

**RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON
PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3 NOVEMBER 2004**

Present: Cllr. Marshall (Chairman), Anderdon, Bulgin, House, Lowe, Mullins, Rexworthy, Small and Walker. David Mann and John Rowlands (Environment Agency), County Cllr. Watson, District Cllrs. Bryant and Durdan, 4 parishioners, the press and Mary Growtage (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr. Faulkner, Hancock and Hill .

11/04.01

FLOOD DEFENCE

The chairman introduced David Mann and John Rowlings (Flood defence Officers with the Environment Agency) who presented slides showing the proposed flood defence works for Cheats Road, alongside the recreation field. This includes raising the ramp in the road by 1/2 metre and other auxiliary works to verges and fields etc.

It is hoped the work would 'follow on' when the flood works in Ham road are completed. There will be a road closure, this will be kept to a minimum but there will be access most of the time.

The meeting pointed out that they would like traffic calming and a footpath along the road to be included incorporated in the scheme. This would be brought to the attention of the Somerset Highways by the Environment Agency

Also, discussed were the problems in Church Lane. One parishioner present was concerned about the provision of a disabled entrance to the proposed cycle path to Hankridge.

11/04.02

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 October 2004, having been circulated, were taken as read and were duly agreed and signed by the chairman.

11/04.03

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

31/2004/025 - ERECTION OF TWO STOREY EXTENSION AT LILAC HOUSE, HENLADE.

Cllr. Lowe declared an interest and left the meeting for this agenda item.

The application was passed subject to no objections being received by 8 November 2004.

21/2001/017 - ERECTION OF REPLACEMENT DWELLING, THE ORCHARD, HENLADE.

The Planning Office (TD) has no objection to an amendment which incorporates a ramp to the main entrance door.

11/04.04

CLERK'S REPORT

VE 60th ANNIVERSARY MEETING - This will be held in the Committee Room of the Village Hall on 10 November 2004 commencing at 7.30 pm.

TD REMEMBRANCE SERVICE - Details were given should anyone wish to represent the Parish Council.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR EMPLOYEES - The Council will take the advice given by SALC.

SCHOOL GOVERNOR - An application form for a new LEA Representative Governor has been received, but it is understood that Clir. Bulgin has been appointed until August 2006. The Clerk will contact the Somerset Governor Services in this matter.

11/04.05

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

CODE OF CONDUCT - Members of the Freemasons Grand Charity must be registered.

CRIME AND DISORDER - The Government has set a target of a reduction in all crime of 15% by 2008. The chairman completed a form placing these in order of priority as follows: 1. Anti-social Behaviour (inc hate crime). 2. Violent Crime (public and domestic) =3. Alcohol/drugs and night time economy and Burglary. 5. Vehicle Crime.

TARMAC LIAISON MEETING - The chairman, Clir. Bulgin and the clerk had attended the last meeting. Matters discussed included road improvements, which the clerk will report on under 'Highways'. Planning permission has been granted for the additional Finishing Tent to 2014. The only complaint at the meeting was the noise level of the road sweeper that is used to clean the site on a weekly basis. This has to be carried out under Health and Safety Regulations and the noise is always kept to a minimum.

The Chairman thanked Tarmac for their hospitality when members and parishioners were shown around the site and remarked on how much had been done to improve the site over the past few years.

RIGHTS OF WAY - Clir. Mullins represented the parish council at TDBC full council meeting and informed the meeting that we did indeed want the Borough Council to maintain this service. However, it was agreed at that meeting that the work would be done by SCC from April 2005.

REGIONAL SPATIAL STRATEGY FOR THE SOUTH WEST 2006 - 2026 - The chairman stated that the plan will aim to protect what is highly valued about the region, at the same time making provision for sufficient new homes and jobs and retail and leisure facilities to meet the needs of a growing and increasingly affluent population.

The RSS is being produced over the next year. There will be feedback on the results of this consultation and further opportunities for us to be involved in developing the Strategy.

11/04.06

COUNCILLOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

It was suggested that Clir. Hancock be asked to review reports and questionnaires before they are brought to the attention of the council. All other responsibilities will be discussed at the December meeting.

11/04.07

RECREATION FIELD

The new slide and safety surfacing should be in situ by the end of the week.

Cllr. Bulgin has spoken to Derek Jones of Holway Football Club and he will give us a price to dig out and turf the goal mouths.

The clerk will get quotations for the painting of the play equipment and the erection of new fencing from the entrance to the field to the back of the Village Hall, ready for the 2005/06 precept.

11/04.08

FOOTPATHS

Permission was given for Cllr. Lowe to get footpaths T22/10 and T22/15 & 16 cut back.

11/04.9

HIGHWAY MATTERS

Cllr. Anderdon reported that repairs to the burst water pipe at the old railway bridge, Greenway Lane had not yet been carried out and asked when the repair to the pedestrian crossing at Henlade crossroads will be completed.

Cllr. Lowe expressed concern over the trees at 'The Mount', as one had already blown down onto a car. It is understood that the owner has been notified and asked that immediate action be taken they are a safety hazard.

Cllr. Lowe will meet County Cllr. Watson with regard to various matters in respect of the A358.

The clerk has been informed by Somerset Highways that there are no 'Vehicle Activated Signs' available as four have been vandalised and one stolen. At the present time it is not known whether they will be replaced as they cost over £3000 each.

The gullies in Cheats Road and Overlands have been cleared.

The clerk has been informed that an order has been placed for 'Double yellow lines' on the feeder road leading into Tarmac and for the repositioning of the lights to beyond the Tarmac entrance, which will take the 30 mph limit to include this entrance.

Works have been ordered by the Area Technician (Somerset Highways) with regard to Culvert clearing at Lower Henlade, Fencing at Greenway Lane, Warning signs in Holway Lane and Gullies outside Tarmac.

With regard to the request for dropped kerbs outside Dinhams OAP bungalows, we are informed that this is not part of the public highway as it is not in the ownership of the Highway Authority.

The road markings outside the Day Nursery will be added to the refurbishment programme.

Our request for a footpath along Stoke Road has been forwarded by the Traffic Engineer (Somerset Highways) to the Local Transport Planning team for consideration as a future scheme.

PC2156 Marilyn Simmons has spoken to the Headmaster and Ian Titcombe (Somerset Highways) with regard parking problems at Ruishton School. She will also speak to the owner of the lorry that parks at Martins.

A letter was read from Mr and Mrs Moss of Acklands, Bushy cross Lane regarding the parking of cars outside the Day Nursery.

11/04.10

ACCOUNTS/AUDIT

The following accounts were passed for payment:

	£	
Vale Labels	15.00	Newsletter
Parsons Landscapes Ltd	221.49	Maintenance
Moore Stephens	170.38	2003/04 Audit

The Annual Audit for the year ended 31 March 2004 has been completed and the Notice and Return is currently on display in the notice boards, advertising the closure of the audit, as required by law.

A draft precept will be given to members at the December meeting and will be discussed and agreed at the January 2005 meeting.

11/04.10

COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT/S

County Cllr. Watson spoke about the problems arising at North Curry regarding the travellers and urged that if there is the slightest hint of a similar problem in the parish that it be reported immediately.

District Cllr. Bryant stated that Taunton Deane had not yet issued an enforcement order as there were Human Rights Issues to be considered.

District Cllr. Bryant stated that she did not have figures regarding the Air Quality Management.

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 1 DECEMBER 2004

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.30 PM