

**RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON
PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 7 SEPTEMBER 2005
Commencing at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr. Marshall (Chairman), Faulkner, House, Lowe, Mullins, Rexworthy and Small. Cllr. Durdan and Leighton (District), 7 parishioners, Mr J Grant (TD Development Control) Mr D. Grieg (TD Parish Liaison Officer) the press and Mary Growthage (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr. Anderdon, Bulgin, Hancock, Hill, Walker and Clark (County)

09/05.01

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS

Minutes of meetings held on 3 and 24 August 2005, having been circulated, were taken as read and were duly agreed and signed by the chairman.

09/05.02 **PLANNING MATTERS**

31/2005/008 - ERECTION OF 2 STOREY REAR EXTENSION AND SINGLE STOREY FRONT EXTENSION AT AVONLEA, STOKE ROAD, HENLADE. (PC)

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

This application was brought back for our consideration as the case officer (Mr J Grant) was recommending refusal on the grounds that the extensions would make the property too large in relation to neighbouring properties.

His recommendations were duly considered and there being no objections from neighbours, the council decided by a vote of 5 - 0 in favour of the application, with one abstention,.

Permission was granted, subject to the usual conditions.

31/2005/009 - ERECTION OF FIRST STOREY EXTENSION AT 9 VIRGINIA ORCHARD, RUISHTON (PC)

At the case officer's request these plans have been amended and are now in line with the neighbours extension.

The case officer's recommendations were considered and the application was duly granted.

31/2005/010 - ERECTION OF 2 STOREY REAR EXTENSION AT 23 VIRGINIA ORCHARD, RUISHTON (PC)

The case officer's recommendations were discussed and the application was duly granted.

09/05.03

CLERK'S REPORT

DIARY DATES - A list was handed to each of the members present. Dates of main concern to members in the coming month are:

13 Sept - Village of the Year Presentation, North Curry Village Hall.

15 Sept - Town and Country Briefing Seminar, West Buckland Village Hall, 7.30 pm
Coun. Bulgin and the clerk will endeavour to attend.

1 Oct. - SALC Annual Meeting, Burrowbridge Village Hall, 10.00am to 4.00 pm
Lunch available at £7.50 each, payable in advance. Either Cllr. Anderdon or Hancock to endeavour to attend.

AGE CONCERN - Notices have been posted on the notice boards, asking for volunteers to act as Local Links in the community.

LICENCE - Knight Bros., Thornfalcon Garage being the holders of a provisional Justices' Licence for their premises, are to apply to the Transfer Sessions on 13 September for the said provisional grant to be declared final.

BT PAYPHONES - Our response has been noted and will be taken into account before any action is taken (expected to be concluded around November this year)

UNAUTHORISED SIGNS AND GOODS DISPLAYED ON THE HIGHWAY - It was explained that it is an offence to block the highway, the clerk has more details.

CHANGE TO MEALS ON WHEELS SERVICE - Again the clerk has details should anyone wish to have more details.

09/05.04

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

TD LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK - the response will be available on 20.09.05

HENLADE PO NOTICE BOARD - This will need repairing in the short term and replacing next year. The clerk will enquire the cost involved before the precept is considered.

CAMPAIGN SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY BILL - The document was circulated.

DEER CROSSING - The clerk will ask the Highway Authority to provide a 'deer' warning sign in Bushy Cross Lane and Lower Henlade.

FLOOD WORKS, CHEATS ROAD - The clerk has asked for notices to be posted advising the route to the Village Hall.

09/05.05 **STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT FOR PLANNING -**
A draft response prepared by the chairman was duly agreed without any change.

09/05.06

HIGHWAY MATTERS

The clerk has received a telephone call in response to her letter requesting the police to act following the recent traffic and speed checks. There appears to be no way that it can be undertaken at this time as there have been only a few recorded accidents and none on the road which showed the fastest traffic (Stoke Road, Hen lade) We will await the written reply.

Concern was expressed over the grass cutting undertaken by the Highway Authority on the A358, in some places there is only one width cut and there is no visibility for cyclists. The clerk will write accordingly.

Footpath from Bushy Cross Lane to Newlands Crescent including the garage area, needs cutting. The clerk will write again on this matter.

On the A358, just past the southbound exit slip road the road goes into three lanes, but there is no signs saying that two of these lanes merge into one lane and there have been some accidents at this point.

The road near Ruishton Primary will be closed for one day to enable the road to be resurfaced following building works at the school.

The chairman is meeting with the Highway Authority with regard to the problems arising through Henlade due to the closure of the A303 at Marsh.

It is hoped that the Air Quality Management team may be able to attend the October meeting to discuss the current problems.

The clerk will endeavour to get copies of the parish definitive maps for councillors.

09/05.07

RECREATION FIELD

Complaints have been received from residents about the noise and disruption caused by youngsters/children in the recreation field.

With regard to footballs going into gardens in Overlands, the clerk has been in contact with the SPFA and Judith Jackson, the senior solicitor at Taunton Deane.

Both consider that by providing as 20' fence between the football pitch and the properties, together with a notice to dissuade football at that end of the pitch, the PC have taken reasonable care to ensure that the neighbours are protected from nuisance.

The village hall representative reported that there were a few problems with the three teams using the football pitch, in that they wanted a different changing room for each side in a match, which the VH committee cannot provide. There has also been

comment over the fees charged but this has not been addressed to the parish council.

09/05.08 **ACCOUNTS**

The accounts for the year to 31 March 2005, have been agreed by the auditor, Moore Stephens of Bath.

The following accounts were passed for payment:

	£	
Moore Stevens	141.00	Audit
Vale Labels	15.00	Newsletter
Parsons Landscapes	225.78	Maintenance

09/05.09 **DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

CIr Leighton reported that the Local Plan has been formally published.

The second phase of the recycling programme commences on 17 October 2005

TD have launched a 'Handyman Scheme', offering a mobile home repair, home safety and accident prevention service to assist vulnerable homeowners in the

community. Details will be put in the newsletter and leaflets will-be made available.

A 'Slinky' Bus Service is to be launched, this will provide a service between Ruishton, neighbouring villages and Taunton up to 11.00 pm and is aimed at those who are unable to catch a bus and do not have their own transport. Details available from

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NEXT MEETING 5 OCTOBER 2005
THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.47 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.