

**RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON  
PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4 OCTOBER 2006**

**Present:** Cllr. Marshall (Chair), Bulgin, Faulkner, Hill, House, Lowe, Mullins, Rexworthy, Small and Walker.

In Attendance County Cllr. Clark, District Councillors Durdan and Leighton, 6 parishioners and Mary Growtage (clerk)

**Apologies:** Cllr. Anderdon and Hancock

10/06.01

**MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 September 2006, having been circulated, were taken as read and were duly agreed and signed by the chairman as a correct record.

10/06.02

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

All the applications this month are for comment only.

31/2006/013 - ERECTION OF TWO STOREY EXTENSION TO REAR OF DWELLING AT 30 NEWLANDS, RUISHTON AMENDMENT TO PLANNING APPLICATION 31/2003/0130 - Retrospect application.

The Planning officer states that the application is slightly larger than the previous one, but is acceptable and that he has recommended that permission be granted.

The meeting had no comments to make.

It was however agreed, that the clerk should write to the Chief Planning Officer expressing our concern over the apparent lack of communication between the Planning Officers and ourselves, and also, express our concern over the number of retrospect applications received.

31/2006/015 - RETROSPECTIVE CHANGE OF USE FROM AGRICULTURAL TO DOMESTIC CURTILAGE AND ERECTION OF GARAGE/WORKSHOP AND STORE AT THE BARN, ARUNDELLS FARM, LOWER HENLADE.

It was agreed to object to this application on the grounds that there was lack of detail given to us and that it was an inappropriate planning application.

Concern was also expressed that it could become a residential property.

1/2006/020 - ERECTION OF TWO STOREY EXTENSION AND TWENTY CLOSE CARE HOMES AT RUISHTON COURT NURSING HOME, HENLADE.

Cllr. Hill left the meeting for this agenda item.

Concern was expressed over the additional traffic that this development would bring onto the A358, the proximity of the proposed Park and Ride and the size of the development.

The Chairman referred to Taunton Local plan ref. H16, S1 and 7 and T1.

31/2006/022 - ERECTION OF DETACHED TWO STOREY 20 BEDROOM BLOCK AT LAND WEST OF PREMIER TRAVEL LODGE (RUISHTON LODGE), RUISHTON LANE, RUISHTON.

The Chairman again referred to S7 of Taunton Local Plan.

It was felt that there would be additional traffic which would have an impact on Ruishton Lane and the A358.

40/2006/001 - ADAPT AND RE-ROOF STABLES, AND CONVERSION OF BARN INTO HABITABLE SPACE AT MANOR FARM, THORN FALCON

The meeting had no comment to make on this application.

The meeting was informed that this was to be used as a holiday let but it is now understood that this is not the case.

40/2006/002LB - ADAPT AND RE-ROOF STABLES, AND CONVERSION OF BARN INTO HABITABLE SPACE AT MANOR FARM, THORNFALCON.

This item was not on the agenda as the application was not received until after the agendas had been delivered to members. But it was unanimously agreed that they could be considered at this meeting along with the above application.

The meeting has no comment to make providing that the Conservation Officer is in favour of the application.

10/06.03

#### **CLERK'S REPORT**

**PROMOTING RISKY PLAY, SUPPORTING CHILDHOOD** - There will be a conference at The Square and Compass, Ashill, Ilminster on 29 November 9.30am to 4pm. There is no charge for this conference, but, there will be a charge of £30 for anyone failing to attend.

**NATIONAL TREE WEEK** - 22 November to 3 December 2006, this will be given to the tree warden.

**HENLADE NOTICE BOARD** - This was made of American White Oak. This will be inspected annually and carries a five year warranty, however if any

member of the Parish Council notices any deterioration in the mean time please notify the clerk who will pass the information to Llewellyn Scott.

OLD RECORDS - The clerk has deposited The Minutes of the Parish Council from 1987 to 2000 with the Somerset Records Office, along with the records of Ruishton Cricket Club from 1949 to 1997. The records have been given the following reference: Group code D/PC/ruis and Accession number M/2170. There are now three boxes of records held by Somerset Archive and Record Service dating from 1820 - 2000.

DEEDS OF LAND OWNED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL - These have been returned to Clerk, Willmott and Clerk, who hold the Deeds on our behalf.

RECREATION FIELD - The clerk has had two additional keys cut for the gate, at a cost of £6.00. Key holders are: the Chairman, clerk and Cllr.Bulgin, besides the maintenance contractors.

10/06.04

#### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

RIGHTS OF WAY (DL) - Cllr. Lowe gave a report on a course he had attended on Rights of Way.

SUBMISSION OF STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT - Taunton Deane have published a final draft of the SCI. This sets out the following:

- How the Borough Council shall consult on preparing the Local Advice Development Framework
  - Advise to applicants on how they should consult before submitting planning applications
  - How the Borough Council shall consult when we receive planning applications
  - How we shall join the Local Development Framework with the Community Strategy
- The consultation period ends on 19 October 2006 and the Chairman felt we had no need for any further comment.

The Examination is likely to occur during Spring 2007.

BLACK WHEELIE BINS - The Chairman has been in consultation with District Councillor Dily Bradley regarding Health and Safety Issues following the collection of waste and the way in which the wheelie bins are often left dangerously after having been emptied. The Chairman was not happy with the response and will be pursuing the matter further.

HIGHWAYS AGENCY - Stephen Coe (Highways Agency) was unable to come to tonight's meeting as previously arranged due to the fact that the proposal has been delayed and he would not want members of the public present at this stage. But, he should be at the November meeting.

*(Post meeting note: will not be at the November meeting)*

PARK AND RIDE - The Chairman has received draft proposals of the Park and Ride

to be developed East of Taunton on the favoured site at Cambria Farm.  
He was concerned that none of the issues and-concerns raised by our council had been addressed in the plans.

Richard Needs (SCC) has confirmed that he will be attending the December meeting to discuss the plans in detail.

SCC will apply to themselves for planning permission and the time that we have to make any objections may be very short and therefore we should be prepared beforehand.

The Chairman will study the plans in more detail and have a questions in place before the December meeting.

10/06.05

### **RECREATION FIELD - CONSIDER QUOTE FOR NEW CHAIN LINK FENCING ADJACENT THE VILLAGE HALL**

Cllr. Mullins had inspected the work carried out by C.S.Fencing on the new chain link fence alongside Cheats Road and considered the work to be very satisfactory.

On his instigation a quote has been received for the replacement of the ball stop fence at the Village hall end of the recreation field in the sum of £850.00

But after discussion it was agreed that the clerk should obtain a quote for the ball stop fencing at each end of the recreation field to be replaced.

10/06.06

### **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:**

The Annual Audit for 2005/06 has now been completed and Notice advertising the closure of the audit will be posted on the Notice Board for 14 days.

The following account was passed for payment

	£	
Parsons Landscapes Ltd	220.90	Maintenance contract - August*
C. S. Fencing	450.00	Strengthen fencing adjacent Cheats Road*
Moore Stephens	141.00	2005/06 External Audit
Richard Gudge	367.89	Redecoration of Ruishton Bus Shelter

\* \* As per quotations received.

The cheque issued to Allbright Cleaning Services last month has been destroyed and a new one issued.

The recreation field grant of £840 has been received from Taunton Deane, together with a footpath grant of £50 and the £15 Tree warden Course fee payable to the Cornwall CC has been reimbursed.

Burial ground grants of £225 have been received on behalf of Ruishton and Thornfalcon Parochial Church Councils and have been forwarded to them.

£1000 has been transferred from Scottish Widows to the Nat West a/cs., leaving a balance of £19k. The balance at Nat West is £1741.79, taking into account the above cheques to the Parochial Church Councils and Allbright cleaning Services.

10/06.7

#### **REPORT ON ANY CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

**CREECH ST MICHAEL TWINNING ASSOCIATION** - A letter has been received asking if the parish is interested in joining the Creech St Michael Twinning Association. There was no positive response from the Annual Parish Meeting in May; the clerk will include the invitation in the next newsletter.

**ROAD SIGNS** - A letter has been received from a parishioner suggesting that it is about time the roadwork signs in Cheats Road were removed. It was agreed that the clerk would ring the Environment Agency requesting that this is done.

10/06.8

#### **COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

Cllr. Leighton (DC) reported that the Henlade bypass consultation may be deferred yet again and that the actual route may not be known until 2007. It is understood that this will be a high-speed safe road commencing at Ilminster and that there is unlikely to be a new junction onto the motorway. This will be financed by the Department of Transport.

The Park and Ride consultation may also be delayed.

The Chairman stated that he would press for a Public Enquiry into these issues.

In answer to a question from a parishioner, Cllr. Leighton stated that there were no plans for the collection of waste cardboard or plastic, as it would be very costly to dispose of at the present time.

Cllr. Mullins asked the District Councillors to request that Taunton Deane clear the land recently vacated by travellers, by the motorway junction and asked what action has been taken to get the landowner to secure the land. No reply has been received to the clerk's correspondence on this matter.

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.30 pm**

**DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING - 1 NOVEMBER 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.**