

**RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON
PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 7 DECEMBER 2005
Commencing at 7.30 pm**

Present: Cllr Marshall (Chairman), Anderdon, Bulgin, Faulkner, House, Lowe, Rexworthy, Small and Walker. Cllr. Clark (County), 1 parishioners, Andrew Freeman & Kate (Community Council) and Mary Growthage (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr. Hancock, Mullins, Walker and Cllr. Leighton (District)

PRESENTATION ON THE PARISH PLAN - Mr Andrew Freeman.

Mr Freeman explained that Parish Plans are local, action-based plans which address a wide range of problems and opportunities affecting rural communities.

They can be social, economic and environmental issues and the whole community should be involved, with the parish Council taking lead responsibility.

The plan must be consistent with related policies and should be based on information provided through research, consultation and community participation.

Parish plans should identify actions which can be taken forward by the parish council, as well as other individuals and groups within the community or by service providers and statutory bodies.

A grant of 75% towards the cost is currently available, currently up to a maximum of £2750. Application for this grant would have to be made by 16 January 2006 and the meeting felt that there was not enough time to undertake this before that date.

The idea of a Parish Plan will be featured in the Village Newsletter prior to the Annual Parish Meetings in April 2006.

12/05.01

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 October 2005, having been circulated, were taken as read and were duly agreed before being signed by the chairman.

12/05.02

PLANNING MATTERS

31/2005/015 - ERECTION OF CONSERVATORY, SHED ETC. AT 28
CORONATION CLOSE, RUISHTON (PC) -

This application was approved.

31/2005/016- ERECTION OF CONSERVATORY AT 1 VIRGINIA ORCHARD,
RUISHTON (PC)

This application was approved, subject to the approval of the planning officer.

31/2005/013B - ACKLANDS, BUSHY CROSS LANE, RUISHTON - TD have
approved this application.

12/05.03

CLERK'S REPORT

RUISHTON FLOOD IMPROVEMENTS - Following receipt of the tenders, which
were above budget, a report will be going to the Agency's Project Assessment Board
on Monday 19 December to request additional funding.

Assuming the supplementary expenditure is approved, the contract can be let and
work should commence at the end of January 2006 and will take 4-5 weeks to
complete

This may depend on weather conditions.

SALC - Cllr. Anderdon agreed to attend the SALC meeting at Williton on 8
December 2005.

12/05.04

APPLICATION TO MODIFY THE DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT -

There has been a request from The Trail Riders Fellowship to upgrade footpaths
T17/64 and T'28/8 from RUPP to BOAT in the parishes of Thornfalcon and North
Curry.

A statement of objections from Mr and Mrs Small of Hammonds, Thornfalcon was
given to those present. These have been sent to SCC.

The meeting was closed to enable a parishioner to speak on this matter.

It is understood that this will not be undertaken for some considerable time and that
we would be contacted in more detail nearer the time.

However members from Thornfalcon stated that the footpath is already being used by
vehicles and it was agreed that the clerk should contact Miss Tabitha Sutton (SCC.,
Rights of Way Group) informing her of this and requesting that farmers are allowed to

padlock their gates and that perhaps stiles could be provided.

12/05.05

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

BOUNDARY CHANGES - The draft recommendations by The Boundary Committee would significantly affect our parish as we would be part of a two-member ward combining the existing Neroche, Hatch Beauchamp, Stoke St Mary, West Hatch and Corfe wards with Ruishton and Thornfalton, which they propose to name Ruishton and Neroche ward.

The meeting was very concerned with this proposal and the clerk is to invite Mr Craig Morse (Electoral Services Manager, TDBC) to attend our next meeting.

SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL OF THE TAUNTON DEANE CORE STRATEGY AND THE TOWN CENTRE AREA ACTION PLAN. - The chairman and Cllr. Bulgin will reply to this consultation on our behalf.

RELOCATABLE CCTV SYSTEM - This equipment, which is owned by TDBC, will be made available to Parish Councils, Local Action Teams and recognised community groups within Taunton Deane. The equipment will be deployed only to monitor public areas such as highway, car parks and open spaces or entrances/exits to public accessible buildings. It will not be deployed for private use.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL - We have been requested to advertise 2005/06 Somerset Drug and Alcohol Awareness in the community and the flyer will be included in the monthly newsletter.

SOMERSET WASTE ACTION PROGRAMME - If any organisation would like a

talk on this subject, they should contact 01963 351350 who can offer presentations free of charge.

PLANNING TRAINING - This was attended by several of the members.

12/05.06

STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY UNINVOLVEMENT - REVISED DRAFT CONSULTATION

Copies of the response were given to those present and were duly agreed. A copy is attached to the minutes.

12/05.07

MEMORIAL SHRUB BED (Dinhams area)

The Housing Committee have approved the replanting of this bed.

Advertising consent will have to be obtained for the advertising by Henlade Estate Gardens.

12/05.08

RECREATION FIELD

The inspection of the play equipment has been undertaken. Only minor faults were found and these will be rectified.

12/05.09

HIGHWAYS

Mr John Harrington (TD) has agreed that several of the street name plates in the village will be repainted.

Cllr. Lowe requested that the owners of 'Cranmer' on the A358 be contacted and asked to cut back the vegetation outside their property.

The clerk was asked to report a coach parking on the footpath on the corner of Coronation Close and Bushy Cross Lane.

Slow signs (4) have been erected in Thornfalcon.

The road outside the school has not been resurfaced and it would appear that this will not now be done until the next financial year.

There are still concerns about deer crossing Ruishton Lane, six having been seen recently at 8.45 am. The clerk will ask Somerset Highways to reconsider our request for a warning notice sign.

The flood pump outside the Village Hall is currently not working, Cllr. Faulkner will report this in the morning.

12/05.10

PRECEPT

Copies of the draft precept was handed to members ready for consideration at the next meeting.

12/05.11

ACCOUNTS

The following accounts were passed for payment:

£

Vale Labels	15.00	Newsletter
Parsons Landscapes	226.78	Maintenance
Lee Constable	85.00	Inspection of play equipment
TDBC	243.37	Dismantle goal posts 04/05, store and erect 08/05, mark out pitch
GB Sport and Leisure	76.38	Repair kit for safety surfacing

The current balance at Nat West is £2969.43., after the above cheques have been drawn will reduce to £2322.90. £17k remains in the Scottish Widows account.

12/05.12 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr. Clark reported that a planning application will be submitted for the Park and Ride at Cambria Farm in the near future.

12/05.13 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT/S

The chairman asked for it to be reported at the lack of support the parish council appear to receive from their District Councillors.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING - 4 JANUARY 2006

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 9.25 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.**