

**RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON
PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2 AUGUST 2006**

Present: Cllr. Marshall (Chair), Anderdon (7.40pm), Hill, House, Lowe, Mullins, Rexworthy, Small and Walker.

In Attendance: District Cllrs. Durdan and Leighton, County Cllr. Clark, 3 Parishioners, the press and Mary Growthage (clerk)

Apologies: Cllr. Bulgin, Faulkner, Hancock,

08/06.01

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 July 2006, having been circulated, were taken as read and were duly agreed and signed by the chairman as a correct record.

08/06.02

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

40/2006/010 - REBUILDING AND EXTENSION OF COACH HOUSE TO BE USED AS STUDIO AND ANCILLARY ACCOMMODATION AND ERECTION OF COVERED CARPORT AT MANOR FARM, THORNFALCON (Comment only)

Cllr. Anderdon arrived at 7.40pm

The meeting had no objection to this application providing the Conservation Officer is in agreement with the application.

31/2006/010 - ERECTION OF SINGLE STOREY EXTENSION AT 3 OVERLANDS, RUISHTON. Site notice posted 05.07.06

This application was approved under the scheme of Delegation from the Local Planning Authority.

31/2006/014 - ERECTION OF TWO SINGLE STOREY EXTENSIONS AT 31 LAWN MEADOW, RUISHTON - Renewal of application 31/2001/008 Site notice posted 18.07.06

This renewal was approved under the scheme of Delegation from the Local Planning Authority, providing no objections are received.

08/06.03

CLERK'S REPORT

MEMORIAL BED - This is now complete and the clerk has written a letter of thanks

to Tarmac Construction for funding the replanting of this bed. The clerk will make enquiries regarding the cost of engraving a stone, to be placed in the bed, with the wording:

AUDIT - The Notice of Audit was posted in the notice board on 13 July 2006 stating that the books and records can be inspected from 27 July to 25 August 2006 by contacting the clerk. Moore Stephens of Bath will carry out the Annual Audit on 31 August 2006. Local government electors and their representatives also have an opportunity to question the auditor from that date until the audit is completed.

FLOOD BANK - The Environment Agency have started work on the flood bank in Mr King's field opposite the Recreation Field and is expected to last three weeks. In addition, at the field boundary with Mr Wellington's field they will have to culvert the existing ditch and seal the pipe with a flap valve. Some noise will be unavoidable and if the weather is dry there could be some dust caused by the work.

It is also intended to top-up low levels in the flood bank in the Recreation Field alongside 'Overlands' using topsoil, if the weather conditions remain favourable.

Mike Langford (0775 283653) will be the point of contact if there are any problems or concerns.

A358 HENLADE LAYBY (Tarmac) The Order came into operation on 31 July 2006 prohibiting waiting at all times on the length of road on both sides of the lay-by from the western junction with the A358 eastward to the junction with Tarmac Precast Concrete Works. A copy of the Order, together with a map showing the location of the road, may be inspected at The Deane House, Belvedere Road, Taunton, during normal office hours. Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order, may, within six weeks from 20 July 2006 apply to the High Court for this purpose.

Tarmac Construction has requested that a 'No Parking' sign is also erected on site.

TREE PRESERVATION ORDER - A TPO has been placed on trees at Henlade Lodge, Lower Henlade.

TAUNTON DEANE MEETING WITH PARISHES - This will be held on 4 October 2006 in North Curry Village Hall, commencing at 7.30 pm. The speaker will be Chief Superintendent John Snell (Avon and Somerset Police) No one from the PC will be able to attend as it is on the same night as our meeting, but the clerk will ask, in the next newsletter, if a local representative of Neighbourhood Watch would like to attend.

08/06.04

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

DANGEROUS PARKING - the Police have been informed of continuous dangerous parking in the ' Newlands/Lawn Meadow' area of the village.

RESULT OF BOUNDARY COMMISSION REVIEW - The Boundary Committee for England are moving away from their draft recommendations and have now proposed retaining the existing Ruishton and Creech ward.

HIGHWAY RELATED SERVICES - The chairman gave the findings on the recent '2005-2006 Survey of Parish/Town Council Views on Somerset County Council's Highway Related Services', which he and the clerk had completed. Our reply to the questionnaire being average to the final result.

'OLD' NOTICE BOARD (BUS SHELTER) - The chairman will take off the broken door and make this safe although the council does not now use it.

08/06.05

RESPONSE TO DRAFT SWR SPATIAL STRATEGY REPORT

The draft response having been circulated with the agenda was taken as read and it was unanimously agreed that it be sent to SWRA unaltered. (see attached)

08/06.06

A358 /PROPOSED PARK AND RIDE AT CAMBRIA FARM

Mr Jeremy Browne MP was present while this agenda item was discussed at length. The chairman had summarised all the concerns of the council, over the years, regarding the A358 and proposed Park and Ride at Cambria Farm and went through them with those present. (Copy of concerns attached)
He then called on our MP to give us as much information and feed back as possible, to which he agreed.

08/06.07

UPDATE OF THE STANDING ORDERS, FINANCIAL REGULATIONS, CLERK'S CONTRACT, TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT AND GRATUITY

STANDING ORDERS - SALC have advised that these should not be amended until the new Code of Conduct is published in the autumn.

CLERK'S CONTRACT - Grievance and discipline procedure and Risk Assessment for home working to be carried out, before the Contract can be renewed.

FINANCIAL REGULATIONS, TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT AND GRATUITY - Will be done in due course.

It is hoped that all the above will be ready for presentation to the October meeting.

08/06.08 APPROVE CLERK'S 'CiLCA' COURSE - ATTENDANCE AT SALC COURSE AND COSTS ARISING.

There is a bursary of 75% of the cost of the training course for the Certificate in Local Council Administration, with maximum bursary of £200; in our case this is £138.75. It was unanimously agreed that the clerk undertakes this training.

08/06.09

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

The following account was passed for payment

	£	
Parsons Landscapes	220.90	Maintenance contract (June)
Vale Labels	15.00	Newsletter
SALC	185.00	Clerk's Course
Butterworth Publishers	48.00	Local Council Administration - 7th edition (Arnold Baker)

The balances in hand as at 30 June 2006 were £2275.43 at Nat' West plc and £20k on deposit with Scottish Widows. Their current interest rate being 4.5% (.5% below Base Rate)

These figures were checked and approved by Cllr. Hill.

08/06.10

REPORT ON ANY CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The clerk reported on a letter received by the chairman, from Mr Paul Harper (Ruishton Church warden) for advice as to whom to contact regarding a request for a dropped kerb by the entrance to the church. It was agreed that he should contact Mr K Martin of Somerset Highways and that the clerk should send a letter in support of the application.

08/06.11 COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

COUNTY COUNCILLOR - Cllr. Clark stated that he was still hopeful that the Special Educational Needs centre at Ruishton School would not be closed, as others in the county had been reprieved.

Approximately 500 a day are currently using the Park and Ride at Silk Mills, but it has to be clarified whether this is cars or people.

Somerset County Council is endorsing further wind farms on council farms.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR - Cllr Leighton stated that the Christmas Park and Ride from Deane Gate to Taunton town centre was used by 2253 in 1998, 3140 in 2001 and 3000 in 2005. This was in response to a request for users numbers at a previous meeting.

It is expected that the planning application for the proposed Cambria Park and Ride will be received in February 2007.

Cllr. Leighton had concerns over a further 3000 houses required at Monkton Heathfield.

Cllr. Anderdon complained that there are car parts and other household goods, including sacks, deposited in the ditch near the Mount Somerset entrance at Lower Henlade.

Cllr. Marshall pointed out that when the rubbish bins are emptied, they are often left on the pavement thereby causing an obstruction or in the driveway where they are not always seen, especially by anyone coming out of their driveway.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.15 pm
DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING - 6 SEPTEMBER 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.**