

**RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON
PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 3 MAY 2006**

Present: Cur Marshall (Chairman), Anderdon, Bulgin, House, Lowe, Rexworthy and Walker, 2 parishioners and Mary Growthage (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr. Faulkner, Hill, Hancock and Mullins, District Cllr. Durdan and Leighton.

Cllr. Bulgin inform the meeting of the deaths of Brian Elliott and Brian Ward, both former members of the Parish Council.

05/06.01

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

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

05/06.02

NOMINATION OF REPRESENTATIVES AND AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

It was proposed and unanimously agreed that these remain as last year.

John Thorn Trust - Trustees Roy Bulgin, Pat Ward and Mary Growthage. Nicholas Marks Trust - Trustees George Anderdon and Roy Bulgin

AREA	COUNCILLORS
FOOTPATHS	HOUSE AND LOWE
HIGHWAYS	BULGIN, HILL AND CLERK
RECREATION FIELD	BULGIN, FAULKNER AND REXWORTHY
SAFETY ISSUES	MULLINS
TARMAC LIAISON COMMITTEE	BULGIN, MULLINS AND CLERK
POLICE 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.

05/06.03

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes for the meeting held on 5 April 2006, having been circulated were taken as read and were duly agreed and signed by the Chairman.

05/06.04

PLANNING MATTERS

31/2006/004 - CONVERSION AND EXTENSION TO BARN TO FORM HOLIDAY LET (AMENDED APPLICATION TO 31/2004/09) AT ARUNDELL'S FARM, LOWER HENLADE, TAUNTON (TD)

There were no objections to this amendment.

31/2006/003 - ERECTION OF GROUND FLOOR EXTENSION AND TWO SIDE WINDOWS AT STRAUN, BUSHY CROSS LANE, RUISHTON (PC)
(Site notice posted 29/04/06)

The meeting passed this application, subject to there no objections received by 20 May 2006.

05/06.05

CLERK'S REPORT

RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN - The Draft Plan, Appendices and consultation questionnaire are available at <http://www.somerset.gov.uk/rightsofway>. Comments to be made by Friday 28 July.

The RoWIP workshop will take place on 14 September, 7-9 pm. Numbers are restricted to one person from each parish. TD to be notified of attendance or not by 2 June, Cllr. Lowe will endeavour to attend.

TALKING TOMORROW'S TAUNTON DEANE - Exhibitions will be held at Wellington Library on Friday, 5 May, normal opening times. North Curry Village Hall on Saturday 6 May, 10 am to 12 noon.

Workshops have been arranged as follows:

Cotford St Luke, Village Hall, Tuesday 16 May, 7.30 - 9.30 pm Cotford St Luke,

Thursday 18 May, 7.30 to 9.30 pm

Places at the workshops should be booked in advance, maximum of 3 per council.

Cllr. Bulgin will endeavour to attend one of the workshops.

HINCKLEY POINT Drop-IN Sessions will be held at Cannington on 4 May. (venue will be signposted) and The Princess Hall, Burnham on Sea on 9 May. Both from 3 - 8 pm.

TD WALKING FESTIVAL - 7 - 31 May, the clerk has more details. TARMAC LIAISON MEETING - 18 May, 6.30 pm at the site office.

RIVER FESTIVAL and PCP in PRACTICE 2 day event - 21 /22 May.

On Sunday the festival will be held on the River Parrett and the banks at Cockle Moor, Langport.

PCP In Practice programme of events will cover all Monday, commencing at Oake Manor Golf Club at 9 pm. The clerk has full details. If attending, space will be made available for us to provide a display if required.

THORNFALCON, HAM AND CREECH ST MICHAEL CIRCULAR WALK - The draft leaflet will be reviewed by Cllr. House.

FIELD T32/4, T32/5 next to BLACKBROOK TAVERN - The Enforcement Officer (TDBC) will investigate the matter of motor cyclists using this field as soon as possible.

The RoW Officer (SCC) will also investigate. Cllr. Leighton also has this matter in hand.

T22/11 FOOTBRIDGE - The RoW Officer has informed the clerk that the handrails had been repaired, before she went to investigate our complaint.

TD CORPORATE STRATEGY 2006-2009 - The clerk has requested a paper copy of the report. The link to view this is: -

<http://www.tauntondeane.gov.uk/Farms/CorporateStrategy2006-2009.pdf>

05/06.06

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

INSTALLATION OF CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION AND AUTOMATIC NUMBER PLATE RECOGNITION ON HOUSEHOLD WASTW RECYCLING CENTRES. These will be installed at all centres across Somerset; the system is already in place at the Taunton site.

The motivation behind installing this system is to

Provide for personal safety on site

Reduce the amount of illegal commercial waste deposit, thus safeguarding the Waste Services budget and reducing the financial burden on the Council Tax Payer Act as a management tool to determine waste input levels Act as a deterrent to break-ins

Provide site usage data

Monitor congestion

CLEARING RUBBISH - Residents are joining forces to clear rubbish from the field adjacent to Church Lane, left behind in by travellers last summer. The owner of the field is also co-operating in the task.

REGIONAL SPATIAL STRATEGY UPDATE - Formal public consultation will take place between May and July this year.

Preparatory meetings with the Examination in Public Panel will take place in the Autumn, with the anticipated date for the EiP in February/March 2007.

05/06.07

APPROVE AGENDA FOR PARISH MEETING

The meeting approved the agenda for the Annual Parish Meetings on 25 May 2006.

05/06.08

HIGHWAYS

A58 HENLADE - Somerset Highways have informed the clerk that The Traffic Regulation Order for the proposed works by Tarmac Concrete works is being advertised in this week's County Gazette. This is subject to a 3-week objection period and providing there are no objections, the double yellow lines can be provided early June.

The changes in the speed limit and the new street lights should be provided very soon, but at this time we have not been given an exact date.

PARISH SURVEY - Cllr. Lowe and the clerk spoke of the difficulty in being able to speak to members of Somerset Highways and that communication is not satisfactory. The clerk had stated this fact when completing the survey.

A378 THORNFALCON TO LANGPORT - We are informed that as part of the annual review of injury accidents in Somerset, the above location has been identified to meet the criteria for treatment as a Casualty Reduction Scheme.

There have been 41 injury accidents, 8 of which involved death or serious injury on this stretch of road over the past five years.

Analysis of these accidents indicates that a high proportion is occurring at bends and at the junctions to side roads. The measures, due to be introduced next month aim to reduce the number of accidents along this stretch of road.

To reduce disruption to road users these Casualty Reduction measures have been combined with the planned re-surfacing being carried out at Fivehead.

The safety measures are aimed to help assist drivers and riders to read the road alignment and to create a better awareness of any potential hazards such as bends and vehicles at side roads.

Works should be completed in May, subject to weather conditions.

A358 HENLADE - Cllr. Lowe again raised the issue of the lack of grass cutting, the poor condition of the cycle path, potholes and 'sinking' drains on this stretch of road.

Cllr. Lowe has spoken to the Highways Agency and the clerk has written several times on these matters, to no avail.

Cllr. Lowe has now taken photographs of the issues in question and is to send them to Somerset Highways, our County Councillor and District Councillors. The clerk will also write again.

CHEATS CORNER - The clerk will also request the cutting of the grass at this junction and ask for two trees to be cut back to improve visibility.

05/06.09

RECREATION FIELD

Cllr. Bulgin reported that the new fence and also a new gate are now in place, it was agreed to ask Cllr. Hill if he could weld the gates so that they cannot be removed.

The overgrowth has been removed behind the high netting alongside the properties in Overlands.

Cllr. Bulgin is to replace soil or put concrete slabs in front of the seat , he's also going to cut back one of the fir trees next to the light at the entrance.

05/06.10

ACCOUNTS

Those present were given copies of the draft accounts, which will be presented to the Annual Parish Meeting. The clerk does not expect there to be any alterations, but, she has not yet received the statements from the bank covering the 31 March 2006. The Internal Auditor will audit the accounts next week.

The following accounts were passed for payment:

	£	
Vale Labels	15.00	Newsletter
Community Council for Somerset	25.00	Subscription

The insurance premium will be due for payment on 1 June 2006 in the sum of £1805.85 and it was agreed that this be paid later in the month. The clerk will ask the Internal Auditor to look at the policy when he audits the accounts.

05/06.11

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr. Clark has noted our concerns over the state of the A358.

He informed the meeting that he had recently attended The Young Persons Advisory Council.

SCC have not been able to serve a Closure Notice on the Special Needs Unit at Ruishton School as it is a C of E school, Government Legislation will have to be changed before this can be done.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING - 7 JUNE 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 8.35 PM

**THE COUNCIL IS AWARE OF THEIR IMPLICATION UNDER
REC.17 OF THE CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 2000
AND HAVE CONSIDERED THE ACT IN THEIR DECISION MAKING.**