

**RUISHTON AND THORN FALCON
PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1 NOVEMBER 2006

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

In Attendance County Cllr. Clark, District Councillors Durdan and Leighton, Mrs Marshall (Tree Warden), 1 parishioner and Mary Growthage (clerk)

Apologies:

11/06.01

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 October 2006, having been circulated, were taken as read and were duly agreed and signed by the chairman as a correct record.

11/06.02

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Both applications this month are for comment only.

31/2006/023 - ERECTION OF DETACHED DWELLING AT LAND ATTACHED TO THE HYDE, HENLADE, TAUNTON.

There were no comments to make on this application. Cllr. Anderdon arrived at 7.35pm

31/2006/024 - ERECTION OF 2 DWELLINGS AND GARAGES IN PLACE OF HOUSE TO BE DEMOLISHED AT THE HYDE, HENLADE, TAUNTON.

Cllr. Bulgin declared a minor personal interest.

Concern was expressed over the lack of amenity space available and consider the proposal to be an over development of the site and out of character with surrounding properties.

31/2006/020 - RUISHTON COURT NURSING HOME - The description has been amended to read: ERECTION OF TWO STOREY EXTENSION TO PROVIDE 24 ADDITIONAL BEDS AND ERECTION OF 20 CLOSE CARE HOMES AT RUISHTON COURT NURSING HOME, HENLADE, RUISHTON.

In view of this being the only alteration, it was decided that the Parish Council would not discuss this again.

31/2006/022 - TWO STOREY EXTENSION AT PREMIER TRAVEL LODGE - The Planning Officer has recommended that permission be granted, stating that the proposal would appear to have little impact on the overall traffic flow on Ruishton lane and its junction with the A358. The Highway Authority has not objected to the proposal and therefore it would appear unreasonable to refuse the proposal on highway safety grounds. The application is considered acceptable and, accordingly does not conflict with TD Local Plan Policies S1, S2, M4, EN6, EN12 and EC2

11/06.03

CLERK'S REPORT

A358 ILMINSTER TO M5 TAUNTON IMPROVEMENT - We are informed that the programme for the public consultation has slipped for a number of reasons and that the Highway Agency are therefore unable to arrange alternative venues this side of Christmas and Mr Coe's visit is therefore postponed until such time as the date for the public consultation is confirmed.

REMEMBERANCE SUNDAY, 12 November 2006 - Details were given to those present of the service to be held at St Mary Magdalene Church, Taunton

INSPECTION OF PLAY EQUIPMENT - The clerk has had no response from Lee Constable regarding the inspection of the play equipment, which is now overdue. Cllr. Bulgin will contact Lee as he has his mobile phone number.

At the same time the clerk asked when the 'Dog Fouling' signs and slabs that are required in front of the seat in the recreation would be in situ.

TAUNTON STRATEGIC PLAN FOR YOUNG PERSON'S FACILITIES - Cllr. Bulgin has sent in our response.

TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS AND LISTED BUILDINGS - The clerk has a list of all TPOs and Listed buildings in the parish.

These are available on Taunton Deane website.

MAY 2007 MEETING - If PC seats are contested at the Local Elections due to be held on 3 May 2007, our meeting for that month will take place on 9 May 2007. This will enable Summons to the Meeting to be addressed to all members and for declarations of Office to be undertaken within 14 days of the election.

11/06.04

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

TALKING TOMORROW'S TOWN CENTRE -- Copies of the plans are now available. Cllr. Hancock will review the plans on behalf of the Parish Council and present his comments to the December meeting. These comments have to be given to Taunton

Deane by 7th December

There will be a manned exhibition of the proposals in The Old Market Centre on 3rd & 4th November 2006.

Briefing and workshop sessions for town and parish councillors to provide a further opportunity for members to find out more, and participate with others in discussion of the issues. Two sessions have been organised from 7 - 9pm on 7th and 9th November in Committee Room 2 of the Deane House. Please let the clerk know if you wish to attend, as numbers are limited.

SOMERSET CC MEETING WITH PARISH COUNCILS - We were not represented at this meeting, as it was the same date as our PC meeting. A report on the meeting will be circulated to members.

TARMAC LIAISON MEETING - It was agreed at the meeting that the clerk should write to SCC for 'NO PARKING' signs in order to highlight the new double yellow lines.

Tarmac will be submitting an application for planning permission to cover the area between sheds 1 and 2 in the near future, together with a request for more hard standing.

PROPOSED PARK AND RIDE AT CAMBRIA FARM - The pre planning application will commence after our meeting with Mr Richard Needs on 6 December and continue until the end of January.

Formal consultations and the submission of the planning application will then take place at a later date.

The current P & R at Silk Mills hold 600 cars, while the proposed one at Cambria Farm would be for 1200 cars.

The Chairman has raised the issue of AQM with TDBC.

Cllr. Anderdon mentioned the current problems on the A358.

11/06.05

11/06.05 WASTE COLLECTION UPDATE (M. Marshall)

The Chairman has attended a meeting with Waste Management at Deane House to discuss how TD are monitoring the waste collection, risk assessment and liability of bins left on the highway and pavements.

It appears that any liability would have to be agreed in a court of law as there are currently no standard law covering the issue.

The Chairman will write on this matter in the newsletter, giving TDBC contact details should any parishioner have any complaints or issues needing addressing.

With regard to the mess left in the field adjacent to the Blackbrook Tavern, the Chairman has been informed that TD are going to contact Mr Ling (owner) offering to assist in clearing the field if he agrees to then secure the field.

It is noted, that as this is private land, TD are unable to go onto the land to clear the rubbish.

At this point, Cllr. Anderdon complained about black bags being dumped at Lower Henlade and Cllr. Rexworthy mentioned the rubbish dumped in the ditch near the recreation field, but it would appear that again this is private land.

11/06.6 UPDATE OF COUNCILLORS' INTERESTS

Cllrs. Faulkner and Hill updated their 'Declarations of Interest' and handed them to the clerk.

11/06.7 TREE WARDEN REPORT (L. Marshall)

Our new tree warden gave an interesting talk following her attendance at the SW Regional Tree Forum in Cornwall, giving an insight into the Woodland Trust and the preservation of ancient trees, the collection and growth of seeds and the need of space to plant any saplings.

11/06.8 RECREATION FILED - TO CONSIDER QUOTE FOR NEW CHAIN LINK FENCE AT BOTH ENDS OF THE FIELD

A quotation was received from Taunton DLO to take down and remove all the old chain link and erect new for the sum of £5088.52 + VAT

The quotation from CS Fencing was to take down the 3 rolls of chain link and erect 1 no 3 metre high roll of chain link, the top of the 3 metre high chain link will over lap the bottom of old chain link by about 300mm thereby giving extra strength on the join for the total sum of £2000 - no VAT to be added.

After discussion it was agreed to accept the quotation from CS Fencing.

The meeting was assured by the clerk that there were fund available to cover the cost.

11/06.9

FINANCE:

The following accounts were authorised for payment:

	£	
Parsons Landscapes Ltd	220.90	Maintenance contract - September
Vale Labels	45.00	Newsletters - September to November
M. Growthage	12.00	Travel to CiLCA Course (Edington)
L. Marshall	30.00	Travel to Tree Warden Course (Lostwithiel)

11/06.10

REPORT ON ANY CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The Somerset Local Area Agreement summary will be circulated.

11/06.11

COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

County - Cllr. Clark spoke on the way Somerset is tackling climate change and renewable energy by way of wind farms and landfill gas.

That there should be more involvement of parish councils in the future.

District - Cllr Leighton stated that TD was offering £50 towards cavity insulation.

Cllr Bulgin queried the cost of Christmas Tree lights, as he understood that the wattage was 9000 watts for one tree.

He also queried the sale off of council houses and asked what market research had been carried out to ascertain the voting on same.

District - Cllr. Durdan again referred to climate change and said that there were plans to use hydro power at French Weir and Firepool in the future.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.00 pm

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING - 6 DECEMBER 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.**