

**RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON
PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 5 JUNE 2006**

- Present:** Cllr. Marshall (Chair), Faulkner, Hill, Mullins, Rexworthy. County Cllr. Clark, District Cllr. Durdan, 2 Parishioners, Emily Ruthven (Age Concern) & Mary Growtage (Clerk)
- Apologies:** Cllr. Anderdon, Bulgin, Hancock, House, Lowe, Small, Walker and Leighton(District)

06/06.01

AGE CONCERN (Emily Ruthven)

Emily Ruthven was introduced to those present and gave a briefing on 'Partnerships for Older People Project' (POPP). Finance is available to set up 50 Active Living Centres in Somerset, which will respond to local needs of the over 50+ and it is hoped to fund such a centre on a weekly basis in our area.

06/06.02

MINUTES OF THE LAST TWO MEETINGS

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 May 2006 and the Planning Meeting held on 18 May 2006, having been circulated, were taken as read and were duly agreed and signed by the chairman.

06/06.03

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

31/2006/011 - ERECTION OF 2 NO. BLOCKS OF PRE-FABRICATED GARAGES (8 IN TOTAL) TO HOUSE RESIDENT MOTOR VEHICLES AT IVY CARAVAN PARK, HENLADE, TAUNTON (PC)

This application was passed.

4/200/04 - CONVERSION AT ARUNDELLS FARM. - Taunton Deane have approved this application.

06/06.04

MATTERS ARISING FROM PARISH MEETING

The clerk will invite PC Ray Heading, whose beat covers Lower Henlade, to attend a Parish Council Meeting.

06/06.05

CLERK'S REPORT

LOWER HENLADE - Greenway Lane is included in the Somerset Highways programme for surface dressing this summer. Approximate timing of treatment is mid July.

NATIONAL VETERANS DAY (27 June 2006) - This will be marked by a Civic Service in St. Mary Magdalene Church, Taunton. This will commence at 2.30 pm. Refreshments will be available after the service in the Royal British Legion Club.

'YOUR COUNCIL, YOUR VIEWS'- Taunton Deane are currently holding a consultation, in order to give residents in Taunton Deane the opportunity to give their opinions on the Council and the priorities for their community. Everyone can be involved in the consultation by completing the questionnaire which is available on the website - www.tauntondeane.gov.uk under the What's New on Our Site section or you

can request a paper copy by contacting 01823 356527 .

The three public forum events arranged for June have been postponed until the autumn, through lack of interest.

NSPCC General Meeting will be held on 21 June at Silver Street Baptist Church, 7 for 7.30pm

Somerset Funding Fair will be held at The Exchange, Bridgwater on 29 June, 1.30 - 8pm. The clerk has full details should anyone wish to attend.

STORAGE - It was agreed the clerk could take Parish Council Minutes dating from November 1987 to 31 March 2003 to the County Records Office.

MEMORIAL SHRUB BED, HENLADE NOTICE BOARD AND DECORATION OF RUISHTON BUS SHELTER - The clerk has written to all concerned asking when work on these will be undertaken.

06/06.06

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

TALKING TOMORROWS TAUNTON DEANE - The Chairman in consultation with Cllr. Bulgin has sent a response on behalf of the Parish Council. Members present were given a copy of the response.

DRAFT REGIONAL SPATIAL STRATEGY - This has just been received and will be read by the Chairman and Cllr. Bulgin, our response will be considered at the next meeting.

06/06.07

VILLAGE DAY (15 July 2006)

Permission was granted for the Village Fun day to be held in the Recreation Field,

providing there is adequate insurance cover by the Village Day Committee.

06/06.08

HIGHWAYS

The clerk will inform the Highways Agency that at peak times the southbound slip road off the M5 is often queuing back onto the motorway.

The clerk is to meet Neil Pincombe on various matters next week.

06/06.09

RECREATION FIELD

Cllr. Mullins mentioned that the new fencing requires to be more securely tied to the horizontal posts

The Chairman has received complaints that footballs are being kicked into gardens of properties in Overlands, despite there being a 20' fence in place. The clerk will enquire as to who would be responsible should someone in one of these gardens be injured by a football or broken glass caused by such action.

It was agreed that the goal posts be removed before Village Day.

Cllr. Hill requested that the provision of a small goal post to be erected nearer the Village Hall be considered at the next meeting.

06/06.10

FINANCE

INTERNAL AUDIT - The accounts having been audited were found to be correct. The Auditor's report was read to the meeting and action will be taken on the points raised.

Cllr. Faulkner will look into the Financial Risk Assessment and Cllr. Mullins the Injury Risk Assessment and bring their findings to the next meeting.

Cllr. Faulkner also agreed to check the Bank Reconciliation quarterly, the chairman having done so over the past twelve months.

APPROVE AND SIGN ANNUAL RETURN AND ACCOUNTS - The Income and Expenditure Account and the Balance for the last financial year were agreed and signed by the Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer.

The Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2006 was also agreed.

The Chairman signed the Statement of Accounts as correct and the Statement of assurance was completed and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

	£	
Village Day Committee	100.00	Grant
Vale Labels	15.00	Newsletter
Parsons Landscapes	441.80	Maintenance (2 mths)
A J Bullen	108.20	Internal Auditor

As agreed at the last meeting, the Internal Auditor looked at our insurance policy and considered cover to be adequate. The premium was therefore paid at the end of May.

It was agreed that £6k be transferred to the Scottish Widows A/C, making a total of £20k on deposit. The balance on the Nat West a/c's will then be £2656.05, before the above payments are taken into account

06/06.11 RENEWAL OF CLERK'S CONTRACT AND TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT

This will go on the next agenda, when the clerk has heard from SALC

06/06.12 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr. Clark told the meeting that the Somerset County Council had sold Wyvern Waste for £32m. it has not yet been decided who this additional money would be used.

There is to be an Improvement to Services in Somerset (ISIS) programme making it easier to communicate with the local authorities.

06/06.13 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr. Durdan gave a copy of the recent Congestion Protocol update to the Chairman, together with booklets on play equipment etc.

PC Ben Hicks has informed Creech St Michael PC that there is a likelihood of there being a room available for use by the local police at Ruishton Village Hall, Cllr Rexworthy said she had shown PC Hicks the room but no agreement had yet been reached.

The SCC have refused to fund LAMP and so it will have to be wound up in the near future.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.40 pm

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING - 5th July 2006

Parishioners question - 7.20 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.