

**RUISHTON AND THORN FALCON
PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 4 MAY 2005**

Present: Cllr Marshall (Chairman), Anderdon. Bulgin, Faulkner, Hill, Lowe, Rexworthy, Small and Walker. PC Ben Hicks and his assistant. 3 parishioners, the press and Mary Growtage (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr. Hancock. House and Mullins. District Cllr_ Durdan

05/05.01

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

	NOMINATION	PROPOSER	SECONDER
Chairman	M. Marshall	G. Anderdon	D. Lowe
Vice Chair	R. House	S. Rexworthy	D. Lowe

05/05.02

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 April 2005 having been circulated, were taken read and were duly agreed and signed by the chairman

05/05.03

NOMINATION OF REPRESENTATIVES AND AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

John Thorn Trust - Trustees Roy Bulgin, Pat Ward and Mary Growtage.

AREA	COUNCILLORS
FOOTPATHS	HOUSE AND LOWE
HIGHWAYS	BULGIN, HILL AND CLERK
RECREATION FIELD	BULGIN, FAULKNER AND REXWORTHY
SAFETY ISSUES	MULLINS
TARMAC LIAISON	BULGIN, MULLINS AND CLERK POLICE
COMMITTEE CONTACT	MARSHALL AND CLERK
PRESS	MARSHALL AND CLERK
LOWER HENLADE	ANDERDON AND HILL
THORNFALCON	HOUSE AND SMALL
RIVERBANK	HOUSE AND LOWE
LOCAL/STRUCTURE PLAN	BULGIN AND MARSHALL
VILLAGE HALL REPRESENTATIVE	REXWORTHY
KEY HOLDER	CLERK
LAMP REPRESENTATIVE	HOUSE
SALC REPRESENTATIVE	ANDERDON AND HANCOCK
FLOOD WARDENS	BULGIN AND ANDERDON, MRS CALLEN
TREE WARDEN	MRS F BANDEY

Cllr. Faulkner will take the minutes in the absence of the clerk.

Cllr. Hancock will attend outside meetings were possible and scrutinise reports received from outside

bodies if required to do so.

05/05.04

PLANNING MATTERS

31/2005 - ERECTION OF EXTENSION TO EXISTING AGRICULTURAL BUILDING FOR CATTLE AND ERECTION OF AN AGRICULTURAL SLURRY PIT AT THORNWATER FARM, HENLADE.

There were no objections Just one comment, to ensure water courses are protected from any leakage.

HAM SEWERAGE WORKS - SCC GRANTED Conditional Permission

05/05.05

CLERKS REPORT

POLICE - Our local Beat Officer PC 2647 Ben Hicks attended the Parish meeting and had said that he might be willing to restart the Police Surgery prior Parish Council meetings if there was a need

His contact details are.

0845 4567000 , leaving a message if he is not available 01823 363287 (7) and then his collar number. email - benhicks r@avonandsomerset.police.uk

Callers should state that they are calling from RuishtonIHenlade near Taunton and if possible give their post code.

TO ANNUAL MEETING WITH PARISH COUNCILS - Will be held on Thursday 30 .June in Deane House, The agenda will include a short, presentation on the role of the Standards Committee, the planning system inc. the issue of planning enforcement and TDBCX development plan. Councillors Marshall and Bulgur will attend

PARISH PLAY AREA GRANT SCHEME - Able to apply for 33% from TD.. also. able to approach

the Big Lottery Fund' (0845 4102030) for funding towards children's play facilities. The Clerk will make further enquiries on the Lottery funding.

TRAFALGAR WEEKEND, 21-23 October 2005. - NALC is supporting this weekend and would like to encourage its members to participate by organising events, along with the lighting of beacons on the Friday. A Service of Commemoration on the Sunday. with bell ringing at 7pm. The Clerk has further details

This will be an agenda item at the next meeting.

THE RIVER FESTIVAL (PCP) - 22 May at Bridgwater Docks 10am - 5 pm

COUNTRYSIDE AND RIGHTS OF WAY ACT - The Somerset Group of Trail Riders Fellowship have asked if we can provide the names and addresses of the owners of land in Thornfalcon where good evidence of the vehicular status of RUPPS exists as it is their intention to apply to the highway authority (SCC) for the route to be recorded as a BOAT.

The meeting was unable to supply this information.

WEBSITE TRAINING - Invitation to a training/information session which is being run by Vision ICT Ltd at Deane House on 15 June

VILLAGE OF THE YEAR COMPETITION - The Clerk will apply for details.

TARMAC LIAISON MEETING 12 MAY'05 - Nick Atkins has rung the clerk stating that the company has nothing to report and have received no complaints in recent months. At the clerk's suggestion however, it was agreed that this should just be an informal meeting with the local manager and this was agreed by the meeting.

BROWN FIELD SITES FOR DEVELOPMENT - It was reported that TD have not received notice of any such available sites in Ruishton as yet.

PARISH LIAISON OFFICER - Will attend the June meeting.

05/05.06

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

CYCLE PATH - A letter has been received from County Councillor Maureen Lawrence stating that the scheme is 'firmly included in this years Local Transport Plan programme for Taunton. There are significant issues with the scheme including the crossing of the flood bank and Black Brook at the end of Church Lane, plans are in hand to re-route the bank and brook so a suitable gradient could be achieved for the route. Church Lane itself is also an issue in terms of it not being public highway and the landowner being unknown. Hopefully funds will be available for this project in 2006/07.

SOMERSET LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN -The chairman will reply to the SCC Local Transport Plan 2006-2011 on behalf of the council.

05/05.07

VILLAGE DAY

Coun. Bulgin declared a personal interest as he serves on the committee.

It was unanimously agreed that the parish council should again give a grant of £100, this had been taken into account when setting the precept.

It was also unanimously agreed that the recreation field be used for that purpose on 16 July 2005 on the proviso that the Village Day committee undertake to obtain the necessary liability funding and that the dog by-laws be removed for that one day only.

05/05.08

ACCOUNTS

The Internal Auditor has examined the books and records and found them to be in order, and has signed Section 4 of the Annual Internal Audit Report, there being no matters to raise with the council.

Current balances are Nat West Reserve A/C £11227 and Scottish Widows £12000, Earning interest of 2.25% and 4.25% respectively. The clerk proposes to transfer £8000 to the Scottish Widows A/C as the interest rate is 2% higher at the present time. This was agreed.

The following accounts were passed for payment:

	£	
Vale Labels	15.00	Newsletter
AJ Bullen	99.98	Internal Audit 2004/05

It was agreed not to renew the subscription to the Somerset Community Council.

With regard to the funds held in the Alliance and Leicester on behalf of Ruishton Cricket Club, it was agreed to ask Mr Brian Jones (former chairman) for permission to incorporate the money into parish funds.

05/05.09

COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT/S

There were no councillors present.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING - 1 JUNE 2005

Parishioners question time will continue to be at 7.20 pm
prior to the commencement of the Parish Council meeting at 7.30 pm

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.25 PM

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.