

RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON,

PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5 SEPTEMBER 2006

Present: Cllr. Marshall (Chair), Faulkner, Hill, House, Mullins, Rexworthy, Small and Walker. In Attendance County Cllr. Clark, 5 Parishioners and Mary Growthage (clerk)

Apologies: Cllr. Anderdon, Bulgin, Hancock and Lowe, District Cllrs. Durdan and Leighton.

09/06.01

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 August 2006, having been circulated, were taken as read and were duly agreed and signed by the chairman as a correct record.

09/06.02

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

31/2006/17T - TREE MANAGEMENT WORK TO ONE COPPER BEECH INCLUDED IN TDB (Ruishton no.1) TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 1991 AT 2 DRAKES CLOSE, RUISHTON.

TD Development Control has already approved this application.

31/2006/018 - ERECTION OF 2 STOREY EXTENSION TO PROVIDE FOR FUNCTION ROOM AND ADDITIONAL 13 BEDROOMS TO EXISTING HOTEL, TOGETHER WITH LANDSCAPING WORK AND NEW SEWERAGE TREATMENT PLANT AT THE MOUNT SOMERSET HOTEL, LOWER HENLADE (TD)

The meeting welcomed the inclusion of the new sewerage system and tree planting.

31/2006/019LB- DEMOLITION OF COACH HOUSE AND SIDE ADDITION TO THE EAST ELEVATION, ERECTION OF A 2 STOREY EXTENSION TO PROVIDE FOR A MULTI PURPOSE FUNCTION ROOM AND 13 ADDITIONAL BEDROOMS AT THE MOUNT SOMERSET HOTEL, LOWER HENLADE (TD)

The same comments as 31/2006/018 above.

09/06.03

CLERK'S REPORT

DIARY DATES - The following dates were given to those present: Sept. 13 'Hidden Somerset' website

Compton Dundon Village Hall

A light lunch will be served at 1.30 pm and a Presentation will begin at 2.15 pm, finishing at 4.15 pm

Sept.14 Rights of Way Improvement Plan
District based Workshop
The Council Chamber, Deane House commencing 7 pm

Sept. 19 Community Council AGM
Broadway Village Hall commencing at 7.30 pm

Sept. 30 SALC General Meeting
North Curry Village Hall, 10am to 4pm
Lunch is available at £7.50 per head.
Booking by 25 September together with cheque for lunch.

Oct.4 TD Annual Meeting with Parishes North Curry Village hall at 7pm

This is on the same day as our Parish Council meeting and therefore we will not be represented.

Oct.6 Young People's Democracy Day
Tacci Morris Arts Centre from 9.30am to 3.15pm
30 Councillors are required for both the morning and afternoon sessions and will be required to take part in 'Political Speed Surgeries'

MAP OF FOOTPATHS - We are only able to obtain two copies from SCC, due to Crown copyright. The clerk has kept one copy and the Chairman has the other copy.

A378 TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE - The A378 will be closed at Fivehead for 2 weeks (nights only) starting 11 September to enable Somerset Highways to lay a replacement water pipe and carry out associated works in this road.

MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE QUESTIONNAIRE - Cllr. Anderdon has been given one to complete as it is believed he uses the service and Mrs. Shattock has the other questionnaire to complete.

AGE CONCERN - Are looking to recruit a volunteer within our parish to act as a Local Link, the commitment will be about an hour per month entirely from home. A notice giving further details will be put on the notice board.

COMMUNITY WOODLAND INITIATIVE - This was handed to the Cllr. Faulkner (recreation field representative) for consideration when the future of the recreation field is discussed.

09/06.04

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

UNAUTHORISED GYPSY ENCAMPMENT - Gypsies moved onto land by J25 of the M5 in August, this land being within West Monkton Parish.

Taunton Deane Solicitor (Judith Jackson) advises us that when the incursion is on private land, the council would expect the landowner to evict the gypsies, either with the help of the Police or by obtaining an injunction. It would appear that the same thing happened last year and that Mr Ling had chosen not to pursue an injunction.

Cllr. Mullins will put pressure on Taunton Deane to give advice to the landowner on boundary control and the clerk will write accordingly.

Environmental Health has the clearing of the site in hand, although the meeting felt that this should be the responsibility of the landowner.

PARKING - Complaints have again been received regarding inconsiderate parking in Lawn Meadow. The Police have been informed and we have a log number.

VANDALISM - Over the August bank holiday, storm gully gratings were lifted off and a down pipe broken off a property opposite 'Overlands'. 2

Vandalism also occurred to the toddlers' area of the Recreation field. Police were involved and two youths were questioned.

PROPOSED A358 BYPASS - Stephen Coe of the Highway Agency has offered to attend our next meeting to show us the plans for the Ilminster and Henlade by pass, although the plans have not yet been officially adopted. They will also go on public display in Creech St Michael in November 2006.

"Post Meeting note - Stephen Coe will not be attending the November meeting, we are awaiting confirmation of a new date"

The clerk has written confirming the above.

It is understood that the proposed Park and Ride (due to be undertaken in 2008) will not be accessed from the by pass, work on which will not start before 2014.

REGIONAL SPATIAL STRATEGY FOR THE SOUTH WEST - Our response has been acknowledged.

A copy was also sent to Cllr. John Williams (Leader TDBC), who has stated that TD will 'take comments into account as appropriate'

PROPOSED PARK AND RIDE - Cllr. Williams has acknowledged our concerns regarding the park and Ride proposed for Cambria Farm.

Following last month's newsletter, several residents of our parish have written letters to Cllr. Williams, who has requested a copy of the newsletter.

Cllr. Williams informs us that TDBD are only consultees and that SCC will be responsible for submitting the planning application.

The clerk will invite Mr Needs (SCC) to our November meeting with details of the plans.

"Post Meeting note - Richard Needs will be attending the December meeting"

The Chairman explained that we may have to call on expert advice on this matter and that he would be calling for a Public Enquiry as the Park and Ride is not in the Local Plan.

09/06.05

APPOINTMENT OF SECOND TREE WARDEN AND APPROVE ATTENDANCE ON COURSE

Cllr. Marshall left the meeting for this agenda item.

It was duly agreed to appoint Mrs Lilian Marshall as our second tree warden and for her to attend a course at Lostwithiel at a cost of £15.00 and that the Parish Council will meet her travel expenses.

09/06.06

PROPOSED SINGLE WATER MANAGEMENT PARTNERSHIP TO REPLACE LAMP AND PCP

It was agreed that we ask to be kept informed of any future developments.

09/06.07

CONSIDER QUOTATIONS FOR STRENGTHENING NEW CHAIN LINK FENCING

Two quotations were considered.

The first from TD was for £975 + VAT, this was to include the addition of angle iron crank tops with straining wire to the chain link fence.

The second from C.S.Fencing for £425, to supply line wire and winders and tie the chain link to the new line wire.

It was agreed to accept the second quotation and Cllr. Mullins will meet the contractor on site to discuss the problems and may ask for additional strengthening of the fence to be included.

DISCUSSION REGARDING COST OF NEW NOTICED BOARD AT HEN LADE POST OFFICE

The new notice board at Henlade Post Office has now been erected and is very substantial and well made.

However we are informed that the cost involved was double the original estimate and the Chairman agreed that the cost be reconsidered.

It was finally agreed that £980 + vat was a reasonable cost, taking into account the workmanship, the cost of the previous notice board at Ruishton and others advertised by various companies.

However the Parish Council would like the notice board to be inspected annually and fully maintained for the next five years, excluding any vandalism.

It was agreed that this be paid, subject to the above condition which must be shown on the invoice.

09/06.08

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

The following account was passed for payment

	£	
Parsons Landscapes Ltd	220.90	Maintenance contract - July
Allbright Cleaning Services	58.75	Cleaning Henlade bus shelters
Mary Growthage	12.00	Travelling to course
Ruishton Primary School	655.00	Donation re Rose Project Local Council Administration - this replaces the cheque authorised last month which did not include postage and packing.
Lexis Nexis Butterworths	53.45	
Lilewellyn Scott Carpentry	1151.50	New Notice Board - as 09/06.07 above

The clerk's training bursary of £138.75 has been received.

Balances at Nat West Bank as at 31 August were: Current A/C £100
Reserve A/C £1892.98

The balance at Scottish Widows remains unchanged at 31 August 2006

The clerk has enquired when we can expect to receive our Recreation Field Grant and the amount of the grant this year..

09/06.9

REPORT ON ANY CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

None received

09/06.10

COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

The County Councillor had nothing to report and there were no District Councillors present.

The Clerk thanked Cllr. Clark for agreeing to pay for the signing to Ruishton C of E Primary, from his 'Community Chest'

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.15 pm
DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING - 4 OCTOBER 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.**