

**RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON
PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1 FEBRUARY 200

Present: Cllr. Marshall, Bulgin, Faulkner, Hancock, Hill, House, Lowe, Mullins, Rexworthy, Small, and Walker. County Cllr. Clark, District Cllr. Bryant and Durdan, 5 Parishioners and Mary Growthage (Clerk)

Apologies:Cllr. Anderdon.

02/06.01

RUISHTON FLOOD RELIEF SCHEME

David Mann (Project Manager), John Rawlings (Flood Risk Management Officer), Mike Langford (Supervisor), from the Environment Agency, Mike Clark (MD) and Brian Rice (Contract Manager) from SWC Civil Engineering gave a presentation on the proposed scheme due to start this month.

Work is due to commence in mid February and last approximately three weeks. Traffic lights will be in operation for part of this time, with complete road closure for three days, access to properties will be maintained at all times and every effort will be made to keep the duration of this closure to a minimum to reduce any further disruption.

If any further information is received, it will be put on the website.

02/06.02

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 January 2006, having been circulated, were taken as read and were duly agreed and signed by the chairman.

02/06.03

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

40/2005/007LB - REPLACEMENT OF CHIMNEY STACK; REMOVAL OF BRICKWORK IN INGLENOOK TO EXPOSE BREAD OVEN; AND FITTING OF NEW WOODBURNING STOVE WITH STAINLESS STEEL FLUE IN NEW CHIMNEY STACK: ASHE FARM, THORNFALCON (TD)

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

There were no objections to the application.

31/2005/017 - ERECTION OF DETACHED DWELLING AND GARAGE, THE HYDE, HENLADE (TD)

Outline planning permission already granted.

The meeting did not object to the proposal, but stressed that the new building should not overlook existing homes and that the bathroom and en suite windows should have restricted opening.

31/2005/018 - ERECTION OF REPLACEMENT GARAGE WITH STUDIO ABOVE AT GABRIELI, GREEN WAY LANE, LOWER HENLADE (PC)

The meeting felt that they did not have sufficient information to make a decision on this application and that it be deferred to the next meeting.

48/2005/072 - PROPOSE MIXED URBAN EXTENSION DEVELOPMENT COMPRISING RESIDENTIAL, EMPLOYMENT, LOCAL CENTRE, NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL, A38 RELIEF ROAD, GREEN SPACES AND PLAYING FIELDS AT MONKTON HEATHFIELD (Comment only)

Concern was expressed regarding the amount of traffic on to the traffic lights at Creech Castle.

Also, asked for a restriction on construction traffic through Creech St Michael and Ruishton.

02/06.04

CLERK'S REPORT

POLICE NEWSLETTER - The latest newsletter was read to the meeting, following which it was agreed to ask the Beat Officer to attend the Annual Parish Meeting.

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT IN ENGLISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT - The closing date for responses has been altered to mid-February and will not give enough time for SALC to discuss the paper at their next meeting.

A FUTURE FOR LAMP? - Cllr. House, as our representative, will reply on our behalf.

NUCLEAR POWER STATIONS - Cllr. Mullins declared an interest.

A review is being undertaken, with a public consultation in Spring 2006. It was agreed that the parish council would like to receive further information and consultation documents.

PARISH MEETINGS - Will be held on Thursday, 25 May 2006, with Thornfalcon meeting commencing at 7.00 pm and Ruishton following at 7.30 pm

VILLAGE OF THE YEAR COMPETITION - Entry forms have been received and will be reviewed by Cllr. Faulkner and Hancock before a decision is made as to whether we enter this year.

RATS IN THE VICINITY OF THE VILLAGE HALL - There is concern over rats seen in the area and the clerk will contact the Environmental Health department

(TDBC) regarding the problem and that of the derelict buildings on the field behind the Village Hall.

A suggestion was made that the parish council might consider purchasing the field.

RECREATION FIELD - Cllr. Bulgin reported that he will be cutting down a small fir tree which is obscuring light from street light onto the path, at the far end of the recreation field.

TD SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS - Cllr. Hancock has reviewed the leaflet which he found to be easy to understand, but, was shocked at the cost of producing the leaflet at £1 per copy.

02/06.05

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The chairman thanked Cllr. Bulgin for replying to the TDBC Draft Sustainability Report on behalf of the parish council.

PHASE 3 RECYCLING ARRANGEMENTS - The chairman was concerned that all the local roadshows to view the new bins and learn more about the SORT IT! services were all being held during working hours.

Details will be sent to all households and forms will be enclosed if you wish to request changes from the standard bin or order garden waste collections or kitchen caddy liners. These have to be returned by 6 March 2006. Cllr. Leighton will ask for bins and details to be available at our next meeting.

LICENSING SERVICE OF REV. IAN ALDERSLEY - The chairman has been invited to attend this at St. Georges Church, Ruishton on Monday, 13 February 2006.

REGIONAL SPATIAL STRATEGY - The Regional Assembly is working on the final draft to be agreed and submitted to the Secretary of State by the end of March 2006.

TDBC are stressing that Taunton, Bridgwater and Wellington collectively offer significant potential to contribute to the economic growth and prosperity of the region.

Whilst growth at Taunton will be focused primarily within the urban area, there will be requirement for a strategic urban extension to the north of Taunton of about 3,000 dwellings, building on the existing local plan proposals.

02/06.06

CHANGE OF BOUNDARIES - A copy of the proposed response has already been given to members, who agreed the contents. This will be sent to Taunton Deane as

well as The Boundary Commission.

02/06.07 **HIGHWAYS**

DEER CROSSING RUISHTON LANE - Ian Titcombe (Traffic Engineer, Somerset Highways) has written stating that his decision not to erect 'Wild Animal' signs in Ruishton Lane was following advice from the Environment Officer. It was agreed that the clerk ask that our request is 'put on record'

MERGER SIGNS - A request has been made for a Safety Audit to be carried out on the length of road where the 'merge in turn' signs are on the A358 at Blackbrook. Any improvement/changes recommended will be considered and we will be informed of any progress in the matter.

CYCLE NETWORK/ RUISHTON TO HANKRIDGE - The clerk has received an update on this scheme and this will be discussed at the next meeting.

TRAFFIC COUNTS - The clerk will ask Jeremy Callard (SCC) for the full results of the recent traffic counts undertaken at Lower Henlade.

TRADING LAYBY - CIIr. Lowe has reported blocked drains and the damage to one of the bollards at this site.

TARMAC LAYBY - The clerk has been informed that the double yellow lines should be done in this financial year and the TD have been requested to advertise the new traffic speed regulations at this site on the A358.

CHEATS ROAD - CIIr. Hancock reported that the road is breaking up where a trench was dug across Cheats Road between Lawn Meadow and Moss Lane. The clerk will inform the Highway Authority.

02/06.8

ACCOUNTS

The following accounts were passed for payment:

	£	
Vale Labels Ltd	15.00	Newsletter
Parsons Landscapes Ltd	29.75	Maintenance

The Bank reconciliation was checked by the Chairman as at 31 December 2005 showing a balance in hand at Nat West plc as £2338.62 with £17k invested at Scottish Widows.

Since then the clerk has claimed a VAT repayment of £379.12.

02/06.9

COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT/S

C.Cllr Clark spoke on the fact that Ruishton School had lost their funding for Special Needs children, which is a great disappointment to the staff and pupils alike.

Cllr. Durdan and Leighton spoke on the numbers using the Ice Rink and shopping in Taunton over the Christmas period.

TD budget for 2006/07 has increased by 3%

From 1 April there will be free travel on the buses at off peak times for those over 60 or disabled.

Four new pumps have been purchased to pump the water off the levels at times of flooding, this will increase the speed considerably.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING - 1 MARCH 2006
(Apologies from Cllrs. Anderdon, Hancock & Marshall)

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.