

**RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON
PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1 DECEMBER 2004
COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM**

Present: Cllr. Marshall (Chairman), Anderdon, Bulgin, Faulkner, Hill, Mullins, Rexworthy and Walker. District Cllr. Durdan, 2 Parishioners, the press and Mary Growtage (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr. Hancock, House, Lowe and Small

12/04.01

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 November 2004, having been circulated, were taken as read and were duly agreed and signed by the chairman.

12/04.02

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

31/2004/026 - ERECTION OF GARAGE/WORKSHOP/STORE BUILDING AT THE BARN, ARUNDELLS FARM, LOWER HENLADE (PC) Site notice posted 1.11.04

This planning application was passed unanimously.

12/04.03

CLERK'S REPORT

FOOTPATH/CHICANE - The SCC are investigating the cost and feasibility of providing both a footway and chicane in Cheats Road, alongside the recreation field. However there is no guarantee that funding will be available in the next financial year due to existing commitments for other long-standing requests elsewhere in the county. Our request will however be given due consideration in the light of the flood works that are already planned in this area.

DROPPED KERBS/DINHAMS BUNGALOWS - The Senior Estates Officer, Deane Housing Management has written that dropped kerbs were installed in line with current requirements. Mr Shattock has asked for the kerb to be dropped at other points along the pathway. This will be considered with other projects requested by tenants. Due to limited funding available, this will only be given on a priority need allocation. The Parish Council would like to see the kerb dropped near the post box for the use of wheelchair users and it was agreed that the clerk should enquire the cost of this work.

REFUSE COLLECTION - All householders should have been informed that there has been a change in the refuse collection days. However it has been brought to our attention that refuse was not collected in the Lower Henlade area today, this will be reported.

Christmas and New Year refuse collection arrangements will be posted on the notice boards.

Anyone who has a problem with refuse collection litter or fly tipping, should report same to Taunton Deane on 356356 giving the exact location.

STANDARDS BOARD - LOCAL INVESTIGATIONS (Guidance for monitoring officers and standards committees). This handbook can be viewed by contacting the clerk.

The handbook on Guidance for members (Lobby groups, dual-hatted members and the Code of Conduct were handed to those present.

THE FUTURE OF TAUNTON DEANE'S HOUSING - An invitation has been received to attend a meeting on 20th December for an update on the Council's decision regarding the possibility of a Stock Transfer. Any member wishing to attend should notify the clerk.

SALC - The next meeting is being held tomorrow evening (02/12/04) at West Buckland Village Hall.

12/04.04

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

TREES, THE MOUNT, HENLADE - The chairman reported that not all these trees have been felled. The clerk will contact Cllr. Lowe to assess the position.

OVERHANGING TREES - Complaints have been received regarding an overhanging tree at 'Cranmore' on the A358. This will be investigated.

FOOTPATHS - Cllr Lowe has informed the chairman that Taunton Deane will replace the stile next to the school.

VE 60TH CELEBRATIONS - Only four people attended this meeting and it was agreed that something may be incorporated in with Village Day and normal church services.

SWRA - SPATIAL REPORT -This will be published in January 2005.

A358 - It has been announced that the government are to fund the dualling of the A358 in preference to the A303, considering it to be the best option. The chairman and Cllr Bulgin stated that the parish and those along the A358 should start to get involved in the consultations.

SILK MILLS, PARK AND RIDE - The government has also announced that it has released money for the project.

12/04.05

COUNCILLOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

Cllrs Lowe and Hill will become responsible for 'Highways' replacing Cllr Anderdon.

Cllr. Faulkner will join Cllrs. Bulgin and Rexworthy with responsibility for the recreation field.

Cllr. Hancock will join Cllr. Anderdon with responsibility for attending SALC meetings.

Cllr. Hancock will also study any reports before they are brought to the attention of the meeting.

In the absence of the clerk, Cllr. Faulkner will take the minutes of the meeting.

12/04.06

RECREATION FIELD

Following the erection of the 'Wickstead' slide, it was agreed to accept the quotation from Deane DLO in the sum of £197 to turf the area around the safety surfacing.

Thanks were expressed to Cllr. Bulgin for all his work in getting this to a satisfactory conclusion.

Funding was discussed under Accounts.

Following a request from the Village Hall Committee to replace the netting from the recreation entrance to the village hall. Cllr. Bulgin had read the deeds and found this to be the responsibility of the Village Hall Committee, he therefore suggested that the parish council may like to give them a grant

towards the cost when the precept is discussed next month.

12/04.07

ACCOUNTS/PRECEPT

Draft precepts were handed to those present and will be agreed at the next meeting.

The cost of providing the new slide and safety surfacing cost £6915.50 +VAT, while the cost of removing the old slide was £474 + VAT. Making a total of £7389.50. We will be receiving a grant from TDBC of £4250 and have received a grant from SCC of £500 and a donation from Ruishton Court Nursing Home of £350. The Parish Council precepted £2000 towards the cost over the last 2 years, leaving a shortfall of £289.50

We were unable to obtain a grant from Wyvern Waste as work had already started on the project when we applied. District Cllr Durdan suggested that the clerk write to SPFA to ask if they are able to give a grant towards the cost.

The Village Day Committee are giving £100 towards the cost of the new turf mentioned above

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Chairman's Allowance	92.50	Extraordinary items
SPFA	10.00	2004/05 subscription
Vale Labels	15.00	Newsletter
Wickstead Leisure	8286.12	Slide and safety surfacing
Deane DLO	556.95	Remove slide and mound
Parsons Landscapes	221.49	Maintenance
Allianz Cornhill	29.33	Additional insurance re slide
Ruishton Village Hall	69.50	Hire of hall to 3.11.04

12/04.08

CORRESPONDENCE

The clerk had heard from a lady who walks with her dog and two children to Creech St Michael. On phoning TD she had been informed that it was in order for her to use the footpath through the recreation for this purpose. District Cllr. Durdan said he would look into this matter on our behalf and report back to the next meeting.

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

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING - 5 JANUARY 2005

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.15 PM