

RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 5 OCTOBER 2005

Commencing at 7.30 pm

**Present:** Cllr Marshall (Chairman), Anderdon, Bulgin, Faulkner, Hancock, Hill, House, Lowe, Mullins, Small and Walker. Cllr. Clark (County), Durdan and 4 parishioners and Mary Growthage (Clerk)

**Apologies:** Cllr. Rexworthy and Leighton (District)

PRESENTATION BY THE AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT TEAM -  
TDBC

Unfortunately Ms. Taylor was unable to attend due to illness, another date will be fixed when she returns to work.

10/05.01

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 September, having been circulated, were taken as read and after an alteration to 09/09.06 (page 3) to read 'On the eastbound A358, just past the M5 south slip exit road, two lanes immediately merge into one; the signage at this point is inadequate and there have been some near accidents at this point'. The clerk will contact the Highway Agency with regard to this matter'

The minutes were then agreed.

10/05.02

PLANNING MATTERS

37/2005/11 - CHANGE OF USE OF LAND AND ERECTION OF BUILDING FOR  
VEHICLE STORAGE AT DAIRY HOUSE FARM, STOKE HILL, HENLADE

This application is in Stoke St Mary Parish and is for comment only.

Cllr. Hill declared an interest and left the meeting for this agenda item. Cllr. Bulgin declared a personal interest.

Vehicle restoration has been removed from the original application.

The comments of the meeting were the same as those recorded at the August meeting (08/05.02)

31/2005/012 - TD have granted outline planning permission for a dwelling on land to the rear of The Hyde, Henlade.

10/05.03

#### CLERK'S REPORT

MEMORIAL SHRUB BED - The clerk has requested plans and quotes from Monkton Elms and Parsons Landscapes but to date has not received a reply. It was suggested that she contact the Jungle Nursery at Lower Henlade.

#### HEDGE ALONGSIDE VIRGINIA ORCHARD (Bushy Cross Lane)

The clerk will ask Parsons Landscapes to cut the height of the shrubs in Bushy Cross Lane, alongside Virginia Orchard.

HEDGE BEHIND CORONATION CLOSE PROPERTIES - The Estate Officer (TD) has issued an order for this vegetation to be cut back.

HENLADE PO NOTICE BOARD - Cllr. Lowe reported that this will need replacing; quotations will be obtained before the precept is discussed in December.

MAPS - Maps of Ruishton have been given to members and the clerk is requested to also obtain maps of Thornfalcon for all members.

10/05.04

#### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

RUISHTON PRIMARY SCHOOL - Cllr. Bulgin gave reported that the building work at the school is almost completed and read a letter from the headmaster giving details on the improvements.

Those interested can make a tour of the school on 18 October between 9.30 am and 2.30 pm.

SOMERSET ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS AGM - Cllr. Hancock attended the meeting on our behalf and spoke on matters of interest.

He stated that Mr Mark Newey (SWRA) is available to speak to parish councils if required.

HORSE CHESTNUT TREES - The chairman reported that the parish council had the offer of 4 horse chestnut trees for the recreation field if required next spring.

STRATEGIC PLANNING TRANSPORT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - The chairman reported that we were one of only five parish councils out of 37 in Taunton Deane who had replied to this document, despite much advertising.

10/05.05

#### PARKING PROBLEMS - CORONATION CLOSE

A letter has been received from Mr Ian Titcombe (Somerset Highways) regarding 'Keep Clear' markings, which he proposes to provide at the turning heads of

Coronation Close; as residents park here obstructing driveways and preventing other vehicles from turning around.

The meeting agreed that there is a problem in the area and thought that this might solve the problem. At this stage a site meeting was not thought necessary.

10/05.06

#### HIGHWAY MATTERS

The clerk has heard from Mr Neil Pincombe regarding the following issues:

The pathway between Bushy Cross Lane and Newlands Crescent does not form part of the public highway. Neither does the garage area.

Apologies were received from Somerset Highways that the hedges along Thorn Lane and Stoke hill have been missed from this year's cutting programme.

Our letter has been forwarded to the project manager, Mr Graham Adlam.

Again, apologies with regard to the surface dressing at Lower Henlade; this will be rectified.

The Traffic Regulation Order for 'Tarmac's entrance' has been sent to Mr Richard Bryant at TD for processing.

The 'merge in turn' signs present on the A358 near junction 25 were introduced during an experimental highway scheme. These signs are no longer approved by The Department of Transport and so additional signs cannot be added.

The clerk will write to enquire what signs are now approved as there definitely needs to be clearer advance warning of this merger.

Deer warning signs can be placed in Ruishton Lane, the clerk to provide Mr Ian Titcombe of the exact location of their crossing points and an estimate of frequency of use.

Cllr. Hill requested that a traffic count be carried out at Lower Henlade, during the period of the A303 closure. The chairman will be meeting with County Highways to discuss this and other matters arising from the A303 closure.

#### 10/05.07 RECREATION FIELD

An apology has been received by the chairman from Parsons Landscapes regarding the fact that the litter bins were not cleared for three weeks. The bins are meant to be cleared every Monday.

Cllr. Bulgin was not impressed that despite a letter and two verbal requests from the clerk that this was not done and he himself had to clear the bins.

The matter will be kept under close scrutiny.

It is noted that people are still exercising their dogs in the recreation field and a request was made by a parishioner for larger signs; although the current ones are recommended by the dog warden. It was agreed to ask the dog warden to put in an appearance and to ask her opinion as to how to stop this unsocial habit.

The clerk informed the meeting that TD has an annual grant fund to which parish councils may apply for funding towards improvements to their playing fields. Awards for this, under the Parish Play Area Grant Scheme, are made up of 33% of the project cost. In the first instance the money will be given for older children and teenagers' play areas. Applications from the 2006/07 funding must be received by 31 December 2005 with a short letter explaining what improvements have been identified.

The clerk will request that the vegetation is cut back along the ball stop netting and that the flood bank is also cleared.

10/05.08

#### ACCOUNTS

The following accounts were passed for payment:

	£	
Vale Labels	15.00	Newsletter
Durston Tree Surgeon	155.00	Strimming footpaths

Balances in hand are £3700 at Nat West and £1/ K with Scottish Widows.

10/05.09

#### CORRESPONDENCE

COMMUNITY BASED INVOLVEMENT - A letter was read from a property consultant regarding available land in the area for building. It was agreed to ignore the letter completely.

10/05.10

#### COUNTY COUNCILLOR 'S REPORT

Cllr. Clerk spoke of his involvement in funding for Ruishton School.

10/05.11

#### DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr. Durdan said we have a new Beat Officer ( Avon and Somerset Police) although we have not yet been informed.

LAMP is to change its name to incorporate PCP

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING - 2 November 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 8.50 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.**