign showing a camera and

speed limit is missing. The Operation Manager is progressing rectifying these problems and enforcement will commence as soon as technical problems have been resolved.

Notice of a Tree Preservation Order has been made on a beech tree on land at The Range, Henlade. - TPO 2004 - PD.22/775/TD.957

A Certificate of Lawfulness for the Existing Use of land at Ashe Farm, Thornfalcon for the stationing of two static caravans used for holiday purposes has been issued, as the land has been used for this purpose for more than 10 years. In accordance with Section 191 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended by the Planning and Compensation Act 1991)

A date in August 2005 has been given as a day of Reflection and Celebration in honour of the ending of the second world war in 1945., councils are to be urged to take part and I mention this now in order that it can be discussed fully at a later date. There have been suggestions that as parishioners enjoyed our Golden Jubilee event so much in 2000 that an event could take place next year, as this will be the last official commemoration of the war. This will go in the next newsletter.

A presentation to ex-councillors Jelks and Shattock will be put on the next agenda.

07/04.04

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Our reply to the TD Local Plan Modifications has been acknowledged.

An e-mail has been received from Sgt. Tim Newman (Som & Avon Constabulary) confirming the change in PC Marilyn Symmons area and reporting that he will be away for some time and will be replaced by Acting Sgt. Angela Burtonwood for that period.

There will be a meeting between the Somerset County Council and Parish Councils on 22 October 2004, we have been asked to raise three issues that we would like discussed concerning our parish. It was agreed that these should be Flooding, A358 and Policing (or lack of it)

The Chairman wondered whether we should consider providing a 'Welcome Pack' to new residents in the parish. David Grieg will give the clerk some sample packs/ideas, but stated that information could be put on the website.

07/04.05

STANDING ORDERS

Notice was given that the standing orders will be reviewed before the next meeting. Changes to modify them will be brought to the next meeting.

07/04.06

RECREATION FIELD

The clerk has asked Lee Constable to inspect the play equipment again this year.

Quotes have been received from Taunton DLO £474 + VAT and AJ Services £1315.68 to remove the slide, mound and concrete base. It was agreed to ask Taunton DLO to carry out this work after Village Day.

New seats for the swings are to be ordered from Wickstead at a cost of approx. £24 each. Coun. Bulgin has bought the timber and will repair the palings around the toddlers' area. The new seat to be provided by the Village Day committee will be in situ before the next Village Day,

it will be placed on the play equipment side of the footpath.

07/04.07

HIGHWAYS

The following points were raised and the clerk will write regarding them all:

- Newlands Crescent - potholes
- Newlands estate - lack of trimmings
- Lower Henlade - ditch still needs clearing
- Stoke St Mary direction sign still not replaced at the end of Stoke Road
- Ruishton Lane - speed, this should be reduced when the traffic calming scheme takes place.
- Junction Cheats Road - grass requires cutting
- Greenway Lane - Burst water pipe near the kennels
- A358 - storm drains collapsing
- gullies to be pumped out between the PO and Tarmac
- when will the bollards be replaced at Henlade X roads
- Parking - lorry parking opposite the hairdressers causing obstruction
- cars parking in the hammerhead by the school make it impossible for cars to turn there
- cars continuing to park on the corner by the Day Nursery

07/04.08

SOMERSET STRUCTURE PLAN

D.C. Bryant declared an interest and left the meeting for this agenda item.

Concern was expressed at her departure and it was agreed that the clerk should write to the Chief Executive for guidance as to whom to ask for guidance on future issues of this nature.

The Chairman handed a copy of the proposed response to the Modifications of the Somerset Structure Plan (see attached), which were duly agreed.

07/04.10

ACCOUNTS

Notices of the 2003/004 Audit have been posted on the two main notice boards, books can be inspected at any time by prior arrangement with the clerk. They will also be brought to the next meeting (04/08/04)

The following accounts were passed for payment:

	£	
B & Q (R. Bulgin)	7.24	Timber for toddlers' play area
Parsons Landscapes Ltd	442.98	Maintenance (2mths)
Vale Labels Ltd	15.00	Newsletter
Village Day	100.00	Grant as agreed

07/04.11

CORRESPONDENCE

Coun. Hill has received confirmation from Somerset Highways that 'small' chevrons and reflector posts will be installed along the 'S' bend of Hayden Lane and should be completed within the next few months.

Also, that the advanced junction signing into Greenway Lane from the A358 will be improved in the

future. The proposals include highlighting the existing sign with a yellow backing board and providing an identical sign nearer the junction.

The clerk has received notification that the ragwort has been removed from alongside Alexevia Caravan Park, also that the Area Supervisor (Somerset Highways) has stated that the verge has been levelled and reinstated to a suitable standard.

07/04.12

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

C.C. Watson expressed his support regarding our comments on the Somerset Structure Plan. There is nothing further to add regarding the proposed cycleway to Hankridge.

07/04.13

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT/S

D.C. Bryant stated that no decisions have taken place with Mr Ling since 2002 with regard to his land despite newspaper reports that he wishes to build a velodrome there and may then consider allowing a cyclepath across the land.

The chairman asked DC Bryant to provide an update on the Urban design extension studies being carried out by TDBC

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 NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON 4 AUGUST 2004
THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.10 PM