

**RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON
PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 1 SEPTEMBER 2004
COMMENCING AT 7.00 PM

Present: Coun. Marshall (Chairman), Bulgin, Faulkner, Hancock, Hill, Lowe, Rexworthy, Walker. Mr Ralph Willoughby Foster. District Councillor Durdan. 11 Parishioners and Mary Growthage (Clerk)

Apologies: Coun. Anderdon and Small, District Councillor Bryant and Coun. Councillor Watson.
Coun. House arrived at 7.05 pm

09/04.01

VISION FOR TAUNTON

Mr Ralph Willoughby Foster gave an informative talk on the Deane's 'Vision for Taunton' and answered questions from those present.

Coun. Mullins arrived at 7.25 pm

09/04.02

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 August 2004, having been circulated, were taken as read and were duly agreed and signed by the Chairman.

09/04.03

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

31/2004/021 - ERECTION OF CONSERVATORY AT ROSE COTTAGE, LOWER HENLADE. (PC)

There being no objections, this planning application was passed.

31/2004/022- ERECTION OF PORCH & SINGLE STOREY EXTENSION TO THE FRONT OF 10 ORCHARD RISE, RUISHTON. (PC)

Again, there being no objections, this planning application was passed.

09/04.04

CLERK'S REPORT

Following last month's parishioners question time, the clerk reported that she had written to the Highway Authority with regard to the potholes at the motorway junction, overhanging hedges and the broken manhole cover at the junction of Overlands and Cheats Road.

She has also written to Mr David Mann (Environment Agency) reminding that he has promised the October meeting and asking him to address the question of the flood bank at the end of Church Lane at that meeting.

Following a complaint, Parsons Landscapes have been requested to attend p to the bed alongside Virginia Orchard in Bushy Cross Lane.

There will be a temporary road closure at White Street, Ham for two weeks starting 6 September 2004 for 2 weeks, to enable flood defence works to take place.

The proposed visit to TARMAC will take place on 22 September at 6.00 pm Coun. House will attend the LAMP meeting at Long Sutton on 30 September.

The Chairman will be attending the SCC Annual Meeting with Parish Councils.

09/04.05

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Coun. Marshall reported back on a meeting he had attended with Adrian Flook MP., the main topics discussed being the lack of communication with between the police and rural communities, together with transport.

BT are looking to decrease the number of telephone kiosks in the area by 22 and stressed that we should inform TD if we want to keep our 'phone boxes in Ruishton and Henlade.

Coun. Marshall has spoken to John Hardy (TD) regarding the earth mound in Stearts Lane, Henlade and has been assured that it has been reduced in height and that the landowner intends to planting there in the near future. JH will ask a colleague to give a second opinion as to whether the mound is now a legal height.

Traffic calming has been carried out at Ruishton Lane and Cheats Road, the clerk will enquire when Bushy Cross Lane will also be done.

Coun. Lowe agreed to read the 'Passenger Transport Strategy for Somerset' and report back to the council.

09/04.06

RECREATION FIELD (RB)

Three seats have been fitted to the swings and there is a spare in hand. Coun. Bulgin has replaced bolts in the wood play structure.

New dog notices have been placed at the entrances to the recreation field and the Dog Warden has been asked to include the site on her patrol. Anyone found exercising their dog/s in the recreation field will be prosecuted.

Coun. Bulgin will contact Lee Constable regarding the annual inspection of the play equipment. The Clerk wrote to him in June.

The 'old' slide and mound will now be removed and the Wicksteed slide will be ordered, delivery is expected to take six weeks.

09/04.07

A358 (DL)

Coun. Lowe expressed concern regarding the speed of traffic on the A358, particularly at night and early morning.

A speed watch survey is to be carried out by the POLICE in November.

It was agreed to ask Sgt. Steve Wright if the parish could have the `Flashing light' which gives a warning to motorists when they exceed the speed limit. It is understood that there is a waiting list.

Bollards by the trading lay by have been knocked down again.

It was suggested that a meeting be arranged between TD (Licensing Authority) and SCC (Highway Authority) to look into the possibility of moving the food outlet to the opposite end of the lay by.

A manhole cover near the first chevron sign needs attention, as do those in `Tarmac' lay-by.

The footpaths alongside the A358 should be cut back in October.

It was reported that the dead elms at The Mount in Bushy Cross Lane/A358 are dead and need felling.

The area around the seat at the junction of Lipe Lane/A358 has been cleared.

The footpaths to/from the school are passable.

An Air Quality monitoring tube has been placed outside Lilac House.

Coun. Lowe mentioned that 'Wheelie bins' were to be used for the collection of waste from February.

09/04.08

SUPPORT REQUEST FOR A BROWN TOURIST SIGN ON THE A358 FOR THE RUISHTON INN

It was agreed to support this request providing that the Highway Authority have no objection.

09/04.9

STANDING ORDERS

Following last months meeting and there being no amendments requested, it was agreed that the standing orders be presented to the next meeting for approval.

09/04.10

ACCOUNTS

The Chairman has inspected the books and records and found the balances at the end of July to be correct.

The following accounts were passed for payment:

	£	
Parsons Landscapes Ltd	221.49	Maintenance
TDBC	45.53	Destroy wasp nest (rec field)
Vale Labels Ltd	15.00	Newsletter
R Bulgin (B & Q)	7.23	Bolts (play equipment)

Following agenda item 08/04.12, and having taken advice from David Grieg (Parish Liaison Officer, TD) it was agreed to allocate an additional £100 Chairman's Allowance to cover the cost of this item. This was agreed unanimously.

Cheques have been drawn for the transfer of £7500 (08/04.08) to the Scottish Widows A/C

Also, to Ruishton and Thornfalcon Parochial Councils for the upkeep of their burial grounds. Being grants received on their behalf from TDBC
The Clerk has written to Wyvern Environmental Trust requesting a grant towards the new slide.

09/04.11

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

In the absence of Coun. Watson, who had hoped to attend the latter part of the evening. It was agreed to formally request him for £500 from his allocated councillors' fund towards the cost of the new slide.

09/04.12

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Coun. Durdan explained that the 'Green Wheelie Bins' were being tried out in certain parts of the borough and that a final decision had yet to be reached as to whether or not they will be brought into use everywhere.

Coun. Durdan also told the meeting that the Furniture Trust had today received the Queen's Award for industry.

The Furniture Trust receives unwanted second-hand furniture which it then distributes to those less fortunate for minimum amount or sometimes free.

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 6 OCTOBER 2004
COMMENCING AT 7.00 PM

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.05 PM